Tamil Nadu Forest Department

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To
1. Registrar,
Vinayaka Mission's Research
Foundation (Deemed to be University),
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2. Director (Students Welfare), Finance
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Ref. No. SLMDIV/1567/2025-A2, dated. 12.02.2026.

Sir,

Sub. : Forests –Wildlife – Announcement, 2025-26 – Conservation of Bengal Fox and Jackal for Ecological Balance of Habitat – wildlife conservation study for conservation of Bengal fox – Student volunteers – requested – Regarding

Ref. :
1. G.O.(D) No.166, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department, Dated: 09.07.2025.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &Director, Advanced Institute for wildlife conservation (Research, Training & Education) Chennai Ref.no.P/1340071/2025, Dt:17.11.2025.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &Chief wildlife warden, Chennai Ref.No.WL6/7606/2025, Dt:05.12.2025.
4. Conservator of Forests, Salem, SLM-CR-304-2025-JDO, Dt:19.12.2025.

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With reference to the subject cited above, the Government has announced the conservation of the Bengal Fox and Golden Jackal for maintaining the ecological balance of natural habitats. Accordingly, it is proposed to conduct a **five-day village-level awareness programme**, preferably before **25th February 2026** in the Vazhapadi area, with primary focus on the **Bengal Fox (*Vulpes bengalensis*) and the Golden Jackal (*Canis aureus*)**, and their ecological role in agriculture and rural landscapes. The programme will be implemented across **five villages over five days**, aiming to create awareness among local communities about the importance of these species in controlling

agricultural pests, maintaining ecosystem balance, and supporting sustainable farming practices. Activities such as **photo exhibitions, street plays, short dramas, and puppet shows** will be conducted to effectively communicate conservation messages in a simple, interactive, and culturally relevant manner, engaging farmers, families, and children alike.

In this regard, the support of **Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF)** is kindly requested by permitting interested **student volunteers**, preferably from the **Environmental Club**, to participate in this field-based awareness activity. Student volunteers / Environment Club members will support the programme by guiding visitors, explaining exhibits, assisting in performances, and interacting with the community. The students will be guided and supervised throughout the programme. **Participation Certificates** will be issued to students upon successful completion of the programme.

Hence, it is requested to kindly consider the above proposal and extend necessary support by nominating interested students at the earliest to facilitate smooth conduct of the awareness programme.

For any further details or clarifications contact Dr. R. Brawin Kumar -93612 44606.

Yours faithfully,

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District Forest Officer,
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