

## **REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATURE CLUB & THE BIRD CLUB OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MANARCAD FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18**

God created this beautiful earth for man to live. It is full of various plants, trees, birds, animals etc. As Gandhiji said, 'There is enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed'. But now a days the exploitation of natural resources is going on at an alarming rate. The result manifests in many ways all over the globe. A nature club and a bird club aims to create awareness about the importance of protecting our nature & environment among the students.

A unit of bird club was inaugurated by the noted film director Sri. Jayaraj on 29th June 2017. He also inaugurated the activities of the nature club for the academic year 2017-18. Dr. Shiby Susan Kuriakose and Dr. Sholly Clair George are the teachers in charge of the nature club and the bird club in our college. Smt. Vijayalakshmi L, Sme. Remi Anna Sunny, Smt. Lini V Korah also supports in the activities of Bird club. The working committee for the academic year 2017-18 included Divya Varghese (Secretary), Jehu Thomas (Joint Secretary), and Ananthakrishnan R (Tresurar).



A mobile biodiversity exhibition set up on a remodelled Kerala State Transport Corporation bus was initiated by KSBB (Kerala State Biodiversity Board). The mobile exhibition showcases the rich biodiversity of Kerala through attractive panels providing information on status, trends and threats to biodiversity of Kerala. In addition, the bus also has models of unique ecosystems of Kerala (Jaivavaividhya ratham)

Members of the nature club and the bird club visited the Jaivavaividhya ratham on 6th July 2017



**July** : The members of the nature club cleared the thickets near a curve on the road which obstructed the visibility and planted some flowering plants there.







**August:** A quiz programme on general environment was conducted on 29th August 2017. Smt. Vijayalakshmi of Zoology Department was the quiz master. Madhavaraman M and Gokul S Dileep of D1 B.Com got the first prize. Gayathry S and Athira P Das of D3 Chemistry got the second prize. Sneha Elsa Poulouse and Ananthakrishnan of Zoology Department got the third prize.







## **November**

Distribution of saplings of various plants was done in November. Saplings of passion fruit, akashavellari, two types of custard apple etc were distributed among students. On the same day some ocimum santum plants (thulasi) and marigold plants were planted near the college.









Saplings of some custard apple tree, guava tree, jack fruit tree were planted near the football ground.



**December:** More saplings of flowering plants were planted along the road side near college.



**Study Tour:** A one day study tour was conducted on 23rd December 2017. The destination was Thommankuthu eco tourism centre, Thodupuzha. 30 students and 5 accompanying teachers visited the centre and it was very informative trip.









**Conclusion:** We hope that our activities helped us to bring some insight into our students and the general public about the fact that without protecting nature one cannot survive on earth. We are hopeful in arranging more programmes in future.