

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012-13

Tamil Nadu was a forerunner in the environmental awareness movement. An initiative to form Eco-clubs to undertake environmental awareness activities fructified in 1998 and this was stepped up in the subsequent years. National Green Corps, a Government of India programme, under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, is being implemented in Government and Government aided schools of Tamil Nadu. This programme is being implemented in Tamil Nadu since 2002-2003. The Department of Environment is the Nodal Agency for implementing the National Green Corps (NGC) in Tamil Nadu.

At present, this programme is implemented in 8000 schools at the rate of 250 per district. A total of 3.50 lakhs students are involved in this programme with 40-50 students participating in each NGC school. One Teacher Coordinator, designated per school supervises the NGC activities. Each Educational District has an Environmental Awareness Coordinator, who was nominated on their own interests from academicians/NGOs/ teachers to oversee the NGC activities in the concerned educational district recommended by CEO.

As children are future citizens of our country, the most important segment of our population and the future custodian of Mother Nature, this programme imparts Environment Awareness to the Schools students through on –campus and community activities like Awareness programme, tree planting, Green day celebration, Eco competitions and Eco camps. From the year 2009-10, this programme is implemented through the Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT).

OBJECTIVES

- To make children understand environment and environmental problem.
- To provide environmental education opportunities for school children.
- To utilize the unique position of school children as conduits for awareness of the society at large.
- To facilitate children's participation in decision making in areas related to environment and development.
- To bring children into direct contact with the environmental problems facing the society they live in and make them think of solutions.
- To involve children in action based programme related to environment in their surroundings.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance @ Rs.2500/- per member school was released for NGC activities as continued support as Grant. This amount released to schools from the date of commencement as follows:

| Year | No: of schools | Amount(Rs) |
|---------|----------------|-------------|
| 2002-03 | 2885 | 14,42,500 |
| 2003-04 | 4350 | 43,50,000 |
| 2004-05 | 4350 | 43,50,000 |
| 2005-06 | 4500 | 1,12,50,000 |
| 2006-07 | 7500 | 1,87,50,000 |
| 2007-08 | 7500 | 1,87,50,000 |
| 2008-09 | 7500 | 1,87,50,000 |
| 2009-10 | 7500 | 1,87,50,000 |
| 2010-11 | 7500 | 1,87,50,000 |
| 2011-12 | 8000 | 2,00,00,000 |
| 2012-13 | 8000 | 2,00,00,000 |

The Grant for the year 2012-13 has also been distributed to all the schools through the District Educational officers of the concerned Educational District.

GENERAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. School campus cleaning
2. Tree planting
3. Environmental Awareness rallies
4. Celebration of at least six Green days
5. Vermi composting
6. Enviro expo
7. Enviro competitions
8. Anti plastic campaign
9. Cultural programmes on Environmental Awareness
10. Nature Camps

CONDUCTING NGC TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN 32 REVENUE DISTRICTS OF TAMIL NADU

In order to provide various kinds of environmental information to the Teacher coordinators one day training programme to the NGC teacher coordinators is conducted this year under head Strengthening and Monitoring sanctioned by the Government of India. In the previous two years 100 NGC member students, 10 Teacher coordinators of NGC, member schools and District Coordinators participated in the one day training programme. This year Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC has made all arrangements for training programmes, made interaction with Teacher coordinators and obtained feedback details etc. The Teacher coordinators and others participated in the training programme were provided with morning tea with biscuit, Lunch and Evening Tea with biscuit by meeting the expenditure from NGC fund.

Since the Teacher coordinator has to provide information to all students and to conduct the programme, this year training has been provided to only the Teacher coordinators. The training programme was conducted in all the 32 Revenue Districts of TamilNadu from 5 -1-2013 to 6-3-2013.

- The syllabus for the Training programme was given on the following
- Air, Water and Soil - Basics
- Water, Air, Soil – Pollution
- Waste – Waste Management, degradable, non degradable , Recycle, Reuse and Reduce
- Global Warming, Climate Change and its impact
- Environment, Forest, Wild Life, National Park, Bio diversity
- National Green Corps, Eco Clubs – Objectives –Functioning – on Campus and off campus , Green Days , Quiz programme on Environment, Essay and drawing competitions etc.
- Field visit and its importance

PROGRAMME

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| 10.00 a.m to 11.00 am | Training Inaugural function – welcome address by District NGC Coordinator and inaugural address by the Chief Educational Officer |
| 11.00 am to 11.14 am | Tea break |
| 11.15 am to 12.15 pm | Lecture by the State Coordinator on NGC's objectives – Planning Establishment - Activities - Interaction. |
| 12-16 pm to 1.15 pm | Power point presentation on NGC and other selective successful activities by District Coordinators. |
| 1.16 pm to 2.14 pm | LUNCH |
| 2.15 pm to 3.15 | Lecture on how to strengthen the NGC activities by Master Trainers |
| 3.16 pm to 3.30 pm | Tea Break |
| 3.31 pm to 4.30 pm | Lecture on Personal development to improve skill of guiding NGC students by Master trainers (Lecture by State Coordinator and District Coordinators) |
| 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm | Time to check list and feed back |

COIMBATORE DISTRICT

Date: 05.01.2013

Place: Devanga Higher secondary School, Coimbatore

Welcome Address: Thiru. N. Balusamy, Dist. NGC Coordinator, Coimbatore

Presidential Address: Tmt. Gnanagowri, Chief Educational officer, Coimbatore

Special Address: Dr.H.Malleshappa, I.F.S.,
Director of Environment and Member Secretary, EMAT-NGC, Chennai



Dr.H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., in his special address has requested all the teacher coordinators to improve the awareness activities. He has informed about the objectives of NGC programme and its best performance in the State and requested to give importance to awareness programme in order to safeguard the natural resources and our environment. He has interacted with teacher coordinators.

Thiru.N.Balusamy, NGC Coordinator for Coimbatore has spoken about the purpose for which NGC and Eco club were formed and given suggestion to improve the awareness activities in order to eliminate various kinds of pollution and to safeguard the natural resources which are helpful to human being.



Thiru. Jayachandran, Head Master of the Devang Higher Secondary School has spoken about importance of bio diversity and the need for protection of birds and animals.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.

Thiru. N. Balusamy, NGC Coordinator for Coimbatore has made power point presentation on ill effect of plastic and how to manage the plastic waste and how this can be reused for plastic road etc. Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, Assistant Executive Engineer of EMAT, Chennai has coordinated with the state Coordinator for getting feedback details from the Teacher coordinators.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Head Master of the School followed by National Anthem. There were about 111 teacher coordinators participated in the training programme

NILGIRIS DISTRICT

Date: 07.01.2013

Place: Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ootacamund

Welcome Address: Thiru. Lakshmi Narayanan Dist NGC Coordinator, Coonor

Presidential Address: Tmt P.Vasantha, Addl. Chief Educational officer, (SSA) The Nilgris

Special Address: Thiru. Lakhsmanan, DEEO, The Nilgiris

Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga),
State Coordinator, NGC

Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, AEE, EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. Kumaravel, Field Officer, CPR Foundation, Chennai

Thiru. F.Robert, NGC Coordinator, Coodalur



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained the basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, expenditure details for Rs.2500/- . He also spoke on land, water and air pollution and its ill effects.

Thiru. Mathan, Head Master Panchayat Union Middle School, Glenmorgan Camp made power point presentation on vermi compost.

Thiru. Manoharan, Head Master Union Middle School Athikunna Pettathi and Chief trainer for NGC gave training on environment protection. Thiru. Pradeep, Teacher coordinators sang environmental awareness songs which impressed the teacher coordinators.

Thiru. K.J.Rajan, Principal Trainer, NGC has made power point presentation on Global Warming and its impact which is considered as useful to teacher coordinator. Tmt. Anthonyammal and Tmt. Jagadhama were taken class about school level agriculture and how to use vermicompost, Pancha kavya, mushroom cultivation etc.



Tmt. Kalavathi, Adi Dravidar Welfare Middle school Thodda Petta spoken about plastic waste and its management. She has elaborated the ill effect of plastics and its effects on earth and sewerage system.

