

## GREEN SOCIETY CLUB ACTIVITIES – 2016 - 2017

- We are always looking for ways to keep pesticide out of our garden, learn new techniques, tips to improve our yield, improve the nutrition of our crops and the health of our soils, in this regard a special meeting was organized on **16.07.2016** to foster entrepreneurial skills among students in the area of growing veggies. **Mrs.K.S.Abirami, Proprietor, Greenfield, Garden Store-Erode** was the chief guest, spoke on the topic “**Different methods of growing veggies**”. In her lucid lecture she explained the new techniques adopted in the cultivation of vegetable crops and she also detailed about the recent machineries used in agriculture with useful and colourful illustrations. She also motivated the students to keep terrace garden in their homes.
- To inculcate a sense of eco-awareness among the students, Green Society was arranged a meeting on **06.08.2016**, Thiru R. **Selvam, Co-ordinator of Tamilnadu Organic Farmers Federation, Pudu Nilavu Organic Farm, Thalavu malai, Arachalur** was the chief guest, he delivered a speech on the topic “**Global Burning**”. He emphasized the significance of growing trees and how plants tone down the catastrophic climate change by removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and the ways to be followed for protecting the environment. Students were advised to cut down the usage of plastics.
- To enhance and expose the talents and to impart knowledge on environmental conservation, an **oratorical competition** on the topic “**Earth- it’s our turn to reciprocate**” was conducted to the Green Society members on **10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** and the winners were awarded.
- To acquire knowledge of Biodiversity Conservation the members were allowed to attend the workshop on “**The Sahyadri Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation Education**” on **17.09.2016** organized by the Department of Zoology.

- Green society members attended an International Seminar on “**Our World – Our Environment**” on **23.09.2016**. **Er. G. Sundarajan, Environmental Activist, Editor-Poovulagin Nanbargal Magazine, Chennai** was the resource person, he addressed the students about the dangers of soft drinks and plastic, importance of green crusade, ill-effects of nuclear power plants at Kudankulam and urge the youngsters to involve themselves in solving all such problems. He also created environmental awareness knowledge to the students and they in turn impart this knowledge to people.
- To create knowledge on afforestation, keep the surroundings clean & green and promote a green ambience in the college premises “**Tree Plantation**” programme was conducted on **07.10.2016**. Green society members enthusiastically participated in planting tree saplings in the college premises.
- To promote healthy competitive and team spirit, quiz competition was conducted to the members on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and the winners were awarded.
- A programme was organized to create awareness on the environmental effects of Ozone layer depletion **Miss P.Kaviyadharshini II B.A. English Literature**, a green Society member bestowed a PowerPoint Presentation on the topic “**Doing our bit to Ozone Depletion**” in connection with International Ozone Day celebration on **16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. She detailed about the importance of ozone layer, possible impacts on nature caused by ozone layer depletion and she also stressed the steps that we all can take both as individuals and as groups to protect the Earth's Ozone layer.
- To provide firsthand real exposure, the members of green society were taken to **Kulur** to visit **Sri Sapthagiri Hi-tech Nursery** a Greenik Farm to learn the innovative methods of raising a variety of crops, nutrient management, integrated pest management and water conservation methods on **31.12.2016**. **Mrs. K.S. Abirami Proprietor, Greenfield, Garden Store-Erode** detailed about different methods of propagating the vegetable crops and she made clear all doubts raised by the students. Cleanliness task was carried out by the members in the afternoon, they cleaned the medicinal garden by uprooting the

weeds and plants which are not used medicinally. Finally they planted some medicinal plants in the medicinal garden.

- Desperately need to save our environment and in connection with “**World Wetlands Day**” celebration an essay competition was conducted to the members on the topic “**Turning Environmental concern in to action**” on **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**.
- To invigorate the members of Green Society from the routine activity, a two day Trip to **Ooty** was organized on **04.02.2017 and 05.2.2017**, where they had a chance to visit Horticulture Research Station, TNAU, Ooty, there Mr. **Palanimanikham** and **Mr. Manohar**, Agricultural Supervisors enlightened the students about the value of medicinal plants and motivated them to pursue their research in medicinal plants. Students were taken to Botanical Garden which is one of the best attractions in Ooty and they also visited Tea Factory where they were explained the processing method of tea powder in different flavours. The tour ends with boat cruise.
- A special meeting was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to foment responsiveness among students about 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for getting better environment. **Mr.P.S.R.Kannan, Project Co-ordinator of ITC’s WOW Programme** was the chief guest, spoke on the topic “**Well being out of waste**”. He addressed on the crucial issues of waste management and enlightened the students about the benefits of waste segregation and emphasized the students to segregate their waste at the source properly which in turn reduces the amount of waste filling up the landfills. In order to implement the programme’s objective in a constructive way, the campus cleaners (sweepers) were instructed about the way of segregation of the garbage collected from the college campus.
- Realizing the need for creating awareness on organic food a special lecture was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. **Mr.V.Jagadesh, Proprietor, Vengai Natural Products** addressed the gathering and gave an informative and educative speech on “**Healthy benefits of organic foods**”. He detailed about the ill effects of crops cultivated with chemical fertilizers and pesticides, genetically modified fruits and vegetables crops and their

impacts on health if consumed and he also emphasized the benefits of consuming organic foods. In his lucid lecture, he listed out the disadvantages of junk foods and mentioned about the diet with junk food causes an array of problems in our body.