

SINDHI COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
SINDHI ECO CLUB OF ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
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- **PROJECT 1 : PASUMAI: TREE PLANTATION DRIVE**

The Department of English participated in the *Tree for Birds Program*, a mass sapling plantation drive at the Paruthipattu Lake on 27-07-2019. The program was organised by the Isha Project Green hands and Ma. Foi Foundation in memory of the late President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Death Anniversary.

The chief guests for the day were Mr.Ma.Foi.K.Pandiarajan, Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, Tmt. Mageshwari Ravikumar, IAS, Tiruvallur District Collector, K. Krishnamoorthy, Commissioner, Avadi and Palaniswamy, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Tiruvallur.

Mrs.S.Shobana, Head of the Department of English, Assistant Professors of the Department of English, Mrs.G.Tamilselvi, Mrs.R.Anuradha, Mrs.Jasmine Razack, Ms.N.Keerthana and 73 students from I, II and III B.A English participated in the program enthusiastically and planted the saplings. Saplings of fruit trees, flowering and shade trees such as Neem, Indian Beech (pungai) Lebeck (iyalvagai) Jamun, Fig, Peepal, Mahuva(iluppai) and Badam were planted. Nearly two saplings were planted around the Paruthipattu Lake spread over an area of 200 acres. The major motive of the program was to increase the green cover of the city.

In the special address, the chief guests urged the students to involve themselves in such activities and preserve our environment. This event was published in the Dinamalar newspaper on 28/7/2019.



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- **PROJECT2 : PROJECT H2O**

The Department of English took part in the Porur Lake Cleaning Project, organised by the NGO Aattrupadi on 14th September 2019.

Mrs. Shobana Head of the Department, Department Of English and five staff members: Mrs. G.Tamilselvi, Mrs. Shiby Wilson, Mr. Mohanraj, Mrs. S.Subhapriya. Ms. N. Keethana and seventy three students enthusiastically participated in the event. Our students cleaned a 2km stretch of the Porur Lake surrounding the Madananandapuram area. The NGO provided the students with breakfast. They also provided them with cleaning supplies such as gloves, mask, and bags. The students helped to collect nearly 20 bags of garbage from the surrounding area.

They also created awareness to the people in the neighbouring area by performing song and slogans on the importance of preserving water bodies. This event was named as PROJECT H2O



- **PROJECT 3 : PROJECT H20 – PALM SEED PLANTATION AND FENCING**

Mrs. S.Shobana and our students participated in the palm seed plantation programme organised by the NGO Aatrupadai on 2nd October 2019. The palm seeds were sown around the Porur Lake which had been cleaned earlier by the NGO and our students. Mrs. S.Shobana and the students received appreciation Certificates.

Our students also participated in the fencing of the plants around the Porur lake on 3rd October 2019. They worked for nearly 6 hours placing the fences around the plants for a stretch of 5 kms. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the NGO.



- **PROJECT 4 :EEGAI - SAPLING DONATION**

Mrs.S.Shobana, Head of the Department of English, Mrs.S.Subhapiya and Mrs.G.Tamilselvi, faculty coordinators of the ECO Club of Sindhi College donated saplings to the Management of Vani Nursery and Primary School as part of the ECO Club project. They addressed the students and the staff about the importance of planting trees to create a green environment. The Management were happy to receive such a unique gift.



- **PROJECT 5 : LIBERAL ECOLOGY- GUEST LECTURE**

A Guest Lecture on Liberal Ecology was conducted by the eco club on 10.01.2020. Mr. Karthikeyan Emayavaramban, the Founder and President of the NGO Aatrupadai and Mrs. Valentina Maheshwari Durai , Vice President of Aatrupadi were the Resource Persons.

Mrs. G. Tamilselvi, Faculty Co Ordinator of the Eco Club welcomed the gathering. Mrs. S. Shobana, HOD, English introduced the Chief Guests.

Mrs. Valentina presented a powerpoint presentation on the Porur Lake Cleaning Project done by the Aatrupadi Team along with school and college students. She acknowledged and appreciated our students for being a part of this project.

Mr. Karthikeyan Emayavaramban, captured the attention of the audience in his unique, humourous style of presentation and sent across the serious message of global warming, deforestation, food adulteration and exploitation of nature by humans. He stressed on the need to join hands to work towards the preservation of our environment. After the lecture there was an interactive session where the resource persons answered the questions asked by our students.

Mrs. S. Subhapriya, Faculty Co Ordinator of the Eco Club proposed the vote of thanks.

• **PROJECT 6 : HERBAL GARDEN INAUGURATION**

One impulse from a vernal wood

May teach you more of man

Of moral, evil and of good

Than all the sages can.

-William Wordsworth

A herbal garden was inaugurated in the College premises by the Secretary Shri.J.C.Prakash, treasurer Shri.OM Prakash and the Principal Dr.K.Sathyanarayana on 26th January 2020. The herbal garden was initiated by SEED, Sindhi Eco Club of English Department and supported by the IQAC. Mrs.S.Shobana, Head of the Department of English, Mrs.G.Tamilselvi and Mrs.S.Subhapriya, Assistant Professors and ECO Club faculty Coordinators took the efforts to organise and start the herbal garden.

Mr.G.Mullaivanam, Known as the Tree Man, of the famous Mullaivanam Tree Bank donated the saplings. Mr. Mullaivanam is the backbone of Dr.Abdul Kalam green project and supported actor Vivek in supplying and transporting tree saplings to various districts of Tamilnadu. He explained the medicinal properties of the plants.



