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Pondicherry University signs Talloires Declaration, pledges to impart environmental education

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PUDUCHERRY: Pondicherry University has signed the Talloires Declaration pledging to incorporate environmental literacy programmes in the institutions and in colleges affiliated to it.

Vice-chancellor Chandra Krishnamurthy signed the declaration and handed it over to Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses and Communities (APSCC) general secretary Nandhivarman, who is also its national level coordinator and facilitator, on June 5.

The university will launch its 10-point action plan that includes grooming environmentally responsible citizens and imparting environmental education to all.

The university will also take the 'sustainability literacy test' that will help the faculty members and students hone their skills in successfully solving global environmental challenges.

As of April this year, 468 universities in more than 40 countries have signed the declaration. Twenty nine institutions from India have so far signed the declaration.