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ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022-2023

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1 World Environmental Day Celebration

The NSS of the Cochin College organised awareness classes in nearby schools on 5th June 2022. Tree saplings were planted in the college campus and distributed to the students of nearby schools. The programme was inaugurated by the principal of the college Dr. M.Geetha.



2 Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations: Visit to preschool, kochi

On 2nd October 2022, the NSS unit of The Cochin College conducted a comprehensive cleaning program at Anganavadi 99 and 102 in Ward 8 of the Cochin Corporation. This initiative, led by NSS Programme Officers Dr. Manju V. Subramanian and Mr. Renjith S., aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in the local community. Additionally, study materials valued at approximately Rs. 5,000, sponsored by generous donors, were distributed to the children at the Anganwadis. This effort not only enhanced the learning environment but also reinforced the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy space for the children.





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3 Coastal Clean Up - Swachh Sagar, Surakshith Sagar: Fort Kochi Beach

On 27th August 2022, The Cochin College organised a beach clean-up drive at Fort Kochi beach as part of the Coastal Clean Up initiative, Swachh Sagar, Surakshith Sagar. The event aimed to promote environmental awareness and ensure the cleanliness and safety of coastal areas. Students, faculty members, and volunteers actively participated in the drive, collecting and properly disposing of waste to restore the beach's natural beauty. The clean-up effort included the removal of plastic debris, glass, and other pollutants, highlighting the importance of maintaining a pollution-free coastal environment. The initiative underscored the college's commitment to environmental conservation and community service, inspiring others to take responsibility for preserving our coastal ecosystems. By engaging the local community and raising awareness about the adverse effects of marine pollution, the event contributed to the broader goal of fostering sustainable practices and protecting marine life.





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4 Gandhi Jayanti Community service Ward -7 Cochin Corporation

Cleaning and beautification of Ward 7 adopted ward: The National Service Scheme (NSS) is dedicated to the upliftment of communities and fostering a sense of social responsibility among students. As part of our ongoing efforts to contribute positively to society, we have adopted Ward 7 for a comprehensive cleaning and beautification project. This initiative aims to enhance the living conditions, promote environmental sustainability, and instill a sense of pride among the residents of Ward 7. Volunteers and teachers along with the ward members actively engaged the cleaning and beautification process on 2nd October. The whole event was inaugurated by the councillor of ward 7 cochin co operation. The cleaning and beautification of Ward 7 is more than just an initiative; it is a commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents and fostering a spirit of community and responsibility. Through the collective efforts of NSS volunteers and the active participation of the local community, we aim to create a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant environment. This project serves as a model of how dedicated efforts and community engagement can lead to sustainable and meaningful change.





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5 Agricultural Census and Training Session

In January 2023, the NSS unit of The Cochin College conducted an agricultural census and training session, collecting data for Cochin Corporation divisions 7, 8, 9, 10, and 25. This initiative aimed to gather comprehensive agricultural data to support local agricultural planning and development. A total of 81 volunteers participated, ensuring extensive coverage and accurate data collection. The volunteers were trained to meticulously gather and record information, ensuring the reliability of the data. Through this census, The Cochin College contributed to the local government's efforts in understanding and improving the agricultural landscape, demonstrating its commitment to community engagement and the advancement of local agricultural practices.





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6 Beach for All Campaign

On 17th January 2022, The Cochin College participated in the "Beach for All" campaign organized as part of the 'Livable Cities India' project. The campaign aimed to promote inclusive and accessible beach spaces for everyone, regardless of physical abilities. Students and faculty members from the college actively engaged in activities that focused on cleaning and enhancing the accessibility of the beach. This participation underscored the college's commitment to creating a more inclusive and environmentally sustainable community. By supporting such initiatives, The Cochin College demonstrated its dedication to fostering a better quality of life for all residents and visitors.





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7 Beach Clean Up Drive

On 27th November 2022, the NSS unit of The Cochin College, in association with the NGO Volunteer for India and Siena College of Professional Studies, conducted a beach clean-up drive at Fort Kochi beach. The event was organized by NSS Program Officers Renjith S. and Dr. Manju V. Subramaniyan. Volunteers from the college, along with participants from the NGO and Siena College, actively took part in cleaning the beach, removing litter and debris to restore its natural beauty. This collaborative effort aimed to promote environmental awareness and responsibility among the participants, emphasising the importance of maintaining clean and healthy coastal areas for the community and marine life.





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8 Awareness class as part of World Environment Day

On June 6, 2022, students from the Department of Zoology at The Cochin College conducted a series of awareness classes in nearby schools to educate young learners about important environmental and biological issues. These programs were held at MMOVHS, Panayapally; Santa Cruz High School, Fort Kochi; St. John De Britto's A.I.H.S, Fort Cochin; and Edward Memorial Government Higher Secondary School, Fort Kochi. The sessions aimed to raise awareness about various ecological and health-related topics, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship and scientific curiosity among the students. Through interactive presentations and engaging discussions, the zoology students effectively communicated the significance of preserving biodiversity, maintaining ecological balance, and understanding basic biological principles. This initiative not only enhanced the knowledge of the school students but also provided the college students with valuable experience in community outreach and education, reinforcing their commitment to public service and environmental advocacy.





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9 International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer:

On September 30, 2022, the Department of Zoology at The Cochin College organized school-level quiz competitions to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer. The department's students visited nearby schools to conduct these engaging quizzes for high school students. The competitions aimed to educate participants about the critical role of the ozone layer in protecting the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation and the impacts of its depletion. Through the quiz format, students were not only tested on their knowledge but also encouraged to learn more about ozone layer preservation and environmental protection. This initiative sought to enhance understanding and foster a proactive attitude towards environmental conservation among young learners.





