



SEMINAR ON SACRED GROVES OF SOUTH INDIA Saturday, December 20, 2025

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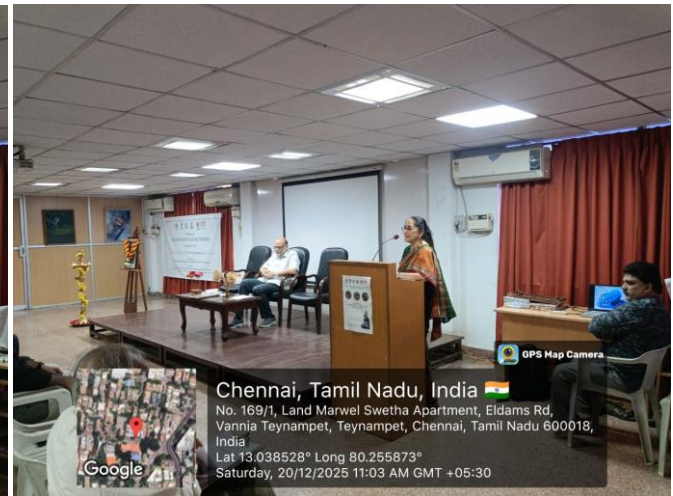
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A seminar on Sacred Groves of South India, organized by CPREEC EIACP PC-RP, Chennai was held on Saturday, 20.12.2025 to celebrate the Centenary of Dr M. S. Swaminathan, Founder Chairman of CPREEC. Dr. Sultan Ismail, Governing Body Member CPREEC & Member, Tamilnadu State Planning Commission inaugurated the seminar. Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Honorary Secretary, CPREEC presided over the function. Eight eminent speakers delivered talks on various topics covering the Sacred Groves of South India. 125 students and Assistant Professors from various colleges and 30 members of the general public participated in the programme.



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Ethno-Botanist and Director,
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– Sacred Groves of Kolli Hills

Dr. Kannan Warriar
Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur.
– Sacred Groves of Kerala

Dr. V. Krishnan
Officer on Special Duty (Retd.)
State Training Centre, Directorate of School Education,
Govt. of Puducherry.
– Sacred Groves of Puducherry

Dr. C.G Kushalappa
Former Dean, College of Forestry,
University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences,
Shivamogga.
– Sacred Groves of Karnataka

Dr. D. Narasimhan
Associate Professor (Retd.), Centre for Floristic Research,
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– Biodiversity and Sacred Groves

Dr. T. Ravishankar
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Mr. R. Selvapandian
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CPR. Environmental Education Centre, Chennai
– Restoration of Sacred Groves

Dr. P. Thamizoli
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– Anthropological perspective of Sacred Groves



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

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Seminar Banner



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