Thiru. Thangamani, Teacher Coordinator sang environmental awareness songs on improving environment and natural resources.

Finally Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) in his concluding session, explained about tree planting, details on air, water pollution etc and interacted with teacher coordinators. Thiru.M. Nallamuthupillai has collected the feedback details.

The programme ended with the National Anthem followed the vote of thanks by the Coordinator Thiru. Lakshminarayanan.

Around 131 teacher coordinators, 40 NGC students and 20 members from public participated in the training programme.

TIRUPPUR DISTRICT

Date: 08.01.2013

Place: Kannammal National Higher secondary School, Tiruppur

Welcome Address: Thiru. Thangavel, District NGC Coordinator, Tiruppur

Presidential Address: Tmt. Jayalakshmi, District Educational officer, Tiruppur

Special Address: Thiru. Subramanaina, Correspondent
The Principal, Kannammal School
Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, AEE, EMAT, Chennai
Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC
Thiru. P.Ramakrishnan, Dist. Eco Club Coordinator

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.

Tmt. Jayalakhmi , DEO spoke about the need for tree planting, protecting trees, time of planting , subsequent measure to be taken for safeguarding trees and various benefit attached to tree for mankind etc.

Thiru. Thangavelu, NGC Coordinator for Coimbatore has made power point presentation on ill effect of plastics and how to manage the plastic waste and how this can be reused for relaying of roads with plastic wastes.

Thiru. P.Ramakrishnan, Eco club Coordinator for Tiruppur has spoken about disaster management and occurrence of natural disaster.

Thiru. L Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) has spoken about water management and important. He explained more about rain water harvesting. Further he has explained about reasons for water scarcity and efforts to be taken for restorations of ground water etc.

The programme ended with the National Anthem followed the vote of thanks by the Principal of Kannammal Higher Secondary School, Tiruppur. Around 219 teachers Coordinator 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the training programme.

ERODE DISTRICT

Date: 09.01.2013

Place: Govt. Girls Higher secondary School, Erode

Welcome Address: Tmt. Susila, Head Mistress, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Erode

Special Address: Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga),

State Coordinator, NGC, Chennai

Thiru. Selvamani, Asst. Conservator of Forest (Retd.)

Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, AEE, EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. P.Ramachandran, ACE (Retd.)

Thiru. Prabhakaran, Dist. NGC Coordinator, Erode

Thiru. Selvam, NGO, Tamil Nadu natural Farmer's Association, Erode

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.



Thiru. Selvam NGO Natural farmer Federation had made power point presentation on natural food-its various benefit, on fast food - its impact to mankind and on formation of kitchen garden – its benefit.

Thiru. Vijayendran, lyricist sang songs on creation of awareness on plastic waste management. He has taken efforts in the Nilgiris District for zero plastic management. He has also sang songs on air pollution and it impact.

Thiru. P.Ramachandran Retd Assistant Conservator of Forest explained about medicinal plants and their benefits.

Thiru. L Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) has spoken about water management, rain water harvesting, reasons for water scarcity and efforts to be taken for restoration of ground water. Later he interacted with teacher Coordinators.



Around 125 teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the training programme.

THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT

Date: 22.01.2013

Place: Subbiah Vidyalaya Girls Higher Secondary School, Thoothukudi

Inaugural Address: Thiru. K.Jayakumar, Chief Educational Officer

Special Address : Thiru. Rathinam, District Educational Officer, Kovil patti

Thiru. Rajamanickam, District Educational officer, Tutucorin

Thiru. S.Arumugam, Executive Engineer I/c EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. Pachaimuthu, State Coordinator for Tutucorin Educational District welcomed the Chief Guest and other Teacher coordinators.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities.



Thiru. Pachimuthu, District Educational Coordinator for Thoothukudi Educational District has explained about the maintenance of NGC registers and records of monitoring etc. He further explained about air and water pollution besides bio diversity. Thiru. Venkatachalapathi of District Educational Coordinator for Kovilpatti has made power point presentation on sustainable development. He has spoken about plastic waste management and vermicompost and its importance.



In the second session Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on Human Resource management for Environmental Awareness activities. Further he has spoken about bio diversity and its importance, rain water harvesting etc.

The programme concluded with valedictory address by the Headmistress followed by National Anthem. Around 180 Teacher coordinators and 20 students and 20 others participated.

KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT

Date: 23.01.2013

Place: SLB Government Higher Secondary School, Nagarcoil

Welcome Address: Thiru. Joe Prakash, Head Master, Government Higher Secondary School,
Marthandam

Presidential Address: Dr.A. Radhakrishnan,
Chief Educational Officer,
K.K. District

Special Address : **Thiru. S. Nagarajan, IAS District Collector, KK District**

The following official were also attended the training program

1. Thiru. Manoharan DEO, Nagarcoil
2. Thiru. P.Selvaraj DEO Thakkalai
3. Thiru. D.Joseph raj DEO Kulithurai
4. Tmt. Rita Miltrat Godhi HM, SSBA Hr Sec School Nagarcoil
5. Thiru. Vijayakumar, Eco Club Coordinator

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities explained about the maintenance of NGC registers and records of monitoring etc.



Thiru. J. Joe Prakash, Head Master of the school made power point presentation on sustainable development and plastic waste management.

In the second session, Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator for NGC gave a lecture on Human Resource management for Environmental Awareness activities. He further explained about tree planting and its importance. He also explained various kinds of medicinal plants and its importance. He interacted with the teacher coordinator and collected feedback statement from them. Thiru. Daniel Ponnappan, NGC Coordinator for Thakkalay Educational District gave valedictory address followed by National Anthem.

Around 190 Teacher coordinators and 40 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

Date: 24.01.2013

Place: F.S. Higher Secondary School for Deaf, Palyamkottai

Welcome Address: Dr.Selvin Samuvel, NGC Coordinator of Tirunelveli

Presidential Address: Mrs. Dora, District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli

Special Address: Thiru. D. Johnson Principal, FSHS School, Tirunelveli

Thiru. S.Arumugam, Executive Engineer I/c, EMAT, Chennai



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC, improving environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening of the NGC activities. He has explained about rainwater harvesting, air and water pollution etc. He explained about global warming and its impact on agriculture and bio diversity etc.

Thiru. S. Arumugam, AEE, EMAT, Chennai explained about ill effect of plastic and recycling of plastic waste etc. Thiru. Ganapathy Subramanian, Coordinator has made power point presentation on improving environmental awareness activities.



In the second session, Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on Human Resource management for Environmental Awareness activities. He has further explained about tree planting and its importance besides the details of medicinal plants and its benefit. The School Head mistress gave the valedictory address and the programme concluded by National Anthem.

Around 175 Teacher coordinators and 25 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

TRICHY DISTRICT

Date: 28.01.2013

Place: Bishop Heber Higher Secondary School, Trichy

Welcome Address: Thiru. Sahyaraj, Dist.Environmental Coordinator, Trichy

Presidential Address: Thiru. Jayakumar, Chief Educational Officer, Trichy

Special Address: Thiru. Pugalenti, District Educational officer, Trichy

Dr. Anbu Ray, HM PSHS School, Trichy

Thiru. P.Chandrasekaran, Eco Club Coordinator of Trichy Dist.

Thiru. K. Ganesan, Accounts Officer, EMAT, Chennai



Thiru. Pugalenti, Eco club Coordinator for Trichy District gave lecture on tree planting, government participation and involvement of students in Environmental activities. He further explained about rain water harvesting and its importance.

Thiru. K.Ganesan, Accounts Officer gave lecture on maintenance of register and records for NGC activities and its importance.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He explained about air and water pollution.

Thiru. Sahyaraj, District Educational Coordinator for Trichy Educational District has made power point presentation on Global warming and its impact. He has further explained about plastic waste management and use of plastic wastes for relaying of roads.

In the second session, Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on stress management and personal development. He has explained about energy management. The programme concluded by valedictory followed by National Anthem.

