

**Report of the World Environment Day Celebration**  
**“ENVIRON – 2018” conducted at**  
**St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara, sponsored by KSCSTE**

The Department of Physics, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara celebrated the World Environment Day -2018 (ENVIRON – 2018) on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of June by conducting student oriented activities. The entire programme was sponsored by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE). The celebration started with an inaugural function, at 10 am in the Physics seminar hall of the College. The function was presided over by Prof. James George (HOD, Dept. of Physics). Ms. Rejani V. Koshy, Convener of the programme gave the welcome speech. Dr. Suman Alexander, Principal of the College inaugurated the meeting and the chief guest, Dr. Ashraf P., (Principal Scientist, Fishing Technology Division, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin) delivered the key note address. Dr. Francis Chacko, HOD of Chemistry gave the felicitation speech. Ms. Fergy John (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physics) expressed the vote of thanks. After the inaugural session, snacks and tea were distributed to the entire participants.

The technical session started at 11.00 am after the tea break. Dr. Ashraf P. gave a lecture on the topic “Plastic Pollution in Marine Environments”. The session was highly informative and thus proved beneficial to the students as well as teachers. The slide presentation was also really interesting and attention seeking. A total number of 120 participants including teachers were present. The technical session was over by 1.00 pm.

In association with the celebration, an inter-departmental Quiz competition and Essay writing competition were conducted on 19/06/2018 during the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. Students belonging to various Departments of the College actively participated in both events. Cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners by Rev. Zachariah Remban, Administrator of the College. The celebration proved to be a grand success by all means.