

**Message for
Chinmaya Jayanti Day 2010
Swami Tejomayananda**

In Srimad Bhagavatam¹, Bhagavan Sri Krishna praises trees for their selfless service of others. They offer their leaves, flowers, fruits, roots, bark, timber, sweet-smelling sap, wood, tender shoots and ashes – all to serve others. They bear the wind, rain and heat, and give us shade and protection from them. They provide sustenance to all creatures in every way. This is how Pujya Gurudev lived and wanted us to live.

We celebrate Chinmaya Jayanti Day as Seva Day, reminding ourselves to serve others all through the year. Nature nourishes us, and it is our duty to nourish it in turn. We have to serve and preserve our natural environment.

This can be done in two ways: by not polluting the atmosphere and by preserving and enhancing the existing natural resources. Each one of us can do this by making small adjustments in our lifestyle. It will go a long way in bequeathing a healthy, green Earth to the future generations.

¹ Bhagavatam, 10. 22. 29-36