Around 190 Teacher coordinators and 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

PUDUKOTTAI DISTRICT

Date: 29.01.2013

Place: Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Aranthangi

Welcome Address: Thiru. A.Arangan, Aranthangi Educational Dist NGC Coordinator

Presidential Address: Dr.N.Arul Murugan, Chief Educational Officer, Pudukkottai

Opening ceremony of

Medicinal plant : Dr.N.Arul Murugan, Chief Educational Officer, Pudukkottai

Special Address: Tmt. Thamarai District Educational officer, Aranthangi

Thiru. K.Ganesan, Accounts Officer, EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. Radhakrishnan, Dy. Inspector of School, Aranthangi

Thiru. A.Rajasekar, HM Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Aranthangi

Thiru. G.Mathi Dist Educational Eco Club Coordinator

Thiru. N. Arul Murugan, CEO gave lecture on Bio diversity and its importance for sustainable Development.

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He has explained about plastic waste management and use of plastic wastes in relaying of roads.

Thiru. Meenakshi Sundaram, District Educational Coordinator for Pudukkottai Educational District has explained about the endangered species, ecosystem etc .He further explained about air and water pollution and importance of water etc.

Thiru. A. Arangan, District Educational Coordinator for Aranthangi gave lecture on importance of medicinal plants, tree planting, gardening etc. He has explained about the various benefits of medicinal plants.





Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on Environmental Awareness activities and its importance. He further requested all the teacher coordinators to work hard for effective implementation of awareness programme in the interest of Nation and our future generation. Thiru. Meenakshi sundaram gave valedictory address and the programme was concluded by the National Anthem.

Around 175 Teachers Coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

PERAMBALUR DISTRICT

Date: 30.01.2013

Place: Thanthai Hames Rover Hr. Secondary School, Perambalur

Welcome Address: Thiru. Gopal , District Environment Coordinator, Perambalur

Presidential Address: Tmt. N.Mallika , Chief Educational Officer, Perambalur Dist

Special Address: Thiru. V.Subramanian, District Educational officer, Perambalur
Thiru. Varadharajan, HM, THR Hr. Sec.School, Perambalur
Thiru. K.Ganesan, Accounts Officer, EMAT, Chennai



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic concept of NGC , how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He has explained about energy management. Thiru. K.Ganesan, Accounts Officer, EMAT, Chennai has explained about the need of maintaining various register and records pertaining to NGC.

Thiru. Mohamed Hussain, District Educational Coordinator for Perambalur made power point presentation on importance about the need of Environmental awareness in schools and to public. He has explained about global warming and its impact on earth.

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator for NGC has given lecture on Environmental Awareness activities and its importance. He explained about rainwater harvesting, tree planting and bio diversity.

The programme concluded by valedictory address by the Perambalur Educational District Coordinator. Around 170 Teacher coordinators and 25 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

DINDIGUL DISTRICT

Date: 01.02.2013

Place: SMB Manickam Nadar Higher Secondary School, Dindigul

Welcome Address: Thiru. Sheikh Dawood, Dindigul Educational District NGC Coordinator,
Presidential Address: Thiru. B.Sugumaran Devedass, Chief Educational Officer, Dindigul Dist

Special Address: Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC
Tmt P.Usha, DEO Dindigul
Thiru. Jayapraksh, Principal, SMBM School, Dindigul
Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, AEE, EMAT, Chennai
Thiru. K.B.Rabindran, President, Pasumai Trust

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He has explained about plastic waste management and its impact on water and soil etc. How the Department of Environment is initiating action for using plastic waste in relaying of roads etc.



Thiru. Sheikh Dhawood, District Educational Coordinator for Dindigul made power point presentation on importance about the need of Environmental awareness in school. He explained about rainwater harvesting, tree planting and bio diversity.

Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai explained about Plastic waste management and ill effect of plastics and efforts to overcome menace of plastics



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on various kind of pollution and its impact. Further he gave a lecture on Human Resource management for Environmental Awareness activities. He has further explained about tree planting and its importance besides the details of medicinal plants and its benefits. The programme concluded with valedictory address by Thiru. Harihara sudhan District Eco Club Coordinator.

Around 170 Teacher coordinators and 20 students and 25 members from public participated in the programme.

THENI DISTRICT

Date: 02.02.2013

Place: Kama Dharme High School, Theni

Welcome Address: Thiru. G.Venkatesan, Periyakulam Educational District NGC Coordinator,

Presidential Address: Thiru. L.Durai, State Coordinator, NGC, Chennai

Special Address: Thiru. Paranthaman, Vice Principal, Kama Darne High School,Theni

Thiru. Palaniappan, Dist Educational Coordinator, Palani Educational Dist

Thiru. M.Nallamuthupillai, AEE, EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. Perumalsamy, Eco Club Coordinator, Theni



Mrs M.Sangeetha , NGO, Isha Yoga Centre made presentation on yoga for stress management. Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He has explained about air and water pollution and its impact etc.

Thiru. M. Nallamuthupillai, A.E has delivered address on Plastic waste management and ill effect of plastics and efforts to overcome menace of plastics. Thiru. G.Venkatesan, District Educational Coordinator for Periyakulam Educational District made power point presentation on importance about the need of Environmental awareness in school and tree planting .He explained about rain water harvesting and its importance. He has further explained about importance of water and its role in agriculture. The program concluded with valedictory address by Thiru.Perumalsamy Eco Club Coordinator of the school followed by National Anthem.

Around 190 Teacher coordinators and 25 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme

VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT

Date: 04.02.2013

Place : K.V.S. Matriculation Higher secondary School, Virudhunagar

Welcome Address: Thiru. Gurusamy , Virudhnagar Educational District NGC Coordinator,
Presidential Address : Thiru. Baghavathi M.A.Med., Chief Educational Officer, Virudhunagar
Special Address: Thiru. Rajasekar, Principal KVS Mat. Hr Sec School, Virudhunagar
Thiru. S.Mayandi, Aruppukkottai Educational Dist Coordinator

Thiru. Bhagavathi CEO has delivered address about how to live and how to overcoming various problem due to degradation of natural resources.

Dr. Gurusamy spoken about medicinal plants and its importance. He has made presentation by singing songs which speaks about environmental protections and awareness. He further explained about tree planting and its importance.



Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He has explained about plastic waste management and its impact on soil and sewerage systems. He also spoke about Bio diversity and its importance.

Thiru. Davidsagar School Coordinator CMS Higher Secondary School, Srivilliputtur has explained his experience in tree planting and he has further explained about endangered species and its importance.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on various kinds of pollution and its impact. He has requested the teacher coordinator for effective implementation of NGC programme besides explained about medicinal plants and its various benefit to mankind. The programme ended with valedictory address by Thiru. V. Gurusamy. Around 200 Teachers coordinators and 20 students and 10 members from public participated in the programme

MADURAI DISTRICT

Date: 05.02.2013

Place: St.Mary's Higher secondary School, Madurai

Welcome Address: Thiru. Igin Manickaraj Melur Educational District NGC Coordinator,

Presidential Address: Thalalar Reverent Albert Joseph

Special Address: Reverent Kulanthairaj Head Master, St.Mary Hr.Sec.School, Madurai

Tmt. Jaya meena Devi, DEO

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC,

Thiru. John Manoharan, AEE, EMAT, Chennai

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, improving environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening the NGC activities. He has explained about plastic waste management and its impact on soil and water and also explained about use of plastic wastes for relaying of roads.



Thiru. R.John Manoharan Assistant Executive Engineer, EMAT has delivered address on plastic wastes and its management. Various kinds of ill effect of plastic has been explained in detail. Further he spoke about the Bio diversity and its importance.



Tmt Jaya Meena Devi, explained about the need to create awareness among school children and explained about energy management.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator for NGC gave lecture on various kind of pollution and its impact, energy management and its conservation vermi compost etc. He further explained about tree planting- its benefit and medicinal plants-its benefit.

The programme ended with valedictory address by NGC District Coordinator. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT

Date: 07.02.2013

Place: Alangara Madha High School, Paramakkudi

Welcome Address: Thiru. Thamizhazhagan Dist. NGC Coordinator, Paramakkudi
Presidential Address: Thiru. L.Durai M.A.M.Phil MSc., PGD YT, State Coordinator NGC
Special Address: Dr.Ganeshapandian,
Er. John Manoharan, AEE, EMAT, Chennai
Christ Raja, M.A.B.Ed.Asst.HM



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.

