

# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

2017

“Connecting People To Nature”

*Report of Programmes Organised by*

**Kerala University College of Teacher Education,  
Kayamkulam**

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Environment, Thiruvananthapuram**

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Programme Coordinator

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Principal

## **ACTIVITY CORNER**

As a part of World Environment day celebration, various activities were organized in the campus. A weeklong celebration was conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017. All the student teachers and staff of the institution as well as students of nearby institutions whole heartedly participated in the programmes to make it a grand success. The programmes conducted are listed below:

<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>
1.	05/06/17	Nature Walk
2	05/06/17	Inauguration-Green Corner
3	05/06/17	Painting Competition for High School Students
4	07/06/17	Inter training College Quiz Competition
5	09/06/17	Seminar
6	09/06/17	Nature Walk Report Presentation
7	09/06/17	Green Corner Report Presentation
8	09/06/17	Poster Presentation
9	09/06/17	PPT Presentation Competition
10	09/06/17	Video Presentation

# **REPORT**

## **Activities Conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

On 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017, the students and staff of the institution conducted 'Nature walk' in the campus premises. 'Green corner board' was inaugurated and a painting competition for high school students in various schools in Kayamkulam town was also conducted.

### **1) NATURE WALK PROGRAMME**

On 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 at 11.30 am, the student teachers and teaching staff of the institution went for nature walk. The student teachers were divided in to four groups, each group consisting of 11 students. The campus premise was divided in to four sections. Each group of students was asked to explore the area allotted to them and identify any two distinct/medicinal plants. They were also required to take a photo of the plants and collect details of the plant as listed below -

- Scientific name of the plant
- Locality of the plant
- Physical properties
- Medicinal properties
- Other significance/properties

Forty five minutes were given for the nature walk. After that all the students and teachers assembled in the general hall. Students presented the plants identified and explained the details regarding the plants. Those who could not identify the name were given time till next working day to collect the details. The students were very active in sharing their knowledge regarding the plants. About thirty plants with traditional medicinal properties were identified by the students. The programme was supervised by Dr.Smitha.J.M, Programme coordinator. The report of the Nature Walk programme was presented by Ms.Revathy, President - Nature club; in the seminar held on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017.

## NATURE WALK →



## **2. GREEN CORNER**

A board with the name 'Green Corner' was placed near the main entrance of the college. The main objective of erecting this board was to encourage students to write any of the environment friendly activities done by them on that particular day.

The board was divided in to six areas. Five optional groups of students were given each area and the last area was allotted to staff of the institution. The board was kept at display for five days from 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017. All the students and teachers whole heartedly participated in the green board activity and made it a grand success. The green initiatives taken by students/teachers were many – some abandoned plastic carry bags, few switched to steel tiffin boxes instead of plastic ones, and many started using jute bags/cloth bags. Some of them reported that they started gardening and spent some time in their garden. This programme was administered by Dr.Smitha.J.M, Assistant Professor. A report of the activities done by the students and teachers was presented by Ms.Unnimaya, Secretary - Nature club; in the seminar held on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017.

### **GREEN CORNER →**





### **3. PAINTING COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A Painting competition for high school students was conducted in the college auditorium. Smt.Anupama.V.S, Assistant Professor and Smt. Rani Rajan, Assistant Professor, were in charge of the programme. They were assisted by students under the leadership of Ms.Devika. Nine students from various schools from nearby institutions participated in the competition. Topic of the competition was - ‘Connecting People to Nature’. The paintings were evaluated by Sri.Madhu.S, Assistant Professor in Performing Arts.

#### Name of the winners

- I Prize** - Kumari.Nandana.S, Govt. Girl’s High School, Kayamkulam  
**II Prize** - Master.Sooraj.M.Dev, Govt. Boy’s High School, Kayamkulam  
**III Prize** - Kumari.Devi Baby, Govt. Girl’s High School, Kayamkulam

The winners were given prizes and certificates during the inaugural session of the seminar on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 in the college auditorium.

