

Inauguration of Second Phase for the Restoration of Sacred Groves and Ponds

The second phase of restoration of sacred groves and ponds has started in Sree Narayanapuram Panchayat. 10 sacred groves and 5 ponds are included in the project as part of biodiversity conservation and coastal ecosystem restoration. The Biodiversity Management Committee of the Panchayat and MGNREGA scheme in collaboration with CEtC center of Hornbill Foundation at MES Asmabi College campus jointly implemented this programme.



Coastal habitat restoration is also aimed at conservation of Odonates and fishes along with the biodiversity of the Panchayat. 20 species of plants face the threat of extinction in these sacred groves, which are home to a variety of flowering plants. Here we planted the species such as *Prioria pinnata* (Kulavu), *Hopea ponga* (Thambakam) and *Diospyros crumenata* (Karimaram) along with the associates plants species suitable for their habitat and ecosystem. The Panchayat president Mr. M.S. Mohanan inaugurated the program which was presided over by the Standing Committee Chairman of Development Affairs, Mr. A. Ayoob. Dr. Amitha Bachan K.H., Ward Member Rajesh and others spoke.