

## Conservation and Protection of Sacred Groves in Tamilnadu

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre was sanctioned a project on 'Conservation and Protection of Sacred Groves in Tamilnadu' by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The duration of the project was from April 2006 – March 2007.



*Padayathra to spread the message of Sacred Grove Conservation*

### Project Activities:

- Survey of 35 intact groves in Tamilnadu followed meetings with the local people
- Selection of the following 5 groves for the pilot study:
  - Kattakamanpatti – Edamalayan Mahalinga Karrupuswamy Grove, Dindigul
  - Genguvarpatti – Mattamalai Ayyanar Grove, Theni
  - Upputhurai – Maligaiparai Karuppuswamu Grove, Theni
  - Thulukkankulam – Perandammal – Karrupuswamy Grove , Virudhunagar
  - Madhapuram – Pathinettampadi Karrupuswamy Grove, Thoothukudi
- Workshop for Forest Range Officers / Foresters
- Awareness Programmes for the local people - The message of sacred grove conservation has reached:
  - 7790 students by way of our video-on-wheels
  - 3350 individuals (villagers and students) through folk art (*villupattu*) programmes
  - 990 individuals (women and students) through rallies / *padayathras*.