#### **PAINTING COMPETITION →**



## Activities Conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017

On 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 an Inter Training College Quiz Competition was conducted in the college auditorium . The topic of the competition was – ‘Connecting People to Nature’.

### **4. INTER TRAINING COLLEGE QUIZ COMPETITION -NATURE QUEST**

In the quiz competition five teams participated including one team from the host institution. The teams participated were from Peet Memorial Training College, KUCTE – Alappuzha, KUCTE – Kunnam, Jameela Beevi College of Teacher Education - Kayamkulam and KUCTE - Kayamkulam. Smt.Chitra.I, Assistant Professor; was in charge of the programme. Smt. Sabeena.S, Assistant Professor was the quiz master and Smt.Anupama.V.S, Assistant Professor managed the score board. All the teaching staff helped in collecting questions and in planning the various sessions of the quiz competition. The quiz included seven rounds including one visual round.

#### Name of the Winners

- I prize** - Ms.Sherin George & Ms.Aswathy .R  
Peet Memorial Training College, Mavellikara
- II Prize** - Ms.Manju.S & Ms.Nasila.K.N  
KUCTE, Alappuzha
- III Prize** - Ms.Arya.V.S & Ms.Safiyath.I  
KUCTE,Kayamkulam

The winners were given individual memento and certificates in the inaugural session of the seminar held on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 in the college auditorium.

## QUIZ COMPETITION →





## Activities Conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017

### 5. SEMINAR

A seminar on the topic “Nurturing Naturalistic Intelligence to Craft a Green World” was organized in the campus on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017. All the nearby institutions both schools and colleges were informed about the seminar. All the BEd centres affiliated to Kerala University and other authorities and previous year students were also invited for the seminar.

For the smooth conduct of the seminar, students and teachers were divided in to various committees. Dr.Sunith Kumar.G.N, Principal was the General Convener of the seminar. Dr.Smitha.J.M, Assistant Professor was the programme coordinator. After discussing with the Principal, the Programme coordinator prepared the brochure, certificates and other materials for the seminar.

### BROCHURE FOR SEMINAR →

**Academic Sessions**  
Session I (10.30 - 11.30 a.m.)  
**Water Conservation & River Rejuvenation-Kerala**  
by  
**Dr. Sobu T.**  
Programme Director  
Center for Environment & Development, IVM  
Session II (11.35 - 12.35 p.m.)  
**ECO-FRIENDLY FARMING**  
by  
**Dr. Chandrika Mohan**  
Principal Scientist, CPCRI, Koyamkulam  
Lunch Break  
(12.35-1.30 p.m.)  
Session III (1.30 - 2.30 p.m.)  
**ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY FOOD HABITS**  
by  
**Smt. Sujitha Suseelan.S**  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Home Science,  
Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly  
Session IV (2.30 - 3.30 p.m.)  
Power Point Presentation Competition  
Video Presentation  
Nature Walk, Report Presentation  
Green Corner Report Presentation  
Seminar Certificate Distribution

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION -2017**  
"CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE"  
One day Seminar on  
**NURTURING NATURALISTIC INTELLIGENCE TO CRAFT A GREEN WORLD**  
on  
9th June 2017  
Venue: College Auditorium, KUCTE, Koyamkulam

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**  
REGISTRATION  
9.00-9.30 AM  
INAUGURATION FUNCTION  
9.30-10.30 AM  
College Choir  
Dr. Smitha J.M  
Programme Co-ordinator  
Welcome Speeches  
Dr. G.N. Sunith Kumar  
Principal, KUCTE, Koyamkulam  
Presidential Address  
Sri. Adv. K.H. Babujan  
Member, Syndicate,  
University of Kerala  
Inauguration  
Sri. Adv. K.H. Babujan  
Member, Syndicate,  
University of Kerala  
Environmental Protection Oath Taking Ceremony  
A Tribute to Mother Nature-Cultural Programmes  
Distribution of Prizes to Winners of Various Competitions  
Distribution of Vegetable Seedlings  
Felicitation Speech  
Smt. Sherikatty T. Molikali  
Principal,  
KCTE, Koyamkulam  
Smt. Sujitha J.  
Headmistress,  
KCTE, Koyamkulam  
Sri. Ummi Krishnan .N  
Headmistress,  
KCTE, Koyamkulam  
Smt. Marichadas J.  
Assistant Headmistress,  
KCTE, Koyamkulam  
Sri. Marichadas J.  
Vice-Principal, KCTE,  
Koyamkulam  
Mr. Sebastian K.C.  
Chairman, College Union  
Vote of Thanks  
Smt. Rani Rajan  
Staff Secretary

