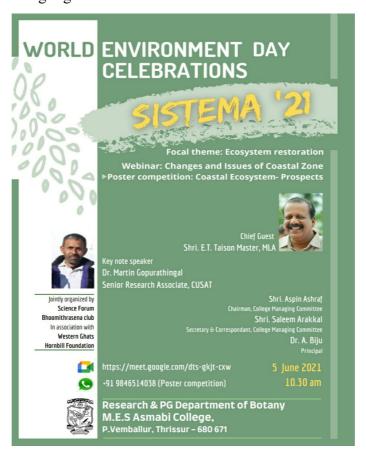


A meeting of the volunteers of Bhoo Mithra Sena of MES Asmabi College was held on June 2, 2021, through online mode. Dr. Amitha Bahcan K.H., coordinator of the club, and 38 volunteers attended the meeting to have a plan for the nature conservation activities for the year ahead. The meeting began with Dr. Amitha Bachan K.H. highlighting the importance of preserving the environment and the need for collective efforts in achieving sustainable development goals. The volunteers actively participated in brainstorming sessions, discussing potential initiatives such as tree plantation drives, waste management campaigns, and awareness programmes to educate the local community about environmental conservation. The days that can be celebrated this year were also discussed, including World Environment Day, Earth Day, and International Day for Biological Diversity. The volunteers expressed their enthusiasm and commitment to organising events and activities to raise awareness and promote environmental protection on these special occasions. Additionally, they suggested collaborating with local schools and organisations to maximise the impact of these celebrations and ensure a wider reach within the community. The students were given orientation on basic concepts about nature conservation and the importance of preserving biodiversity. They were also provided with practical tips on how to reduce their ecological footprint and make sustainable choices in their daily lives. We decided to have an expert talk-based contemporary topic related to global warming, ecological restoration, or ecological issues faced by the coastal zones of Kerala as part of the environmental day celebration. Based on the COVID pandemic situation, the session shall be in online mode.

World Environment Day 2021

MES Asmabi College's Bhoo Mitra Sena Club hosted a webinar on "Changes and Issues of the Coastal Zone" on June 5 of that year. This webinar, titled "SISTEMA '21," was co-hosted by the Research and Postgraduate Department of Botany, the Science Forum, and the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. Dr. A. Biju, principal of the college, charied the session, and Dr. Amitha Bachan K.H. provided the welcome. The webinar was opened by Sri Taison Master, an esteemed member of the Legislative Assembly who represents the district of Kaipamangalam. He provided a message highlighting the importance of preserving coastal

zones and the need for collective efforts to address the challenges they face. Sri Taison Master emphasised the role of education and awareness in promoting sustainable practices and urged participants to actively engage in initiatives that protect and conserve coastal ecosystems. Dr. Martin Gopurathingal, a senior research associate at CUSAT, delivered the keynote address on the impact of climate change on coastal zones and the urgent need for adaptation strategies. He emphasised the need for interdisciplinary research and collaboration to develop effective solutions that can mitigate the adverse effects of rising sea levels and erosion. Dr. Gopurathingal also stressed the importance of involving local communities in decision-making processes to ensure their active participation in implementing sustainable measures for coastal protection, which was the highlight of the webinar.



Mrs. Shaheed TM, HoD, Department of Botany, provided the citation, and the student coordinator, Ardra Pradeep, provided the vote of thanks. About 75 participants, including faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and research experts, joined the webinar. The participants engaged in lively discussions and shared their own experiences and insights on coastal protection strategies. The diverse range of perspectives and expertise brought valuable perspectives to the table, fostering a collaborative environment for generating innovative solutions.

Participation the Riparian forest conservation Program

Members of the Bhoo Mitra Sena Club took part in the "Riparain Forest Restoration" initiative, which was hosted by the Vazhachal Forest Division of the Keral Forest Department. Mr. S.V. Vinod, DFO Vazhachal, presided over the event while Ms. Deepa IFS, CCF, Central Forest Circle launched the programme. The Vazhachal Forest Division of the Kerala Forest Department put on the event with funding from the United Nations Development Programme's Human Resource Management and Biodiversity Conservation Project. Tree planting, preventing soil erosion, and raising public awareness about the value of riparian forests were just a few of the many activities in which Bhoo Mitra Sena Club members participated. The Forest Division and the United Nations Development Programme have been working together to restore and preserve the natural balance of the Vazhachal Forest Division.

Technical assistance was offered by the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. For the Kerala State Biodiversity Board, the Hornbill Foundation analysed the effects of the flood and made suggestions for reducing the threat of flooding in the future. Local residents were also given the opportunity to learn about sustainable forest management practises through workshops and seminars held during the restoration process. The ecorestoration plan for the Working Plan of the Vazhachal Forest Division was created with the help of the Hornbill Foundation's Dr. Amitha Bachan K. H. with the goal of restoring the biodiversity and ecological balance of the region. The strategy ensured the long-term viability of the Vazhachal Forest Division by implementing measures to reforest the area, conserve soil, and shield threatened species.



Paper bag making workshop and awareness of alternative for plastic

The Bhoomitra Sena Club members took the initiative to have the workshop on paper bag making, an alternative to plastic carry bags, to save the planet. This was a two-day event organised together by the Research and PG Department of Botany at MES Asmabi College in collaboration with Khadi Gramodhyog Bhavan, N. Paravur, and Bhoo Mitr Sena Club on February 17 and 18, 2022. The workshop aimed to educate participants about the harmful effects of plastic on the environment and promote sustainable alternatives. It provided hands-on training on the art of paper bag making, empowering individuals to make a positive impact by reducing plastic waste in their daily lives.



The programme was inaugurated by Ho, MLA, Mr. Tyson Master, and presided over by Dr. A. Biju, Principal, MES Asmabi College, with the eauspecious presence of Mr. Salim Arakkal, Secretary of the llege. In his inaugural speech, Mr. Tyson Master emphasised the need for collective action in tackling the plastic pollution crisis and commended the efforts of the workshop organisers in raising awareness about sustainable alternatives. Dr. A. Biju also highlighted the importance of individual responsibility in preserving the environment and encouraged participants to actively implement what they learned during the workshop in their daily lives. The exhibition was for two days, and the seminar talk was by Mr. T.B. Sivakumar, Secretary, Khadi Seva Kendram, north Paravur, Ernakulam. The paper bag making workshop

was handled by Smt. Vals, Khadi Gramodhyog Bhavan, and N. Paravur. A large number of students participated in this programme.



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