Dr. Ganeshapandian spoke about importance of natural resources and awareness on various kinds of pollution. He further explained about energy conservation. Thiru. Karunakaran, Teacher coordinator spoken about tree planting in schools and its importance.

Thiru. Thamizhazhagan, District NGC Coordinator and Paramakkudi NGC Coordinator have made Power point presentation on environmental awareness programmes. He explained in detail about rain water harvesting, reasons for water scarcity and efforts to be taken for restoration of ground water etc.



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has taught about stress management and human resource management.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 195 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT

Date: 08.02.2013

Place: Municipal Girl Higher secondary School, Nagapattinam

Presidential Address: Thiru. Ramakrishnan, Chief Educational Officer

Welcome Address: - Thiru. Muthamizh Andandan District NGC Coordinator,

Presidential Address: Thalalar Reverent Albert Joseph

Special Address: Thiru. A.Rajamanickam . DEO, Nagapattinam

Thiru. Vellaichamy, DEO, Myladuthurai

Thiru. Radhakrishnan, Head Master, MGHS, Nagapattinam

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, and also how to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. Further, he spoke about air and water pollution, role of teachers and students to create awareness on the above subjects.



Thiru. Sethuraman Teacher Coordinators of Mayakaran kulam delivered address on plastic wastes and its management. He has spoken about various kind of ill effect of plastic .

Thiru. Ramakrihnan, CEO delivered address on solid waste management and sewage management. He has explained about bio medical waste management.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on bio diversity and its importance, rain water harvesting etc. He has further spoken about stress management and human resource management. The programme ended with valedictory address by NGC District Coordinator Thiru. R.Mathivanan.

About 190 Teacher coordinators, 25 students and 15 members from public participated in the programme.

KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT

Date: 11.02.2013

Place: Pachayappa Boys Higher secondary School, Kancheepuram

Welcome Address: Thiru. Dhanasekaran, District NGC Coordinator, Kancheepuram

Presidential Address: Tmt Shanthi CEO

Special Address: Thiru. Arumugam, Retired Assistant Conservator of Forest

Thiru. Balakrishnan, Head Master

Thiru. Tamil Arasu, District Environmental ECO Club Coordinator

Thiru. Tamil Arasu delivered an address on NGC and Eco club activities to create awareness among students



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, improving environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening the NGC activities. He has explained about plastic waste management and its impact on soil and water and also explained about use of plastic wastes for relaying of roads.

Tmt. Grace, Teacher coordinator sang songs about nature and explained about nature which creates peace to soul and benefit of nature to human beings.

Thiru. Arumugam, retired Assistant Conservator of Forest delivered address on tree and its importance to mankind. He has further explained about various kinds of trees that are helpful and about medicinal plants.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on bio diversity and its importance, rain water harvesting etc He has spoken about stress management, depression and human resource management.

The programme ended with valedictory address by NGC District Coordinator. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

VELLORE DISTRICT

Date: 12.02.2013

Place: Govt. Muslim Higher Secondary School, Vellore

Welcome Address: Thiru. S.Muralidharan, Head Master,
Presidential Address: Thiru. T.V.Chenguttuvan, CEO
Special Address: Thiru. L.Durai, State Coordinator, NGC, Chennai
Dr.N.Margasahayam, District NGC Coordinator,
Selvi A.N.Byrose Bagam, Head Master, Govt. Muslim High School.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, and also how to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities. He spoke about medicinal plants and tree planting and its importance. He made presentation by singing songs which speaks about environmental protection.



Thiru. Byrose Bagam sang nature songs and delivered address on bio diversity and its various benefit to the people.

Dr. Margasahayam, NGC Coordinator spoke about Global warming, Tsunami and its impact on coastal people and endangered spices and vermi compost etc.



Thiru. Gunaseelan, Teacher coordinator described about solid waste management. He had spoken about ill effect of the plastic waste.

Tmt. Preetha Ahmed of Muzharool, Higher Secondary School talks about trees and various benefit attached to trees for mankind.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on bio diversity and its importance, rain water harvesting etc. has spoken about stress management, depression and human resource management. The programme ended with valedictory address by Tmt. Bhuvaneshwari NGC Teacher Coordinator. Around 195 Teaches Coordinators and 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT

Date: 13.02.2013

Place: Danish Higher Secondary School, Thiruvannamalai

Welcome Address: Thiru. Kumaran, District Eco Club Coordinator

Presidential Address: Thiru. Gunasekaran PA to CEO

Special Address: Thiru. Hubad Thanasundram Head Master
Thiru. Inbaraj, Exnora, Thiru.vannamalai
Thiru. Kothandaraman, Natural Agricultural Sangam
Thiru. Kuberan, Dist Environment Coordinator

Thiru. Inbaraj has spoke about plastic waste management and segregation of garbage and insisted to adopt 3 D ie. Recycle, Reuse and Reduce.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, and also how to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities and has spoken about stress management, depression and human resource management.



Thiru.. Kothandaraman, Nature Farmers Association has spoken about vermi compost and ill effects of usage of chemical fertilizers.

Thiru.. Kuberan, Eco club Coordinator spoke about Global warming, Tsunami and its impact on coastal people and endangered spices and vermi compost etc.



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture stress management, depression and human resource development. He has interacted with teacher coordinators and obtained feedback details from the coordinators. The programme concluded with National Anthem. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 10 members from public participated in the programme.

KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT

Date: 14.02.2013

Place: Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Krishnagiri

Welcome Address: Thiru. Chinnaraj, Head Master,
Presidential Address: Thiru. T.P.Rajesh , IAS District Collector, Krishnagiri
Facilitate : Thiru. C.Praksh, District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri
Special Address Thiru. L.Durai, State Coordinator, NGC,Chennai
Tmt S.Suganya MA.,Bed., CEO, Krishnagiri
Thiru.. Ponkumar, MA Bed, CEO (SSA) Krishnagiri
Thiru. E.Mani BSc.,Bed DEO, Hosur
Dr.K.Anbu MSc. PhD DEO Krishnagiri
Dr.T.Duraisamy, MSc.Bed., DEEO
Thiru. Samy Rafya, Coordinator, Isha Foundation

Thiru. E.Mani DEO spoken about the effective implementation of the awareness programme in eco clubs and to celebrate all green days to make aware of the various environmental activities and its objectives.

The District Collector has requested to implement tree planting programme in all places in association with students community since tree is playing important role for well being of human life.



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objectives of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening of the NGC activities.

Thiru. Balaji, NGC Coordinator spoke about biodiversity and plastic waste management.
Thiru. Gunaseelan, Teacher coordinator spoke about medicinal plants.

Tmt. Preetha Ahmed of Muzharool Higher Secondary School explained about tree species and various benefits.



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on bio diversity and its importance, Rain water harvesting etc.

The programme was ended with valedictory address by Tmt. Bhuvaneshwari NGC Teacher Coordinator.

Around 190 Teacher coordinators and 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

CHENNAI DISTRICT

Date: 15.02.2013

Place: Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School, Egmore

Welcome Address: Thiru. Thangaraj , Eco Club NGC Coordinator

Presidential Address: Smt.Rama Assistant Head Mistress

Special Address: Thiru. M.Ravikumar, NGC Coordinator

Thiru. Krishnaraj, Coordinator, Institute of Environment made power point presentation on rainwater Harvesting and vermi compost.

Thiru..G.Thangaraj, Coordinators spoken about plastic waste management and sewage treatment, ill effects of water and air pollution.



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening of the NGC activities. He has interacted with teacher coordinators and obtained feedback statement from the coordinators.



The programme concluded with National Anthem. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

THIRU VALLUR DISTRICT

Date: 16.02.2013

Place: Lakshmi Girls Higher Secondary School, Thiru.vallur

Welcome Address: Thiru. Thangaraj , Eco Club NGC Coordinator

Presidential Address: Seeman, DEO, Thiru.vallur

Facilitation:

1. Thiru. M.Ramamurthy , Development Inspector
2. Thiru L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC
3. Thiru. Murugavel, Dist Eco Club Coordinator
- 4.Thiru. N.Gnanasekaran, Dist NGC Coordinator
- 5.Thiru. Balasubramanian, PA to CEO

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objectives of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, monitoring and strengthening of the NGC activities. He further explained about plastic waste management and its various kinds of ill effects.