**GREEN TIPS FOLLOW IT & SAVE OUR PLANET**  
Avoid plastic carry bags, carry your own cloth/jute bags  
Buy produce & plant from  
Switch off lights and fans after use  
Don't waste water, understand it is precious  
Re-use vegetables or food waste in a meal  
Use metal or glass jugs instead of plastic  
Leave the car and two wheelers home. Use local bus/train  
Stop littering the roads  
Try to use local products  
Make sure refrigerator is shut properly  
Use ink pen & reuse plastic pens  
Avoid perfume and aerosols  
Use iron or steel utensils for cooking  
Re-use old newspapers, files, envelopes, etc.  
Buy notebooks made from recycled paper  
Make maximum usage of daylight to reduce usage of electricity  
Paint your home with eco friendly paints  
Treat animals & birds with kindness  
Use steel and glass, plastic bottles and other utensils  
Use wooden /bamboo furniture  
Use cloth instead of paper tissues  
Avoid junk food & sugarcinated drinks  
Avoid using lift/elevator  
Avoid using air conditioner/washing machines/mixer/grinder...etc  
Avoid unnecessary printing & photocopying  
Re-use old newspaper and plastic items as decorative pieces  
Try rain water harvesting  
Encourage children to play outdoors & enjoy the beauty of nature  
Make a compost pit at home  
Use dustbins & don't litter your surroundings  
Eat traditional foods

**SEMINAR THEME**  
Dear,  
"As you know, it's time! Once again UN Environment asks to make the biggest global call and mobilization for action on 5 June, World Environment Day (WED).  
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action and takes place every 5th June. This year's host country Canada got to choose the theme and will be at the centre of celebrations around the planet. World Environment Day is a day for everyone, everywhere. Since it began in 1972, global citizens have organized many thousands of events, from neighborhood clean-ups, to action against wildlife crime, to redefining forests.  
"Connecting People to Nature", the theme for World Environment Day 2017, invites us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. This year's theme invites you to think about how we are part of nature and how intensely we depend on it. It challenges us to find fun and exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship.  
DISCOVERING WISDOM IN NATURE  
"Nature is man's teacher. He who looks at nature in his search, unseals his eye, thames his mind and perfects his heart, an infinite teacher from off the eight and ends of his existence." - Alfred Russel Wallace  
In recent decades, scientific advances as well as growing environmental problems, such as global warming are helping us to understand the countless ways in which natural systems support our own prosperity and well-being. We are conducting this seminar to nurture the naturalistic intelligence in your brain for our wellbeing. This seminar will help you to understand our nature and enjoy its beauty.  
We cordially invite you to actively participate in this seminar and share your ideas and enrich the session with your esteemed presence.  
Dr. Sunith Kumar G.N  
Principal

## CERTIFICATE →



## PARTICIPANT ID →

## BADGE →



## CLOTH BANNER →



Brochure as well as all the materials of the seminar was printed in green colour to give it a nature related outlook. Many environment friendly daily tips in the title ‘Green Tips’ was included in the brochure to encourage participants to protect Mother Nature.

## **REGISTRATION**

The registration desk opened at 9.00 am. About hundred delegates participated in the seminar. All the participants registered were given a notepad, brochure, a pencil and seminar ID card along with a copy of Green Pledge. The resource persons were given cardboard file, pencil, badge, seed packet, brochure and notepad each. As part of conducting a plastic free seminar, pencils and cardboard files were specially handpicked for the participants. The flex was also printed in cloth. The teachers in charge of registration committee were Smt.Anupama.V.S and Smt.Sabeena.S. They were assisted by student teachers under the leadership of Ms.Jasmin.

