



Tree Planting Drive following Vardah Cyclone

Madras Christian College, India

MCC campus is known for its thick forest cover and also one of the rich floral and faunal diversity spots in Chennai region. Due to *Vardah* Cyclone on 12th December 2016, the campus lost over 600 exotic and few native trees including Copperpod, Rosy trumpets, Tamarind, Gulmohar, Teak, etc.



Rosy trumpet tree uprooted due to Vardah Cyclone

Prof. Edward Barnes Plantation Drive
- 9th October 2020-

NCC Cadets involved in planting tree
saplings 15th August 2017

Since then, the College has taken initiatives to increase the green cover by planting only native tree species and replacing the hedges of the campus with native shrubs and trees. Some of the common native plants include *Atalantia monophylla*, *Murraya paniculata*, *Streblus asper*, *Glycosmis mauritiana*, *Ixora parviflora*, *Suregada angustifolia* etc.

<p>2156 native tree saplings planted on campus between 2017 & 2022</p>	<p>19 departments Each planted a tree</p>	<p>6% organic matter Soil fertility has doubled in a decade</p>
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