Thiru. Gnanasekaran, NGC Coordinator, spoke about tree planting and management of plastic wastes.

Thiru.Murugavel, Eco Club Coordinator spoke about biodiversity and wild life and its importance. He also spoke about medicinal plants and its various benefits.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem.

Around 185 teacher's coordinators, 25 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.



VILLUPURAM DISTRICT

Date: 19.02.2013

Place: Kamaraj Municipal Hr. Secondary School,
Villupuram

Welcome Address: Thiru. Murugavel ,
NGC Coordinator, Villupuram

Presidential Address: Thiru. Munusamy, CEO Villupuram

Facilitation: 1. Thiru. C.Palani , Dist Eco Club Coordinator
2. Thiur Murugavel, NGC Coordinator, Villupuram
3. Thiru. Ponnamani School Eco Club Coordinator
4. Thiru. Sundaramurthy, School Coordinator, Tindivanam

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, tree planting and its importance NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, and also how to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities.



Thiru.. Munusamy, CEO has spoken about the responsibility of NGC Coordinators and distributed prizes to the students who won drawing competitions. He has further requested to plant a sapling on birthday to develop more trees and explained about the benefit of the trees.

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on air and water pollution and the importance of water in human life. He further has spoken about the ill effect of plastics and how to reduce the usage of plastic. He has informed about the usage of plastic waste in relaying of roads in Tamil Nadu.



Thiru.. Sundaramurthy, School Coordinator, Tindivanam has spoken about the pollution in air, water and soil and its impact etc. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

CUDDALORE DISTRICT

Date: 20.02.2013

Place: Forest Extension Centre, Neyveli

Welcome Address: Thiru. Murugavel , NGC Coordinator, Villupuram

Presidential Address: Thiru. S.Subramanian, DEO Cuddalore

Facilitation:

1. Dr.Velan, General Manager, NLC
2. ThiurDhanasekaran, Eco Club Coordinator, Cuddalore
3. Thiru. K.Sundaramoorthy FRO Forest Extension Centre
4. Thiru. Balagurunathan, NLC Girls Higher Sec School
5. Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga)
State NGC Coordinator, Chennai



Dr.Velan General Manager, Neyveli Lignite Corporation has spoken about sustainable development, importance of safeguarding environment, pollution on air and water and plastic waste management.

Thiru..L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on basic objective of NGC, how to improve environmental awareness activities, and also how to monitor and strengthen the NGC activities.

Thiru..K. Sundaramurthy, Forest Range Officer has spoken about the need of tree planting, importance of medicinal plants and rain water harvesting etc.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on climate change and its impact and protect our environment, tree planting and energy saving

system to be adopted. He has spoken about stress management and Human resource management.



The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 190 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

ARIYALUR DISTRICT

Date: 21- 2-2013

Place: Mount Fort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ariyalur

Welcome Address: Tmt A.Alli , NGC Coordinator, Ariyalur

Presidential Address: Thiru. R.Vaidhialingam, CEO Ariyalur

Facilitation: 1. Thiru. R.Mohan Sanjeev , D EO Ariyalur
2. Thiur Arivalagan, Eco Coordinator, Ariylaur
3. Thiru. Palanisamy, Dept of Industrial Education
4. Thiru. Agastine , Vice principal

Thiru.. Vaidhialingam, CEO spoken about the need for effective implementation of the awareness programme in Eco Clubs and to celebrate all Green days in order to make children aware of the various environmental activities.



Thiru.. Mohan Sanjeevi, DEO has spoken about the responsibility of NGC Coordinators and distributed prizes to the students who won drawing competitions. He has further requested to plant a sapling on birthdays, to grow more trees and explained about the benefit of the trees.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on air and water pollution and the importance of water in human life. He further has spoken about the ill effect of plastics and how to reduce the usage of plastic. He has informed about the usage of plastic waste in relaying of roads in Tamil Nadu. He has spoken about stress management and human resource management.



Thiru.. Arivalagan, Eco Club Coordinators spoken about Biodiversity and Wild Animal -its importance. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 195 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

Thanjavur District

Date: 22.02.2013

Place: Periyar Mannaiymai University, Thanjavur

Welcome Address: Dr. B.Ram Manohar, NGC & Eco Club Coordinator, Thanjavur

Presidential Address: Dr.H.Mallesappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, Chennai

Special Address: Dr. Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Periyar Maniammai University

Dr. Nal Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor of Periyar Maniammai University has spoken about the role of teachers in Environment awareness programme, remedies to be attended to, need of tree planting to control Global warming etc.



Dr.H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment spoken about National Green Corps programme and its objectives, the role to be played by the teacher coordinators for environmental awareness programme, encouragement for the best school by giving away prizes and awards to school students etc.

The Additional Registrar K. Swaminathan spoken about awareness programme on nature development.

Thiru. L. Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on maintenance of registers and records for NGC programme and objectives of NGC programme. He has spoken about stress management and human resource management.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem.

Around 205 Teacher coordinators, 40 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

THIRUVARUR DISTRICT

Date: 23.02.2013

Place: Thiru.varur GRM Girls Higher Secondary School, Thiru.varur

Welcome Address: Thiru. K.Pothusalevan, District NGC Coordinator, Thiru.varur

Presidential Address: Dr.H. Malleshappa, I.F.S.,
Director of Environment and Member Secretary
EMAT-NGC, Chennai

Special Address: Thiru. C.Natarajan, I.A.S., District Collector, Thiru.varur



Dr.H. Malleshappa, I.F.S. in his special address has requested all the teacher coordinators to improve the awareness activities. He has informed about the objective of NGC programme and its best performance in the State and requested to give importance to awareness programme in order to safeguard the natural resources and our environment. Further, he requested all teacher Coordinators and students to create awareness among the people through street play and human chain activities. He has interacted with teacher coordinators.

Thiru. L. Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained the basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained expenditure details for Rs.2500/-He also spoke about land, water and air pollution and its environmental hazards.

Dr. Elangovan, spoken about pollution on air, soil and water and its impact. He further explained about tree planting etc.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has made power point presentation on Environmental crisis and adaptation.



The students of the NGC in Thiru.varur District have spoken about importance of medicinal plants and various kinds of benefits. It is very impressive and benefited the Coordinators.

The girls of NGC Eco clubs in Thiru.varur District has made presentation on usage plastic and its wastes and impact on land and sewerage systems and its ill effects etc. in an impressive manner.

The District Collector, Thiru.varur has spoken about need of creating environmental awareness among students and public to protect our earth.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Head Master of the School followed by National Anthem.

Around 171 teacher coordinator, 40 students and 40 members from public participated in the training programme.

NAMAKKAL DISTRICT

Date: 25.02.2013

Place: Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Namakkal

Welcome Address: Dr. Mahesh Kumar, NGC & Eco Club Coordinator, Namakkal

Presidential Address: Thiru. V.Kumar CEO, Namakkal

Facilitation : Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga,
State Coordinator, NGC
Tmt S.Thilagam, District Educational Officer, Namakkal
Thiru. Maheshkumar, District Coordinator, Namakkal

Thiru.. V.Kumar, CEO, Namakkal has spoken about the role of teachers in Environment awareness programme, insisted to strengthening the NGC activities and he wanted to participate all the proceedings in the District.



Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), State Coordinator, NGC gave a lecture on

maintenance of registers and records for NGC programme and objectives of NGC programme. He has spoken about stress management, human resource management.

Dr. Maheshkumar District Environment Eco Club Coordinator has spoken about wild life protection, bird watching, bio diversity and its conservation.

Tmt S. Thilagam, DEO has spoken about various kinds of pollution on land, water and air and its impact and suggested measures to safeguard the same.



The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 190 Teachers Coordinators 20 students and 15 members from public participated in the programme.

