

KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD CELEBRATED ENVIRONMENT DAY BY PLANTING SAPLINGS

Kerala State Biodiversity Board celebrated environmental day by planting tree saplings. The day began by planting tree sapling at its office by Dr. Dinesan Cheruvat, Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board.



The Biodiversity day celebration further proceeded by planting sapling at Vellayani Lake.



The planting of saplings on the sides of the Vellayani lake was inaugurated by R. Jayalekshmi, President, Kalliyoor grama Panchayat by planting a Sapling. This was followed by the planting of Saplings by students of Government U.P School, Nemom and Government Model Higher Secondary School, Punnamoodu. Dr. Oommen.V Oommen, Chairman, Dr. Dinesan Cheruvat, Member Secretary and staffs of Kerala State Biodiversity Board participated in the program. Standing committee Chairman, Sri. Padmakumar and Smt. Jayanthy. S and Members Sri. Manoj K Nair, Sri. Krishna Kumar of Kalliyoor grama Panchayat participated in the program. The members of MGNREGS also supported the program.

Vellayani Lake is one of the major fresh water lakes of the State. The lake was under study by Kerala State Biodiversity board with respect to its ongoing studies on the assessment of biodiversity of fresh water lakes of the states. Kerala State Biodiversity Board has successfully published the biodiversity register of the lake and also published a book on the bird diversity of the lake called “Feathers of Vellayani”. Vellayani-Punjakari wetlands are home to many resident birds and a major landing site for several migratory birds. Fresh water lakes of the state is undergoing severe degradation with respect to anthropogenic activities, hence ecological assessment of these lakes are prioritized and urgent eco-restoration process has to be initiated to save them.

The planting of saplings at Vellayani Lake was targeted to start with the eco-restoration of the lake, which has been undergoing serve degradation in the past.

“Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”



