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The Principals & Programme Officers, NSS, of all the institutions having NSS  
units.

Sub:- BANYAN TREE CONSERVATION & PLANTATION CAMPAIGN.

Madam / Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that the NSS Advisory Committee which met on 13.08.2015 have been pleased to decide to implement BANYAN TREE CONSERVATION & PLANTATION CAMPAIGN as one of the activity during the current academic year.

Therefore, you are requested to kindly plant minimum two nos. of Banyan trees maximum no limit and inform the undersigned the following details (**name of the institution, unit, date, place of plantation, no. of trees planted, details of future care, no. of volunteers present**) even in a postcard, Email, letter as per your convenience to enable the NSS Bureau to take further follow up action.

Following are the details of the campaign.

#### **BANYAN TREE CONSERVATION & PLANTATION CAMPAIGN**

The national tree of India, the banyan (*Ficus benghalensis*) is a very huge tree with long, deep roots and branches that symbolizes the country's unity. One can find banyan trees throughout the country. The huge sized tree acts as a shield and protects from hot sun. This is the reason why the tree is planted near burial grounds, temples, village tank embankments and roadsides. In the rural parts of the country, banyan tree is considered as the focal point of the Panchayats and the gathering place for village councils and meetings. The tree is also considered sacred by the Hindus of India. With high medicinal value, banyan is often used as a herb to treat and cure many diseases.

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