KARUR DISTRICT

Date: 26.02.2013

Place: Thanthondri Higher Secondary School, Karur

Welcome Address: Thiru. P.Velusamy, Education officer, Inba Seva Sangam

Presidential Address: Thiru. Santhan moorthy, CEO, Karur

Facilitation: Thiru. Kathirvel, DEO

Thiru. Karunamoorthy, Forest Range Officer,

Thiru. Ravichandran, Dist Eco Club Coordinator, Karur

Tmt. Manimegali, HM Thanthondimalai

Thiru. Mookusamy, Dist NGC Coordinator

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.



Thiru. Karunamoorthy, Forest Range Officer has spoken about Wild Life- its importance, protecting environment and creating environmental awareness. He also spoke about tree planting and its importance and the various kinds of benefits attached to tree for human being. Tmt Manimegali, HM Thanthondimalai spoke about environmental awareness and its importance.



The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem. Around 195 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 10 members from public participated in the programme.

DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

Date: 27.02.2013

Place : Aathiyaman Govt. Higher Secondary School, Dharmapuri

Welcome Address: Thiru. Thirumugam, NGC Coordinator
Presidential Address: Tmt. Thillaikkarasi, Head Mistress
Facilitation: Er. B.Pachayappan, Executive Engineer (Retd.)
Thiru. Vardharajan, ACF Forest Department
Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga)
State Coordinators, NGC, Chennai
Thiru. Thirumugam, Dist NGC Coordinator

Tmt Thillaikkarasi, Head Mistress of Athiyaman Higher secondary School in her inaugural address stressed on the need to improve the environmental awareness programme. She has further stated that field visit by the Students community to the Environmental Hot Spot will be much useful to create among the students community.



Er. Pachappan Executive Engineer (Retd) has spoken about water management and rain water harvesting. Further, he has explained about reasons for water scarcity and efforts to be taken for restorations of ground water etc.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.



Thiru. Thirumugam, District NGC Coordinator has spoken about various kinds of pollution on land, water and air – its impact and measures to safeguard. He has further spoken about the ill effect of plastic on earth and sewerage system.

Thiru. Vardharajan, ACF Forest Department has spoken about the contribution of Forest to the mankind and about wild life conservation.



The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem.

Around 190 Teacher coordinators 40 students and members from public participated in the programme.

SALEM DISTRICT

Date: 28.02.2013

Place: Vinyaka Mission Matric Higher Secondary School, Salem

Welcome Address: Thiru. Sivakumar, Dist. Eco Club Coordinator
Presidential Address: Thiru. Selvaraj, principal
Facilitation: Thiru. L.Durai, M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga)
State Coordinator, NGC, Chennai
Thiru. Sivakumar, Dist. Eco Club Coordinator
Thiru. S.Loganathan, Dist NGC Coordinator
Thiru. Ganesan, New Century Book House, Salem



Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.

Thiru.. Sivakumar, Eco club Coordinator has spoken about various kinds of pollution on land, water and air and its impact and suggested to safeguard the same. He has further explained about tree planting –its benefits and medicinal plants-its benefits for human well being.

Thiru. L Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga), has spoken about water management, rain water harvesting, reasons for water scarcity and efforts to be taken for restorations of ground water etc.



Thiru. S. Loganathan, NGC Coordinator gave a lecture on objectives of NGC programme, maintenance of registers and records for NGC programme.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem.

Around 190 Teacher Coordinators 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.

Sivagangai District:

Date: 12.03.2013

Place: Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Sivaganga

Welcome Address: Thiru.. Vidhyadharan, Dist. Environment Coordinator, Sivagangai

Presidential Address: Tmt. M.J aylakhmi Chief Educational officer, Sivagangai

Special Address: Tmt. Komalavalli, Basic Educational Officer

Tmt. Kalavalli, ,DEO, Sivagangai

Thiru.. Chinnasmay, DEO, Devakottai



Tmt M.Jaylakhsmi,CEO spoke about duties and responsibilities of Teachers and Students in National Green Corps activities.

Thiru. L.Durai M.A., M.Phil, M.Sc., PGDYT (Yoga) State Coordinator of NGC has explained details on selection of students, their grouping and allotment in a particular type of activity including period of time table for completing the activity, supervising the activity by the teacher coordinators etc. He further spoken about basic concept of NGC, Registers to be maintained, Expenditure details for Rs.2500/- and explained about land, water and air pollution.

Dr. Rekha Darsis, Master trainer of NGC gave a lecture on basic objectives and activities of NGC.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Coordinator followed by National Anthem.

Around 185 Teacher coordinators, 20 students and 20 members from public participated in the programme.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

OZONE DAY :

Ozone day is being celebrated on September 16, every year to create awareness among the school children and general public on the importance of the Ozone layer. The Department of Environment has instructed all Environmental Coordinators to organize programme on the eve of ozone day. World Environment day was celebrated on 16th September 2012 in Pammal in Chennai in coordination with Pammal Magalir Federation. **The Director of Environment** had presided over the function and flagged of the rally and around 50 women from various self help group joined together in the awareness rally chanting slogans for planting trees to do rain water harvesting etc.



BHOGI FESTIVAL: ANTI PLASTIC- POLYTHENE MATERIALS BURNING AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Every year Bhogi festival is celebrated with traditional fervor throughout the State on the day prior to Pongal. It is a festival to get rid off old and useless articles from home and welcome the joyous Pongal. On this day people burn tyres, plastics and unwanted household articles due to which the entire city gets enveloped in a blanket of smoke. This results in the release of carbon di oxide and other obnoxious gases into the atmosphere, exposure to which results in irritation of eyes, nose throat skin and causes respiratory diseases besides many other health hazards.

Therefore, people were requested to avoid burning of the waste materials such as rubber tyres, plastics, polythene materials etc on the Bhogi day.



EVENTS ORGANIZED IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN TO ESCHEW NON DEGRADABLE PLASTICS.

The Department of Environment in collaboration with the DHAN Foundation organized the Information, Education and Communication campaign to eschew non degradable plastics. Events were organized by involving the school students, men and women SHG members, NGC volunteers and general Public.



Walkathon has been coordinated by SHG federation in their respective districts and NGC coordinators and FCO coordinators in the Collector's office have actively participated. All the District Collectors and the Chief Education Officers concerned gave whole hearted cooperation. The events were very well



received by the SHG members who made an oath to avoid the non degradable plastics in their area. Three teams of street play professionals performed in the presence of large number of general public and school students. Special stencil plates and stickers were prepared to create awareness and were displayed in prominent places. A comprehensive booklet on Climate Change and Plastics, brought out by the DHAN Foundation was distributed during the event.

ONE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BIODIVERSITY AT ZOO SCHOOL, VANDALUR

The ENVIS Centre, Department of Environment conducted a one day training programme on wild life for the NGC school children. This training programme was conducted at the Zoo school in Arignar Anna Zoological Park School, Vandalur on the 29th March 2012. Around 125 students and 10 teacher coordinators participated in the training programme. Dr. Manimozhi, Biologist, Vandalur Zoo gave a



lecture on the conservation of biodiversity and the importance of wildlife. After the lunch Mr. R. Palani, Assistant Conservator of Forests and Mr. C. Murugesan, Range Officer, Department of Environment took the children for a field visit around the zoo. The training programme was enjoyed by the students and more such initiatives were requested by them.

AN IDENTIFICATION FIELD MANUAL TO THE FOREST TREES OF TAMIL NADU

The Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Centre of the Department of Environment has published Book titled “An Identification Field Manual to the Forest Trees of Tamil Nadu” The book was published under the Part – II scheme sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu. This was an initiative to help in the easy identification of the little known forest trees of Tamil Nadu. This identification manual has been compiled in consultation with experts with immense field knowledge to make the identification of the tree species as simple as possible, so that the book can be used by students, researchers and Forest Department staff. The use of symbols for Red listed (IUCN), traded species, medicinal status etc, adds value to this book. The value of this book is further enhanced by the color photographs depicting the key identification feature of the trees. The use of common names in Tamil helps to break the language barrier as it can also be used by a layman to help in tree identification. Care has been taken to avoid too many scientific terms and the descriptions have been given in simple English to help in easy understanding



EARTH DAY 2012 - AN ONLINE APPEAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

Inspired by the student anti-war movement, Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. As a result, on the 22nd of April 1969, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thus, from 1970 onwards, this day was observed as the Earth Day. The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu is pioneer in creating Environmental awareness. On the 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day, the Director of Environment made an online appeal to the general public through the Department's website to put into practice ten simple steps to protect our Earth.