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10 Ozone Day Extension Activity

The department Organised awareness classes on the preservation of the ozone layer for school students on October 7, 2022. As part of World Ozone Day celebrations on October 7, 2022, the Department of Chemistry at The Cochin College conducted an extension activity for students of classes 8, 9, and 10 at EMGHS School, Fort Kochi. This initiative included an awareness class on the critical topic of “Preservation of the Ozone Layer,” delivered by second-year and final-year chemistry students. The session aimed to educate younger students about the significance of the ozone layer, the causes and consequences of its depletion, and the measures needed to protect it. Through engaging presentations and interactive discussions, the college students effectively communicated the science behind ozone depletion and the global efforts to mitigate it. This educational outreach not only enhanced the understanding of environmental issues among school students but also empowered the college students to take active roles in community education and environmental advocacy.





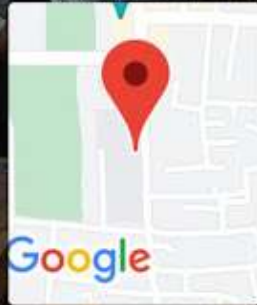
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11 NSS 7 Day residential Special Camp: Organic farming at camp school

The NSS unit of The Cochin College conducted a 7-day special camp at St. Mary's High School, Chellanam, 25 to 31st December 2022, focusing on various community service activities, including organic farming. Volunteers engaged in setting up and maintaining organic farming projects for the school, imparting valuable agricultural knowledge and practices to the students and local community. Organised by NSS Program Officers Renjith S. and Dr. Manju V. Subramaniyan, the camp aimed to promote sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. These programs reflect the college's commitment to community welfare and the holistic development of its students, fostering a sense of social responsibility and practical skills among the participants.





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Institutional Organic Farming

At The Cochin College, the NSS Unit - 51 embarked on an exciting organic farming project on 50 cents of land. The planting of vegetable seedlings was officially inaugurated by our Principal, Dr. M. Geetha, on January 16, 2023. This initiative was carried out in collaboration with ESAF and the Kerala Agricultural Department. The vegetables were harvested in April, yielding over 100 kg of fresh produce. These vegetables were then distributed within the college community.

Cultivated Items and Quantity

Area (in cents)	Items/Plants Cultivated	Approximate Quantity (in kg)
50 cents	Green Chilly, Lady's Finger, Brinjal, Sambar Cucumber, Pumpkin	100 kg





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12 Swachh Bharat Mission:

On August 19, 2022, the Department of Commerce and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at The Cochin College organized a Swachh Bharat Mission event at Fort Kochi Park. The initiative aimed to promote cleanliness and environmental sustainability as part of the nationwide Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Students, faculty, and community members participated in the cleanup drive, which included collecting litter, clearing debris, and engaging in awareness activities about the importance of maintaining clean and healthy public spaces. The event not only contributed to the beautification of the local park but also reinforced the values of environmental stewardship and civic responsibility among participants. Through this collaborative effort, the college supported the broader mission of fostering a cleaner and more sustainable environment.





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Department of Botany

13 Ozone Day Celebration:

Extended awareness activities for students of EMGHS School, Fort Kochi on October 7, 2022. On October 7, 2022, the Department of Botany at The Cochin College extended its educational outreach by organizing awareness activities for the students of EMGHS School in Fort Kochi. This initiative aimed to educate young students about critical environmental issues and the importance of ecological conservation. The activities included interactive sessions and presentations that covered topics such as biodiversity, the significance of plants in maintaining ecological balance, and practical steps for environmental stewardship. Through engaging discussions and hands-on activities, the students were encouraged to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world around them. This outreach effort not only enriched the students' knowledge but also inspired them to actively participate in preserving their environment, fostering a sense of responsibility and environmental consciousness from a young age.





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Green Protocol Committee and Nature Club

14 Nature Camp

The Green Protocol Committee and Nature Club at The Cochin College organized an enriching nature camp at Shen-duruny Wildlife Sanctuary, Kollam ,Kerala. on December 15-16, 2022. 32 students and 3 faculties attended the programme This immersive experience aimed to deepen students' understanding of biodiversity and conservation. The camp featured interactive sessions with forest officials, who provided expert insights into the sanctuary's unique ecosystem, wildlife management, and conservation efforts. Participants engaged in guided treks through the sanctuary, observing various flora and fauna in their natural habitats. These activities not only enhanced the students' ecological knowledge but also fostered a greater appreciation for the importance of preserving natural environments. The nature camp served as an educational adventure, reinforcing the significance of environmental stewardship and the role of protected areas in maintaining ecological balance.





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Bhoomithrasena Club

15 Water Quality Analysis

On June 11, 2022, the Bhoomithrasena Club of The Cochin College conducted a water quality analysis to determine the potability of various drinking water sources around Fort Kochi. The study involved testing three pond water samples, three well water samples, and three tap water samples collected from the Fort Kochi and Mattancherry areas. The results indicated that only one tap water sample met the standards for safe drinking water, while all other samples, including those from ponds, wells, and the remaining tap water samples, were found to be unsuitable for drinking purposes.





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16 Field Trip to Areas of Environment Deterioration

On March 25, 2023, the BMS Club members including 14 students and a faculty from the Cochin college conducted a field trip to Brahmapuram and Eloor. The Cochin Corporation's waste treatment plant is located in Brahmapuram, where a recent catastrophic fire outbreak highlighted the urgent need for a well-defined waste treatment policy. During their visit, the club members emphasized this necessity. In Eloor, they observed the detrimental impact of untreated wastewater from factories being released directly into the river Periyar. The BMS Club members voiced their concern over the delayed actions against companies that lack proper wastewater treatment facilities, stressing the importance of immediate intervention to protect the environment.





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