NATURE CLUB REPORT

2022 - 2023

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PROGRAMME 1:

On June 6, 2022, World Environment Day, the Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Nature Club, arranged a visit to the mangrove ecosystem close to our college campus. We've included our final-year undergraduate students in the same. Our nature club highlighted the importance of these coastal ecosystems in the ecological fabric of our globe by going on an enlightening exploration of the beauties of mangrove areas. We looked at the many uses of mangrove ecosystems, from carbon sequestration and coastal protection to serving as marine animals' nesting grounds. The faculties of Botany deliberated on the critical function of mangroves in reducing the effects of climate change and protecting coastal populations, emphasising its essential role in maintaining environmental sustainability on a worldwide scale. Motivated by their own experiences, the students promised to fight for the conservation and restoration of these ecosystems.



PROGRAMME 2:

On February 27, 2023, the Nature Club of Kerala had a discussion on Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism. Dr. Sujana K A, Scientist E from the Botanical Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore, was the speaker. Seventy two students participated in the programme. The talk was much inspiring. She concluded that biodiversity and sustainable tourism are inextricably linked. As custodians of Kerala's natural heritage, it is our responsibility to ensure that tourism contributes to the preservation and enhancement of our ecosystems rather than their degradation. By embracing sustainability as a guiding principle, we can create a tourism industry that benefits both present and future generations while safeguarding the natural wonders that make Kerala truly God's Own Country.