WORKSHOP ON FORMULATION OF THE TAMIL NADU STATE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Workshop on formulation of the Tamil Nadu State Environment Policy was conducted by the Department of Environment at Hotel GRT Grand, T. Nagar, Chennai on 5th April 2012. **The Workshop was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Environment Thiru. B.V. Ramanaa, with the inaugural address. Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, welcomed the Honourable Minister for Environment and the other delegates.**



Thiru. C. V. Shankar I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests gave the key note address and also participated in the panel discussions. Dr N. Sundaradevan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Industries, Thiru. Vikram Kapoor, I.A.S., Chairman, TNPCB, Thiru. Rakesh Vasisht, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wild Life Warden, and Thiru. T.S Srinivasamurthy, I.F.S., Member Secretary (i/c), TNPCB also took part in the panel discussions. Senior Scientists from IIT, Madras, NITTTR, Anna University, Madras school of economics, Annamalai University, SDMRI and SACON participated and gave their valuable inputs. A wide range of Government officials, NGOs and Press representatives also took part in the Workshop.

During the workshop, a book which was brought out under the Part II schemes of the Department of Environment was released by the Honourable Minister for Environment. This book titled "Management Strategies for Endemic and Threatened Medicinal Plants in India - A Geoinformatic Approach" authored by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sarkar, I.F.S. and is the continuation of the Tree series of Tamil Nadu. This book documents the tree species, shrubs, herbs, climbers, including 58 strict Endemics and Threatened Medicinal Plant species confined to Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Southern Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu, India.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY- 2012

The World Environment Day celebration was conducted on June 5th in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. **The Honourable Minister for Environment, Thiru. B.V. Ramanaa presided over the celebrations and gave the key note address.**



The programme started with a welcome address given by Dr. S. Balaji, Member Secretary, TNPCB. The Environmental Awards were also distributed by the Honourable Minister for Environment. A half an hour video on the achievements of the Department of Environment and the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board was screened for the audience. Thiru. C. V. Shankar I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests and Thiru.V. Thangavelu I.A.S (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA also addressed the gathering. Thiru. V. Irulandi, I.F.S., Director of Environment (i/c) gave the vote of thanks.

AWARENESS CREATION TO SCHOOL STUDENTS ON WETLAND CONSERVATION

The Tholkapia poonga is conducting various awareness programmes for school students to create awareness on the need for conserving the wetland habitats. The Staff of the ENVIS centre, Department of Environment, participated in all the above mentioned programmes and created awareness among the school students by giving lectures to the school students on the need for wetland conservation.



VISIT OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT TO KALAKAD MUNDANTHURAI TIGER RESERVE (KMTR) FOR INSPECTING THE FOREST CONSERVATION INITIATIVES

Thiru. C.V. Sankar, I.A.S., the Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, visited Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve with a view to take up inspection of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve which forms part of Agasthiyarmalai Biosphere Reserve on 3rd, 4th and 5th August 2012.



The Principal Secretary was received by Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Chief Conservator of Forests and the Director of Environment at

Mundanthurai, which is situated at 196 meter MSL, and the inspection was carried out. KMTR bears a large contiguous tract of about 400 sq. kms of wet evergreen forests located away from the equatorial region. There are 2254 species of angiosperms have been recorded in this reserve of which 58 species are red-listed and 29 species are strict endemic to Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve. This Tiger



Reserve also supports a large number of mammalian fauna. All the 5 primates (Lion tailed Macaque, Bonnet Macaque, Nilgiri Langur, Common Langur and Slender Loris) of Peninsular India are found in KMTR. All the 14 endemic mammals of Western Ghats are found in KMTR. The inspection team went as high as 1567 mts. above MSL. The terrain was slippery, rough and rocky. The inspection team saw tiger pugmarks, and panther scratches, etc., as it was an indication of indirect sighting of carnivores in that area. The team also confirmed the presence of Tiger, Panther and other wild animals through the camera trap photos which were installed nearby. The Principal Secretary to Government appreciated action taken to ban the public visiting the Pothigai hills which would have definitely disturbed the virgin forest, landscape and also the wildlife. He further appreciated the works of the anti-poaching watchers who are committed in conservation and protection of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NCG/ ECO CLUB COORDINATORS AT HOSUR

Thiru. V. Balaji and Thiru. Ravikumar at Adiyaman College, Hosur, NCG and Eco club coordinators conducted one day training programme for the NCG coordinators. **Tamil Nadu State coordinator Thiru. L. Durai, participated** and delivered a speech about awareness creation on Environment. Nearly 250 NCG/Eco-club coordinators participated in this programme which was sponsored by the Titan Industries Ltd., Hosur.



GREEN DAYS



The name Vanamahotsava (the festival of trees) originated in July 1947 after a successful tree-planting drive was undertaken in Delhi in which national leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad etc. participated. The concept of this great festival for the nature lovers was first initiated by (Late) Shri. K.M. Munshi, the Union Minister for Food & Agriculture in the year 1950. People celebrate Vanamahotsava for a week during the month of July every year by planting trees in schools, offices, colleges, homes etc. In Tamil Nadu, the National Green Corps in 8000 schools and Eco-clubs in 5069 schools located in all the 32 districts has been launched. The main objectives of this programme is to create awareness about the environment and the urgent need for conservation. During Vanamahotsava, the main activity undertaken by the NCG school students is planting of trees in and around their school campus. Awareness programmes including programmes like free distribution of tree saplings are also taken up.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER

The theme for the year 2012 is "Protecting our atmosphere for generations to come". This date has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 49/114, to commemorate the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is being celebrated by the Department of Environment in all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu with the help of NGC school students from various schools.

Awareness programmes such as street plays, human chains and rally with banners and placards is also carried out by the school students. In addition to this, Ozone day celebrations was organized by the Department of Environment in collaboration with Exnora Green Pammal which includes planting of trees, awareness rallies etc. highlighting the need for conserving the ozone layer. The Director of Environment had presided over the function and flagged off the rally and around 50 women from various self help groups joined together in the awareness rally chanting slogans on planting trees to implement rain water harvesting etc.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT SHANTHI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SIVASILAM, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, participated in an awareness programme conducted at Shanthi School for the Deaf, Sivasailam (Unit of Gandhigram Trust, Avvai Ashram) on 22nd July 2012.

Welcome address given by Mr. V. Saravanan, Headmaster, Shanthi School for Deaf. The Director of Environment delivered the Presidential address and he interacted with



the NGC students and elaborated on why and how the NGC students should create environmental awareness. Dr.G.S. Vijayalakshmi, NGC Coordinator, outlined the various activities undertaken in the district. The Director of Environment and Member Secretary for NGC planted a tree sapling in the school campus to mark the need for conservation of green cover.

ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR THE NATIONAL GREEN CORPS (NGC) DISTRICT CO- COORDINATORS AT GUINDY CHILDREN'S PARK, CHENNAI

The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu conducted a one day seminar for NGC district coordinators at Guindy National Park on 27th July 2012. **The Director of Environment, Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., informed the present status of NGC activities in Tamil Nadu and also emphasized that “every child should be involved in environmental conservation”.** **The Principal Secretary to Government**



of Tamil Nadu, Environment and Forest Department, Thiru. C. V. Sankar, I.A.S., delivered the key-note address and highlighted the need for basic environmental awareness among the school children. He also asked the participants to discuss the ways to improve the functioning of the NGC programme in the future and give suggestions. He exhorted the participating coordinators to find ways of adding value to waste in the process of waste management. He also asked coordinators to increase awareness about the environment among the general public by carrying out campaigns during important festivals and days. An exhibition on NGC activities was put up by the ENVIS.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT SACRED MARIANNAI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MADURAI

Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, participated in an awareness programme conducted at Sacred Mariannai Higher Secondary School, Madurai on 1st September 2012. He flagged off a rally and interacted with the school students and explained the need for environmental awareness and the role of the NGC programme. He also planted tree sapling in the school campus to create awareness on the importance of trees. More than 250 NGC and eco clubs teacher coordinators participated in the programme.



ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR ENVIRO CLUBSTUDENTS AT IN GURU SRI SHANTHI VIJAY JAIN COLLEGE, VEPERY, CHENNAI

The Enviro-club of Guru Sri Shanthi Vijay Jain College, Veppery, Chennai conducted one day seminar on "Green Initiatives" on 7th September 2012. Dr. M.K. Malathy, Principal of the Jain College gave the welcome address and Shri P. Gautam Vaid, Secretary, addressed the students and spoke about the importance of biodiversity conservation.



Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director, Department of Environment delivered the inaugural address. In his speech, he highlighted that about 4000 metric tonnes of municipal solid waste was generated daily in Chennai. He also spoke about the need to conserve the rivers Coovum and Adyar from pollution as they are the two major rivers in the city and requested the students to educate the next generation on the various environmental issues and the need for environmental conservation.

GO GREEN- WALKATHON 2012



On 8th September 2012, a Walkathon Rally – in the theme "Go Green" was conducted by Sutherland Global Systems. The Walkathon was held at Marina Beach to create awareness about global warming and propagate the message of Go Green. The Walkathon started from the lighthouse at 6.00 A.M and ended at the labour statue. **Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director, Department of Environment** addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of reducing one's carbon foot print in the mitigation of Climate Change and its impacts. He later flagged off the rally. Around 1000 people participated in the rally.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2012

The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard (East), Tree Foundation and Loyola College conducted the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2012 that is celebrated world over to instill a sense of responsibility among general public on the problem of garbage dumped into the sea and its effects on marine life. On the 15th September 2012 more than 1000 volunteers from the Indian Coast Guard, various city colleges and schools of NGC gathered at the Marina beach to clean up all the waste from the beach.



Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, Dr. R. Gunasekaran, I.F.S., Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu Forest Department along with officials from the Indian Coast Guard and Australian Consulate flagged off the Coastal Cleanup.

INAUGURATION OF ENVIRO-CLUB AT QUAID E MILLETH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, CHENNAI

The Enviro-club of Quaid-E-Milleth College for Women, Chennai was inaugurated by Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director, Department of Environment on 19th October 2012. He also delivered the Inaugural address and highlighted the need for solid waste management in college campuses as it would help in reducing the solid waste output of the Chennai city which is about 4000 metric tonnes per day. He also spoke about the need to conserve the rivers Coovum and Adyar from pollution as they are the two major rivers in the city. He also pointed out that the women students are the key for environmental conservation for the next generation. Other environmental experts like Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail also participated in the inauguration ceremony.



VISIT OF THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

The Hon'ble Minister for Environment Thiru. M.C. Sampath, visited the Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai-15 on 29th October 2012 to review the activities of the Department of Environment. Thiru. C.V. Sankar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, Thiru..V.Thangavelu I.A.S (Retd),



Chairman, SEIAA along with other senior officials of the Department of Environment and SEIAA were present during the review. Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., highlighted the various activities of the Department of Environment. The Hon'ble Minister for Environment appreciated the various initiatives taken by the Department of Environment.

SMOKELESS DEEPAVALI AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT R. K. M. SARADHA VIDYALAYA, GIRLS HR. SEC. SCHOOL, T. NAGAR, CHENNAI

A Smokeless Deepavali awareness campaign was conducted by the Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu at R. K. M. Saradha Vidyalaya Girls Hr. Sec. School, T. Nagar., Chennai on 12th November 2012 at 09.00 AM.



The Director of Environment, Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., read an oath on Smokeless Deepavali and flagged off the Smokeless Deepavali awareness campaign. More than 1000 students and general public participated in this event. A human chain was formed by the school students and they distributed awareness pamphlets on Smokeless Deepavali to the general public and commuters who were using public transport.



ANTI-PLASTIC CAMPAIGN AT LADY WELLINGTON GOVT. GIRLS HR. SEC. SCHOOL, TRIPLICANE

The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu conducted an anti-plastic use awareness campaign and released short films on Environmental Conservation at Lady Wellington Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Triplicane, Chennai on 27th November 2012 at 09.00 AM.



The Director of Environment, Dr. H. Mallehappa, I.F.S., welcomed dignitaries, government officials and general public. The programme was presided by Worshipful

Mayor, Chennai Corporation, Thiru. Saidai Duraisamy who addressed the gathering and released the short films on Environmental Conservation. Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Thiru. M.C. Sampath read an oath on anti-



plastic use and flagged off the Anti-Plastic Use awareness Campaign. Thiru. C.V. Sankar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department also addressed the gathering. Members of legislative Assembly, Chennai Corporation officials, Government Officials and more than 1500 students and general public participated in this event.

NATIONAL GREEN CORPS AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT NUNGAMBAKKAM, GOVERNMENT GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHENNAI

Dr. H. Mallehappa, I.F.S., Director of Environment, participated in NGC awareness programme conducted at Nungambakkam, Government Girls Higher Secondary School on 22nd November 2012. Welcome address was given by Mrs.D.Elizabeth Vijayarani, Headmistress and Director of Environment delivered the Presidential address. He interacted with NGC students, elaborated on creating environmental awareness by NGC students inspected vermin composting initiative and inaugurated an exhibition setup by school students. Mr. L. Durai, NGC, State coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. NGC coordinators for Chennai district, Mr. G. Thangaraj and Mr. Ravi Kumar conducted the programme.



ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR THE NATIONAL GREEN CORPS (NGC) DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS AT GUINDY CHILDREN'S PARK, CHENNAI

The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre, Chennai, conducted a one day seminar for NGC district coordinators at Guindy National Park on 6th December 2012.



The Director of Environment, Dr. H. Malleappa, I.F.S., welcomed the NGC district coordinators, the resource persons and the participants.

He highlighted the need for basic environmental awareness among the school children. The Director also urged the participants to suggest ways to improve the functioning of the NGC programme in the future and suggest their financial requirements for conducting more awareness programmes in addition to the regular NGC activities. Various NGC district coordinators interacted and gave their suggestions to improve the NGC programme.



After the inauguration, the Director of Environment released a book titled "Sutrusuzhal Sinthanaigal" authored by NCG district coordinator Thiru.. Joe Prakash, Kanyakumari district. The technical session was handled by resource persons Dr, T. Sundaramoorthy and Mr. U. Thiru.navukkarasu, from the C.P.R Environmental Education Centre, Chennai. Representatives from Green Bandhu, an NGO promoting 'go green' initiatives also participated in the programme and gave a brief lecture on the various initiatives and solid waste management models that they had created across various schools in Tamil Nadu.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SMOKELESS BHOGI

The Department of Environment in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board conducted awareness to the general public on smokeless bhogi. This awareness initiative was carried out by engaging auto rickshaws and by using banners and mega phones to decimate awareness on the harmful effects of smoke emitted by burning tyres and plastics. Inauguration of the awareness programme was held at Chennai Higher secondary school, CIT Nagar on 10th January 2013. **Event was flagged off by Thiru. M. C. Sampath, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and the worshipful Mayor, Thiru. Saidai S. Duraisamy. Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Chairman,**



TNPCB, Dr. H. Malleshappa, I.F.S., Director, Department of Environment along with officials of TNPCB and Department of Environment. Members of legislative Assembly, officials, around 500 students and public participated .

CHENNAI SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2013 - "BIODIVERSITY AND FOOD SECURITY"

Chennai Science Festival "Biodiversity and Food security" was organized from January 30th to 3rd February 2013 at Anna Gem Science Park matriculation HSS Campus. It consisted of total of 120 stalls exhibiting items on above mentioned themes. Governmental and NGOs, schools, colleges and Universities from the State participated and exhibited posters and working models related to their scope of work. ENVIS Centre, Department of Environment displayed a stall with 30 posters on "Biodiversity and Food Security related to Environment Protection" and a model on solar energy was also displayed by NGC students of R.K.M. Saradha Vidhyala, Girls. HS school, Chennai. ENVIS staff explained in detail all posters and model. A panel discussion with experts was also conducted on the last day.



