

SREE NARAYANA COLLEGE, CHENGANNUR

World Wetland Day Celebrations 2019

Report

World Wetland Day is celebrated across the world on February 2, to commemorate the Ramsar convention on Wetlands held in 1971. This year the day is celebrated based on the focal theme *Wetlands and climate change*. As part of the celebrations, Department of Chemistry, Bhoomithra Sena Club and NSS units of Sree Narayana College, Chengannur organized a series of programmes to raise the awareness of students and public on the importance of conservation and sustainable management of wetlands. The programme was sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE).

Day 1 1/2/2019

The programme started with registration at 9.00 am at college auditorium, SN College Chengannur. The inaugural function started with invocation by Ms. Surya S, II MSc Chemistry student of our college. Dr. K. Shiny Sreedhar, Principal, presided over the function. Dr. Sheela S Fernandez, Head, Department of Chemistry bid a warm welcome to the students, faculties and guests. Smt K. K. Radhamma, President, Chriyanadu Panchayath of Chengannur inaugurated the celebrations by lighting up the lamp. In her inaugural speech, she stressed the importance of protecting wetland and planting trees to address the water scarcity problem we are facing. She emphasised the need for the sustainable management of wetlands in our locality. Dr. Venu S (IQAC Coordinator) and Smt. Aswathy Raj (Member, Bhoomithra Sena Club) delivered felicitations. Smt Jisha Sreedharan, NSS Programme Officer delivered the vote of thanks.

The inaugural function was followed by an invited talk on "Hydrochemistry of Wetland Resources" by Dr. Anoop Krishnan K. He explained the structure of wetland,

Chemistry of wetland and how it retains water. He also discussed the challenges facing the wetlands and the way forward to conserve and protect wetlands for the urban communities that rely on it for livelihoods. It was an inspiring talk. The talk was followed by an interactive session. Members shared their views on the possible measures to protect wetland.

A debate competition on the topic “Wetlands and Urban Future” was organized in the afternoon as part of the awareness programme. Four teams of two students participated in the competition. Mr. Vinayan S and Mr. Manu Muraleedharan of First BSc Mathematics bagged first prize, Mr. Ambadi Namboothiri U and Mr. Arjun B of First BSc Chemistry secured second prize and Mr. Amrithjith and Mr. Karthik K First B.Com got third prize. Cash prizes of Rs. 1500/-, Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 500/- was given to the winners.

Day 2, 2/02/2019

On the second day of the celebration a short film “Punarjjani” was presented. The film gave an awareness among students about the need to preserve our environment and how difficult it is to rejuvenate a river. It was really a thought provoking documentary.

Essay competition on the focal theme was organized as part of the awareness programme. About twenty students participated in the competition. Ms Devu D, Third BSc Mathematics bagged first prize, Ms. Athulya Mohanan First BSc Chemistry secured second prize and Ms. Ammu L First BSc Physics and Mr. Karthik K First B.Com shared third prize. Cash prizes of Rs. 1500/-, Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 500/- was given to the winners.

During valedictory function that followed participants shared their feelings and culminated by taking to protect wetland. The conveners expressed their gratitude.



Inaugural session: Welcome Speech by Dr. Sheela S Fernandez



Inauguration by Smt. K K Radhamma



Inaugural session: Presidential address by Dr. K. Shiny Sreedhar



Inaugural session: Felicitation by Smt. Aswathy Raj



Inaugural session: Vote of thanks by Smt. Jisha Sreedharan



Dr. Anoop Krishnan delivering the invited talk



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Essay Competition for students



Documentary Show



Debate Competition



Prize distribution