- **PROJECT 7 :WORLD WETLAND DAY**

SEED, Sindhi Eco Club of English Department, celebrated World Wetland Day on 3rd February 2020. World Wetland Day is celebrated every year throughout the world on 2nd February. The International theme for the year 2020-2021 is “WETLAND, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE”. This event was organized to inculcate the importance of wetlands to our biodiversity and climate change in the minds of the students.

Mrs.S.Shobana, Head of the Department of English, Mrs.G.Tamilselvi and Mrs.S.Subhapriya, Assistant Professors and ECO Club faculty Coordinators organized the program. S.Monisha of III B.A English welcomed the gathering. S.Preethika of I B.A English, Aarthi of II B.A English and S.Narmadha of III B.A English gave speeches on the importance of wetlands. 10 students displayed different charts on the topic. Divyapriya and DivyaBharathi of III B.A English presented a PPT presentation of the origin and significance of wetlands. The Principal Dr.K.Sathyanarayana reminded the students that it was the responsibility of each and every one of us to preserve nature. The event was attended by all the faculties of the Department of English. Lokeswari of I B.A English proposed the vote of thanks

Students displayed the charts prepared by them near the Department staff room after the college hours for the benefit of the other Department students.



- **PROJECT 8 : EDEN – NURSERY INAUGURATION**

A nursery Eden with 1000 seed bags was inaugurated by our principal Dr. K. Sathyanaraya on 21st February 2020 inside the college campus. The programme was organized by Mrs. S. Shobana, HOD, Mrs. G. Tamilselvi and Mrs. S. Subhapiya, Faculty Coordinators of the Eco Club Mr. G. Mullaivanam, the tree man of india was the chief guest. Mr. Karthikeyan Emayavaramban, the Founder and President of the NGO Aatrupadai and Mrs. Valentina Maheshwari Durai , Vice President of Aatrupadi also graced the occasion and spent their valuable time with our students.

Mr. G. Mullaivan presented the seeds of trees like Punari, Kalyana Murungai and Puvarasu. Our students filled the bags with soil, planted the seeds and watered them. The HOD's, faculties and students from various departments participated in the event. After arranging them in the nursery the students and the faculty took an oath administered by Mr. G. Mullaivanam. They promised to save our mother earth by preserving the environment. Mr. Mullaivanam told the students that these seeds sown by them would become trees and help in balancing the ecology in the future. Mr. Karthikeyan Emayavaramban, spoke about the alarming increase of pollution in the atmosphere. He stressed on the significance of growing more trees and increases the green cover of our planet.





- **PROJECT 9 – GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

The Herbal Garden and the Nursery is Maintained by the faculty and student members of the Eco Club. Every day students and faculty of the club take turns to water the plants and clean the weeds.



- **STAFF PARTICIPATION**

Mrs S.Shobana, Head of the Department of English, Mrs.G.Tamilselvi, Assistant Professor, Department of English and the faculty coordinator of the ECO Club along with ten students from the English Department participated in the State Level Environmental program held on 25.02.2020. The competitions were conducted by the Government of Tamilnadu, National Green Corps (NGC).Mrs.S.Shobana and Mrs.G.Tamilselvi were the judges for the speech competition. The students of the Department imparted their help in organising the program.



- PROJECT 10 -SALE OF GREENS**

Sindhi ECO Club of English Department initiated the sales of greens in the College campus on 24th February 2020. The greens were from the garden located adjacent to the College Office and maintained by the gardeners of the college. The faculty were encouraged to buy the greens.



• STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Six students from the Department of English participated in a one day seminar on “Conservation of Nature” on 28th February 2020. The seminar was held at Nazareth College of Arts and Science, organized by the ECO Club, NERF (India) and the Department of Visual Communication.



- PROJECT 11 - VERMICOMPOST PIT**

Mrs.S.Shobana, Head of the department of English, Mrs. G. Tamilselvi and Mrs. S. Subhapriya, Faculty Coordinators of the Eco Club took great efforts for the formation of the Vermicompost pit in the college campus. They selected the place for the pit, made arrangements for the JCB, and worked for nearly eight hours till the pit was dug. The fallen leaves from the trees in the college campus and the bio-degradable waste are collected in the pit. Cow dung from a goushala located nearby are brought by the gardeners and dropped inside the pit for the formation of the compost. This vermicompost pit was to be maintained by the Eco Club.



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- PROJECT 12 –CRESS DEPARTMENT GARDEN**

To inculcate the concept of gardening, a department garden was started on 29th February 2020 in the Department of English. Mint, Coriander, fenugreek, ginger and mustard were sown in four different trays. G.Lalitha, Aadhilakshmi, Radhalakshmi of II B.A English, and S.Preethika of I B.A English were given in charge of maintaining the growth of these plants.



- **PROJECT 13 - YOUNG LEADERS PLASTIC CHALLENGE**

The students of the ECO Club took part in the International Challenge 'Tide Turner Plastic Challenge' organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), a leading conservation organization. Ms. Srinidhi from the WWF gave an orientation to our students about the project on 2nd March 2020. This event is conducted in partnership with UN environment to involve the youth in conservation, action and advocacy to reduce the use of plastics in day to day life. Our students answered the questionnaire online at the entry level to earn the tide turner badge.



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