



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
GENERAL EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

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CIRCULAR

Sub: General Education Department - The afforestation programme for saving the Mother Earth through participation of schools as Ente Maram Padhathi - instructions for implementation issued - Reg.

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The spectre of global warming is looming large on us with its adverse consequences already being felt in our daily lives. It is our responsibility to protect our "Mother Earth" by combating the global warming and thus ensuring our own survival. More and more trees and vegetation will be the saviors of the Mother Earth from the evils of the pollution and consequential global warming. Trees serve as big reservoir of carbon popularly called as "carbon sink" by trapping the carbon dioxide (Green House Gas) from the air. Therefore tree planting should be everyone's responsibility including the younger generation in all schools both public, private, aided, unaided institutions. Planting the trees is not the end of the activity. The planted trees are to be nurtured as their own tree. A widespread, participative action can alone make a dent on the danger looming on all of us. Thus Haritakeralam aims at promoting tree planting through participation of school children under the guidance of the teachers, PTA, NGOs so as to augment the households of students in the coming rainy season and nurture the planted trees for at least 4 years till they sustain on their own;

This scheme aims at planting one core seedlings in two years. A modest beginning has been made in the year 2009-10. The programme is to be in implemented in the current year i.e.2011-12, as mass planting programme with people's participation from different walks of life; particularly with the involvement

of younger generation including school children. It has been decided that the school children from standard V to IX will implement it as 'Ente Maram' wherein every student shall plant one or more trees in their own land or around their house and protect them by watering regularly. The planted seedling will grow into a big protector of environment.

As issued circular under reference cited following orders are issued:-

1. All the institutions will take part in this programme through their children and plant trees in the coming monsoon season (June 2011)
2. Each institution will draw up a plan to motivate their children through various innovative activities such as debates, discussions, competitions on environment related issues, climate change and its dangerous consequences on our survival itself. Such programme shall be continued throughout the year.
3. A verification survey of the status of the plants distributed in the last year under the same scheme can be one of the activities of this campaign. Teams of students can go to places of planting and collect the information about the health of the plant. The same teams may also ascertain scope of further planting, preference of species etc. This will be the basis for total plan for the area under the school
4. At the school level the organizing cum Monitoring Committee will be formed under the Chairmanship of Head of Institutions and local Forest official (SF) of Kerala Forest Department as Convener. The Grama Panchayath Ward Member, a representative of PTA, a Teacher's representative and student's representative shall be the members. ~~shall be the members..~~ The committee will inform requirement of seedlings in the proforma enclosed with the circular. This proforma shall be filled up by the Head of the institution and routed through respective DEO/AEO to the ACFs (SF) in each district, in order that it reaches him not later than ~~may~~ 15th 2011. The Committee will be responsible for over seeing the implementation of the programme and issue necessary directions whenever required for the smooth implementation of the scheme at

School Level. This Committee will monitor the survival of the seedlings as well and report to the District Level Coordination Committee.

5. A calendar of activities is given in annexure that can be followed by all. Every institution can take up innovative steps that can make the campaign a success.
6. There will be a coordination Committee at District level under the Chairmanship of the District Collector. Deputy Director of Education will be the Vice-Chairman of the committee. The Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) will be Member Secretary of the committee. The committee may consist of DEOs, AEOs, Forest Range Officers (Social Forestry), Headmasters of the important schools, District NSS coordinator NGOs etc. The Chairman can add more people depending on the need. The Committee may meet in the first week of May, 2011 and draw up the plan for the district.
7. A State level Coordination Committee consisting of DPI, Thiruvananthapuram, CCF(SF), Thiruvananthapuram and other members at State Level is being constituted with immediate effect. The Committee may consist of Programme Director, SSA, Director, Higher Secondary Education, Director, Vocational Higher Secondary Education etc. The Coordination Committee may further plan the calendar of activities and monitor the successful implementation of the programme in the State.
8. DPI will monitor and issue necessary instruction to DD Education of each Districts and DEOs/AEOs of each Education District regarding the implementation of Programme from time to time.
9. DPI will issue specific direction for meetings (as per the Calendar of activities) to be organized by DEO and AEO of each Education District with High School Headmasters and LP School Headmasters respectively for firming up the programme. Range Officer/Foresters from Social Forestry Wing shall also attend these meetings from the Forest Department side.
10. Conveners of each of the committee shall collect periodically information about the programme, planting activities, survival rates, and other related

issues that can be useful for the successful implementation of the programme and will be useful for the future years.

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To

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The Director of Higher Secondary Education
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The Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education
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All District Collectors,
The Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry)
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