### **REGISTRATION DESK →**





## **INAUGURATION**

The inaugural session was held at the college auditorium at 9.30 a.m. The stage was decorated with natural flowers brought by the students from their homes. Smt.Hema Letha, Assistant Professor was in charge of stage arrangements. She was assisted by student teachers under the leadership of Ms.Shikha. The formal function started with a prayer regarding Mother Nature. The lyrics of the prayer song were composed by Ms.Kavyasree and it was recited by Nature club members. Dr.Smitha.J.M, Programme Coordinator welcomed the gathering. Dr.Sunith Kumar.G.N, Principal presided the function. The seminar was inaugurated by Sri.Adv.K.H.Babujan, Honorable Syndicate Member, University of Kerala. In his inaugural speech, many issues related to urbanization and globalization and its harmful effects on nature were discussed. After the speech, the chief guest officially inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. A gift was given to the chief guest by the Principal as a token of respect.

### **INAUGURATION →**



It was followed by Green Oath taking ceremony. The pledge was prepared by the teaching staff of the institution. The main objective of the pledge was to remind each one of us about the importance of biodiversity and our duty to conserve it. The Oath was led by Dr.Smitha.J.M, Programme Coordinator. A copy of pledge was distributed to all the participants of the seminar.

## GREEN OATH →

**ഹരിത പ്രതിജ്ഞ**

ജലം, വായു, ഭക്ഷണം, ഊർജം, ജീവിവൈവിധ്യം തുടങ്ങി എണ്ണിയാലൊക്കട്ടെത്താത്ത വിഭവങ്ങളുടെ കലവറയായ പ്രകൃതി മാതാവിനെ ഞാൻ വന്ദിക്കുന്നു.

കരുതലിലാണ് നാളെയുടെ കരുത്ത് എന്ന് ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു.....

- ഞാൻ പരിസ്ഥിതി സംരക്ഷണയജ്ഞത്തിലെ കരുത്തുള്ള ചങ്ങല കണ്ണിയായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കും
- ഞാൻ ജൈവ വൈവിധ്യ സംരക്ഷണത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി സഹജിവികളെ ബോധവാന്മാരാക്കും
- ഞാൻ പ്രകൃതിയുടെ എണ്ണിയാലൊക്കട്ടെത്താത്ത,വിലമതിക്കാനാകാത്ത വിഭവങ്ങളെ ബഹുമാനിക്കുകയും സംരക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുമെന്ന് പ്രതിജ്ഞ ചെയ്യുന്നു.

**ഇത് സത്യം സത്യം സത്യം .....**





It was followed by distribution of prizes to winners of various competitions held in the campus in connection with the celebrations. The prizes were distributed by Dr. Sabu.T, Programme Director, Center for Environment & Development, Trivandrum. He also handed over saplings to Mr.Sebastin, Chairman of College Union. It was followed by distribution of vegetable seeds, which was received by Ms.Revathy, President of College Nature Club. All the participants were given saplings and vegetable seeds.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, SAPLINGS & VEGETABLE SEEDS →**



A cultural programme – ‘A tribute to Mother Nature’ was presented by student teachers. The skit was coordinated by Sri.Madhu.S, Assistant Professor in Performing Arts. The theme of the skit was deforestation, pollution and its harmful effects on Mother Nature thereby leading to end of human beings.

#### **A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER NATURE →**



It was followed by felicitation speech by Mr.Sebastin.K.C, Chairman OF College Union. Smt.Rani Rajan, Staff Secretary delivered the vote of thanks for the function. This was followed by thematic sessions.

#### **THEMATIC SESSIONS:**

First session was handled by Dr. Sabu.T, Programme Director, Center for Environment & Development, Trivandrum. He delivered a knowledgeable session on ‘Water Conservation & River Rejuvenation in Kerala’. Students actively participated in the discussion. Smt.Chitra.I welcomed the expert and Mr.Sebastin.K.C delivered vote of thanks for the session. Second session was handled by Dr.Chandrika Mohan, Principal Scientist, CPCRI, Kayamkulam. She delivered a session on ‘Eco- Friendly Farming’. Smt. Rani Rajan welcomed the guest and Ms.Rakhi delivered the vote of thanks. After the lunch break, the third session was handled by Smt.Sajitha Suseelan.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly. The topic was ‘Environment friendly food habits’. The resource person was welcomed by Smt. Hemaletha, Assistant Professor and Ms.Unnimaya delivered voted of thanks for the class. Power point presentation was used for the presentation.

