

TREE CENSUS - PRESS NOTE

Raj Bhavan, Guindy, Chennai is situated in the Guindy Park Forest Area. The present area of the Raj Bhavan Estate is 156.14 acres. The area around Raj Bhavan is filled with many rare and endangered plant species. As a novel initiative by the Hon. Governor of Tamil Nadu, an identification survey of tree species was conducted by the scientists from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore from 3rd to 5th, November, 2016 at Raj Bhavan. During the process 264 species of Plants including 119 tree species were identified.

In continuation of this process, a Tree Census has been programmed between 10-13th, November, 2016 at Raj Bhavan. The purpose of the Tree Census is to identify and count the number of trees available in each species at Raj Bhavans, Chennai and Ooty. The census will be conducted by involving the students of B.Sc. (Agriculture), B.Sc. (Horticulture) and PG Forestry and scientists from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

The tree Census event was inaugurated by Hon. Governor of Tamil Nadu on 10th, November at 5.00 pm at Raj Bhavan, Chennai. The Hon. Governor of Tamil Nadu initiated the tree census by tagging a teak tree and releasing the publication titled '**Catalogue on The trees of Raj Bhavan, Chennai**' compiled by the Scientists of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, which was followed by tree planting by Hon'ble Governor.

The Tree Census programme will commence on 11th, November by 7.00 am at Raj Bhavan and will be completed on 13th, November, 2016 by 5.00pm. At the end of this census, all tree species identified and counted will be documented for future reference.
