

GOVT.ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE ELANTHOOR

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF NATURE CLUB 2019-2020

The world in 21st century is developing at alarming rate while on the other hand the destruction of natural resources is going on. Today, the human society is facing severe environmental problems like climate change, greenhouse effect, energy crisis, depletion of natural resources, biodiversity loss, pollution of air, water, soil, etc. The scope of the problems is from local level to global level. Higher educational institutions can be the best solution to solve this situation because; environmentally responsible citizens accept responsibility for what happens in their community – not only environmentally but also politically, and socio-economically. If it is the role of colleges to educate members of society, then they must be actively instrumental in the sustainability movement.

In this context, the **Nature Club of Govt. Arts and Science College Elanthoor** has always been committed to inspire students to think differently about the environment and encourage them to be *eco-friendly* and to do whatever they could do to protect nature. The club has an annual membership 40 members.

Objectives

- To help young people experience the wonder and wilderness of nature.
- To create awareness about environment and issues of conservation.
- To initiate conservation action and conservation education activities.
- To promote environment friendly lifestyles.

Activities of the year were coordinated by Ms. Hayarnnisa M, Head of the Dept. of Zoology.

World Environment Day celebration - 5 June 2020

Dr. R Rjashree, Principal our college inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling in our campus. She gave a speech on the importance of protecting our environment. Ms. Hayarnnisa M., HoD, Dept. of Zoology has presided over the function. Nature club, Bhoomithrasena and dept. Of Zoology collaboratively organised the programme. Saplings were distributed to the students as the part of the programme.

Nature Club Activities to make the campus Green

Nature club in association with Department of Zoology initiated the work for creating **butterfly garden** by planting host plants of butterflies on **18.07.2019**. Members of Nature Club always add new plants in the butterfly garden and maintained it. They also add new variety of plants to the campus. They always considered it as their responsibility towards nature. In return they derive satisfaction from involvement in the process of tending plants. **Small scale organic farming** Nature Club activities for the academic year was inaugurated on **19.01.2020** by our principal Dr .R Rjashree by planting vegetable seedlings in grow bag.

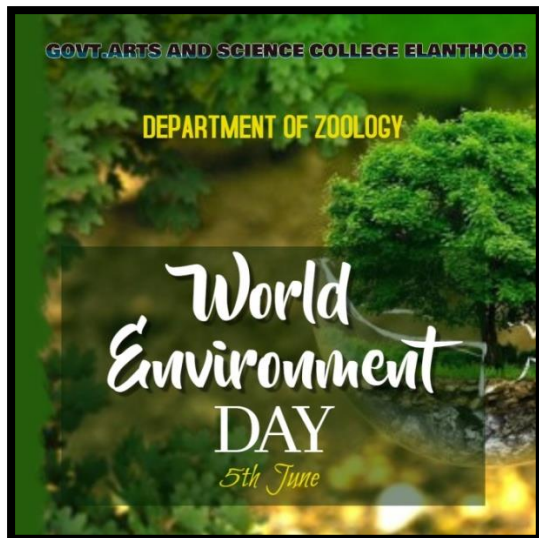
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Nature club in association with **Forest & Wild life Department of Kerala** Social Forestry Division, Pathanamthitta organized an one day camp at Ecotourism centre ,Konni. presidential address was given by P.A Hilal Babu ,Range Forest officer,Social Forestry Range ,Pathanamthitta. Hayarnnisa M,Co-ordinator of nature club welcomed all speakers as well as guests and all the participants behalf of institution. She explained the purpose behind the Nature camp.The Camp was inaugurated by Sri.Subhash K B, Assistant Forest Conservator, Social Forestry Division, Pathanamthitta, in his inaugural address he guided the participants regarding duties of college students in sustainable development. Facilitation offered by Sri.T S Dileep,Section Forest Section Officer & co-ordinator of Forestry club.

The first session class was on '**Environmental Pollution**'. Sri. V K Prakash, Section Forest Officer provided best knowledge about regarding different types of pollution in our day-today life and its impact. The participants also asked questions and Queries on the topic .Thus the session become very interactive.Second Session was conducted by Dr. Nishad P M ,Associate Professor, MACFAST, Thiruvalla on the topic **Bird Watching**. He introduced all the common birds found in Kerala. This Session was very informative and interesting to the students.

After lunch break the students were grouped around 1.30 pm at Adavi and instruction for trekking given by the forest Section Officer. Konni Forest Division forms part of Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve which is one of the main three centers of endemism identified within the state. A Forest Guide and Dr. Nishad PM guided the students in Bird watching and to enjoying the beauty of Forest. Section Offficer also explained different aspects of ecotourism in Adavi. After trekking, they visited konni Elephant cage.

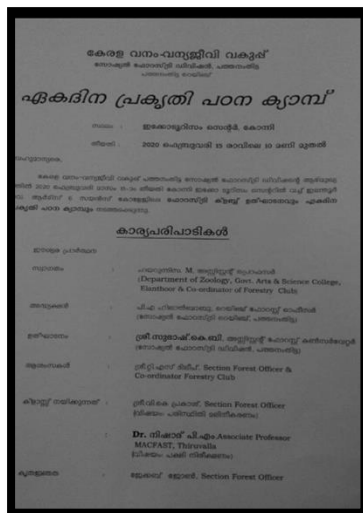
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Inaugural session and talk on Environmental pollution and Birds of Kerala

Trekking and Bird Watching