**Dr.S.SABU – ‘WATER CONSERVATION AND RIVER REJUVENATION’ →**



**Dr.CHANDRIKA MOHAN – ‘ECO-FRIENDLY FARMING’ →**



**Smt.SAJITHA SUSEELAN - ‘ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY FOOD HABITS’ →**



## **FOOD & REFRESHMENT**

Tea and Biscuits were given as refreshment. Vegetarian lunch was distributed. Smt.Rani Rajan was in charge of food committee. Student teachers under the leadership of Ms.Manju assisted her. Steel plates and plantain leaves were used for distributing food.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. NATURE WALK REPORT PRESENTATION**

Ms. Revathy, President - Nature Club presented the report of nature walk conducted in the campus on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. In the Nature Walk, students explored more than 40 traditional plants which are now considered rare in our locality. The plants identified were *Thumpa, Keezhar Nelli, Kallurukki, Neelappala, Shankhupushpam, Guava, Touch-me-not, Nellipuli, Cheroolla, Aavanakku, Banyan plant, Aadalodakam, Pea, Communist-pacha, Kayyoonni, Karuka, Muyal-Cheviyan, Areacanut, Poovamkurunilla, Kummini-pacha, Mani-thakkali, Neer-valli-pullu, Colacasia, Yam, Koval* etc.

### **7. GREEN CORNER REPORT PRESENTATION**

Ms. Unnimaya, Secretary - Nature Club presented the report of 'Green Corner' - an initiative to encourage students and teachers to do environment friendly activity daily. The board was displayed for five working days from 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017. It was interesting to see all the students and teachers very actively scribing their activities daily on the board.

### **8. POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION**

A poster presentation competition on the topic 'Connecting People to Nature' was also conducted. More than ten students from various optional subjects participated in the competition. Criteria for evaluation were informed earlier. Smt.Sajitha Suseelan was the judge of the programme. The participation was limited to student teachers of KUCTE Kayamkulam.

### Name of Winners

**I Prize** - Ms.Jancy John, Physical Science

**II Prize** - Ms.Safiyath.I, Arabic

**III Prize** - Ms.Manju Varghese, Social Science

The winners were given prizes and certificates by Dr.G.N.SunithKumar, Principal.

## **9. POWER POINT PRESENTATION COMPETITION**

After the thematic session, power point presentation on the topic 'Connecting People to Nature' was conducted. Five students representing each optional subject participated in the competition. Criteria for evaluation were informed earlier. Dr.Smitha.J.M judged the performers of the programme. The participation was limited to student teachers of KUCTE, Kayamkulam.

### Name of Winners

**I Prize** - Ms.Jasmina Jabbar, Natural Science,

**II Prize** - Ms.Renju Rajan,Natural Science

**III Prize** - Ms.Femitha Shahul,Physical Science

The winners were given prizes and certificates by Dr.G.N.SunithKumar, Principal.

## **10. VIDEO PRESENTATION**

Student teachers of various optional subjects presented videos related to nature. This was not a competition item. The main objective of the programme was to develop naturalistic intelligence in student teachers.



## PRESENTATIONS →



## CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

All participants of the seminar were given certificates by Dr.G.N.Sunith Kumar, Principal.

The programme concluded with National Anthem by 5.00p.m. The whole programme was plastic free and environment friendly.

## PUBLICITY

The programme was publicized through various daily newspapers. The news regarding the celebration was published in leading dailies - Malayala Manorama (10<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017) and Deshabhimani (11<sup>th</sup> June 2017).

### Deshabhimani 11.Jun.2017

### Malayala Manorama 10.Jun.2017

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