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Higher Education (K) Department

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Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 18/05/2018

**Sub:** Higher Education Department – Afforestation Programme under Haritha Keralam - participation of College Students-Implementation by Institutions -Circular issued – regarding.

**Ref:** 1. Letter No. SA2-2191/18 dated, 12.04.2018 from Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram  
2. Government Circular No. K1/49/2017/H.Edn dated, 22.04.2017

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The Colleges and other institutions have been actively participating during the previous years in tree planting activity and joining the Forest Department and other Government organizations for the cause of saving environment and mitigating adverse effects of Global warming. The participation of college students has been appreciable. Like previous year, the tree planting activity is to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018, World Environment Day. Although the programme is an ongoing one and instructions were already issued in the previous year, the following instructions are repeated again to ensure maximum participation in tree planting program.

- a) All the institutions will take part in this program through their students and plant trees in the coming monsoon season.
- b) Each institution will draw up a plan to motivate their students through various innovative activities such as debates, discussions, competitions on environment related issues, climate change and its dangerous consequences on our survival itself.
- c) A verification survey of the status of the plants distributed in the last year under the same scheme can be starter for 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 can also ascertain the scope of further planting, preference of species etc. This will be the basis for total plan for the area under the college.

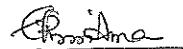
- d) A monitoring committee shall be constituted at College/Institutional level with one representative from Forest Department, two persons nominated by the Principal of Institutions (Senior one of whom will work as Chairman), one environmentalist, the local Panchayath President (or his nominee), and the NSS Programme Officer of the institution who will also act as Convenor of the Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for implementation of the programme and also for monitoring activities after planting and reporting the result of the monitoring etc., to the Principal of the Colleges/Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) of the District.
- e) In the meeting convened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19.01.2018 to review the preparedness for distribution of seedlings during 2018-19, it was decided that Education Department will implement monitoring arrangements through teachers as to whether seedlings distributed are properly planted and maintained.
- f) The NSS and NCC shall play a leading role in this.
- g) A register showing the total number and species of seedlings received from Forest Department and its utilization shall be maintained.

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