

NATURE CLUB

Nature club is a body of nature lovers from various departments of the college. The club has been active on the campus since last two decades. The club is led by a group of teachers and students from various departments participate Club activities. In the beginning to each academic year, under the leadership of the teacher co-ordinator, the club members, both students and teachers assemble to frame an action plan for the year. Nature club regularly organises awareness programmes and celebrates days of importance related to environment and biodiversity.

The major objectives of the club are:

1. To make aware about the concept of ecological balance through eco sensitive programmes.
2. To sensitize, create awareness, motivate and educate students about environment conservation
3. To develop commitment towards environment.
4. To inculcate the importance of environmental Cleanliness
5. To develop leadership qualities through interdisciplinary group activities.

Convenor : Dr. Sushama Raj R. V.: Dept. of Botany

Members : Dr. S. Thara : Dept. of Zoology

Dr. M. Parameela : Dept. of Zoology

Dr. Devi Priya M. S. : Dept. of Botany

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The Nature Club was reconstructed in August, 2016 by nominating Dr. Sushama Raj R. V. (Dept. of Botany), Dr. S. Thara (Dept. of Zoology), Dr. M. Prameela (Dept. of Zoology) and Dr. Devi Priya M. S. (Dept. of Botany) as faculty members. Members of the Club meet for the Club's first official meeting on 21/09/2016 to frame an action plan for the year 2016 – 17. The meeting selected Dr. Sushama Raj R. V. as the Convenor/Coordinator of the Club. It was also decided to circulate a notice to invite II DC students as members. The response was tremendous and the total number of members was 78 from Dept. of Botany, Zoology, Home Science and Hindi.

A joint meeting of faculty and student members of the Club was conducted on 18/10/2016 to discuss the action plan of the Club. The Nature Club Conducted following activities during the academic Year 2016 – 17.

- Activities of the Nature Club for the year 2016 – 17 were conducted on 04/11/2016 by **Sri. C. K. Karunakaran, IFS.,** Rtd. Head and Chief Conservator, Dept. of Forest & Wildlife. On the occasion he delivered a talk on “**Biodiversity among Plants**”. Our Principal Dr. Ambili Kutty Amma P. presided the meeting.
- A nursery of saplings of “Lekshmi Tharu” was maintained by the Club. These saplings were distributed among the students, teachers and the people outside the campus, free of cost, as an awareness programme. The event was also inaugurated by **Sri. C. K. Karunakaran, IFS.** by handing over the same to our Principal.
- Documented the details of trees in our College Campus in association with “Friends of Trees”, an environmental organisation functioning in Thiruvananthapuram. **The tree register** and a printed book with details of trees were released on 05/06/2016, World Environment Day.
- During the documentation process, it was observed that “Maruthwa Garden” of our college is gradually transforming to a natural forest by gradual desiccation. So it was decided not to interfere the garden to enhance the process. This will increase the biodiversity of the campus.
- Conducted a one day seminar on “Importance of Snakes in Nature” and an awareness programme to break the taboo on Snakes, on 07/06/2016.

- Celebrated “World Ozone Day” in collaboration with Science Club on 06/10/2016. On this occasion, an Invited lecture was organised and. Dr. T. S. Preetha, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany, University College, TVPM, was served as the resource person and the topic was “Ozone and Environment”. On this occasion an exhibition was also conducted.
- Nature Club students participated in one day seminar and a photo exhibition organized by “Sahyadri natural History Society” on 08/10/2016 in connection with Biodiversity week celebrations.
- Nature Club Students participated in a one day workshop on “Grow bag manufacturing using Flex” on 09/10/2016.
- Nature Club members jointed hands with “Friends of Trees” an Environmental Society to celebrate birthday of 08 “Asoka trees” at Vazhuthacadu, on 15/10/2016.
- Club members participated in the “Biodiversity Expo” organised by Kerala Biodiversity Board, in connection with 3rd Biodiversity Congress at Tagore Theatre on 25/02/2017.

Future Plans

- Planning to register the club in WWF. The proposal will be submitted to the authority by last week of March, 2017.
- Planning to organize an environmental film festival.