

Report on World Wetland Day 2017 Observed on 2nd February 2017

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As part of world wetland day 2017 Kerala University College of Teacher Education Kayamkulam with the support of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) organized seminar on "Healthy wetlands for a better future" on February 2, 2017 at college auditorium. The fund allotted for the seminar was 18,000/- following details will provide information about the programmes conducted and fund utilization.

Focal theme of the seminar:

Wetland Restoration and Protection

Main aim of conducting the programme was creating an awareness on wetland functions and values, benefits of wetland resources, how changing climate affect wetlands, ecological role of wetlands, importance of wetlands in the recreational, educational and in the fields of research.

Registration

More than 100 participants including teacher educators, student teachers, academicians staff of our college and nearby schools also attended the seminar.

INAUGURAL SESSION

One Day Seminar on "Healthy Wetlands for a better future" was conducted on 2 February 2017 at KUCTE auditorium. In the inaugural session Smt. Rani Rajan (Assistant Prof in Social Science) and programme co-ordinator delivered welcome speech. The function was presided by Smt. Hemalatha. T (Assistant Prof in Natural Science) and senior faculty of the college delivered a good presidential speech. In her speech she focused on the importance of protecting wetlands, need for avoiding plastics etc...The seminar was inaugurated by Dr.K.Manickaraj Hon'ble Member Syndicate University Of Kerala (Assistant Prof in Tamil, University college, Thiruvananthapuram). He delivered an influential speech by sighting many examples from daily life. He also used many proverbs to direct the focus of the participants to the focal theme of the seminar. College Development Council vice president of 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 Sri. Salahudeen. A and Sri.k.Muraleedharan wished all success to the venture. Smt. Sherlikutty T molickal principal G.B.H.S Kayamkulam and Smt. J .Sudha Headmistress G.B.H.S Kayamkulam extended their

felicitations. Staff Advisor Dr.Smitha J M Assistant Professor in Perspectives of Education expressed gratitude to all participants on behalf of our institution.

About the Thematic Session

FIRST SESSION

First session of the seminar was handled by Sri. Abraham Thomas .M (National Volunteer ,WWF India, Associate Prof Peet Memorial Training College, Mavelikkara).The topic was “Wetland Diversity Of Kerala-Need of its Conservation for the Water Security Of The State “.He focused on the wetland sources of kerala and its significance. He also pointed out that there are many govt policies to protect the wetlands of Kerala. But we were not giving any importance to this policies . He suggested the need for protecting the wetlands for the future generation.

SECOND SESSION

Second session was handled by Sri.Hari Mavelikkara(National Volunteer and Key Resource Person, WWF India).The topic of the session was “Floral and Faunal Diversity Of Organisms In The Wetlands Of Kerala”.He focused the need for keeping ecological balance for that it is very essential to protect the animals and bird species of our country.Majority of animals and birds depends on wetlands for their living .He suggested the importance of wetlands and the need to protect it.He also suggested the need for maintaining ecological balance for the proper existence of the whole world.

The two thematic sessions were very informative and academically very informative for the whole participants. The two sessions also generated proper knowledge about the protection of wetlands. After the session the students also suggested many views for protecting the wetlands.

On the same day other related activities were conducted such as slide presentation of the theme, poster presentation, and essay competition. Students of KUCTE kayamkulam were the participants of the slide and poster presentations and the participants of essay competition were the higher secondary students of GGHSS school Kayamkulam. The details of the results were given below.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Winners

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| First | - | Unnimaya | - | Physical Science |
| Second | - | Athira U.S | - | Social Science |
| Third | - | Revathy | - | Natural Science |

POSTER PRESENTATION

First - Kavyasree - Social Science
Second - Sabiyath - Arabic
Third - Manju Varghese - Social Science

ESSAY COMPETITION

First - Sruthy.s - +2-Science - GGSS
Second - Dhiya Fathima - +2-Humanities- GGSS
Third - Arsha Govind - +1-Humanities- GGSS

GRATITUDES

In this present scenario it is very essential to protect the remaining Wetlands. For this we express Our sincere thanks to Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment for supporting us to organize the seminar on World Wetland Day. We also extend our thanks to the resource persons who make this seminar a fruitful one. Thank you all.