

Wetland festival 2010

The World Wetland day 2010 was celebrated by CERC-ATREE with a number of programmes. As an Annual event 'WETLAND FESTIVAL 2010' involving the students and teachers from the wetland clubs of Jalapadom schools around the Lake, was held at Kalyani auditorium, Alleppey .The event was inaugurated by noted Environmentalist Shri.K.V.Dayal. Shri.Paravur George, famous drama writer and Sahithya academy award winner presided over the function. Dr.Latha Bhaskar, Program Coordinator of ATREE briefed about the significance of the day and tendered welcome and Shri.Jojo.T.D, Programme officer extended vote of thanks. Shri.Sivan Kutty, Teacher, gave the wetland message. And shri.Subrahmaniyam , General manager of the eco-friendly resort in Mararie beach felicitated on the occasion. Followed by these a video documentary film on the Agricultural practices of Kuttanad, produced by Shri Azeem Sait, a student from the Wetland study center of B.Ed college ,Porurkara was screened. Two student teams from Wetland study centers presented their project reports evolved through hypothesis testing methods. The forenoon session concluded with the wetland feast.

Afternoon session was dazzling with the colorful cultural presentations of the students. A variety show with traditional art forms and folklores including ottan thullal, skit, kol kali, solo songs, group music, nadan pattu, street plays, elocution, boat race songs etc made the event memorable. Prizes were distributed to the best high schools and U.P schools for their entries on 'water album' and hand written magazine, selected from 32 entries (each) from different schools. The evaluator of these entries (Mr. Joseph, Rtd Asst Director, Agri dept) noted that the entries in general were of high standards and remarked that his task for selecting the best entries was really tough as all of them were of good quality and standards. The amazing works behind these creations were appreciated by all. Wetland fest ended up at 4 pm singing the National Anthem.



Inaugural session of the wetland fest 2010



Cultural feast by wetland club members

Salute to the Lake Vembanad Lake salute

Lake salute was a novel event, the first of its kind, organized by CERC-ATREE in collaboration with the Vembanad Nature Club and Vembanad Lake Protection Forums, to in the banks of the lake Vembanad at Shrayithodu in Muhamma Panchayth , in the evening hours. The fishermen of the Lake Protection forums paid homage to the lake, lighting lamps and floating the same in the lake .praying for the welfare of the lake. They also pledged to protect their lake by all possible means, realizing the significance and need for the same.

The event started at 5:00 pm with a Welcome speech by Krishnakumar, Program Officer, CERC. Sri. K.V. Dayal delivered the wetland message to the participants and urged the need for protecting this magnificent wetland. Sri. Ravindranath, Ward member and Standing Committee Chairman of Muhamma Grama panchayth inaugurated the event. In his inaugural address he specified the need for conserving wetlands in this era of Climate Change. He cherished his past memories and expressed his concern on the present situation of the lake while appreciating the efforts of the lake protection forums.

The participants had a very active discussion on the conservation and management of Lake Vembanad, especially by setting up fish sanctuaries.

At sunset, they gathered on the shore, lighting lamps and floating it on the lake paying homage to the lake. It was a very touching moment, as many of them commented they owe to this lake a lot, as it is the source of their subsistence. The event concluded with a wetland feast in which the fisher community served all with cooked tapioca and clam meat.

We owe you (pics) below

