



MES COLLEGE ERUMELY

THAPASAM SABARIMALA INTERVENTIONS

Sabarimala is situated 72 km from Pathanamthitta town , 191 km from Thiruvananthapuram and 210 km from Kochi. It is the '**Sacred Abode of Lord Ayappa**' and one of the most important Hindu pilgrim centres in the country. Sabarimala - The holy shrine is located amidst dense forests in the rugged terrains of Western Ghats. Inhabited by various wildlife species. Millions of pilgrims from all over the Country assemble here doing the most arduous festivals called as '**Vishu Vilakku**' in April , '**Mandalapooja**' in the months of **Vrichikam Dhanu | November - December** | and '**Makaravilakku**' in mid January , coinciding with **Sankramam**.

The institution Situated in the foothills of Sabarimala ,the College experiences the blessings of religious harmony. Through **THAPASAM** the institution provides basic assistance and support to Sabarimala Pilgrimage. The practice highlights the important vision of MES College Erumely, enhances the traditional culture of Sabarimala pilgrim centre. Sabarimala is located in the Western Ghats and inside a forest area in south Kerala. There are a lot of stiff traditional practices, rituals, preparations and dress codes meant for those intending to visit Sabarimala. The keynote objective of the College is to enable an active life and participate in and exert influence over society and their everyday lives.

SABARIMALA SPECIAL INTERVENTIONS

MES College Erumely organised a number of Sabarimala special intervention programmes. The programmes aim at creating a healthy environment at pamba and Sabarimala, Traffic Control, Pollution Management, Free Drinking water Supply and Information Center. Major activities of the Units are

1. Clean Pamba Green Pamba Campaign
2. Cleaning the premises of Sabarimala
3. Providing the accommodation facilities to Government officials
4. Sabarimala Information Centre
5. Free Medicated Drinking Water Supply for Ayyappa Pilgrims
6. Distribution of Healthy pilgrimage leaflets
7. Pollution Control Programme at pamba
8. Management of Traffic in Peak time
9. Erumely Sangamam
10. Providing refreshment facilities to Ayyappa devotees
11. Pumpakkoru Mulamoottil
12. pamba Sabarimala Eco-Conservation programme
13. Refreshment activity for Sabarimala pilgrimage
14. Donating essential materials for pilgrimage



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1. CLEAN PAMBA GREEN PAMBA

Green pamba-Sabarimala Intervention

The NSS unit of MES college Erumely is organising integrated programmes for making the holy pamba-Sabarimala clean and green. Pre-Sabarimala season cleaning, Post- Sabarimala Season cleaning, leaflet distributions, pollution control programmes, cloth bag distribution etc. are the different programmes organised by the unit. Sabarimala is a significant Hindu Pilgrimage centre located at the Periyar Tiger Reserve in the Western ghat mountain ranges of Pathanamthitta district. It is one of the largest annual pilgrimages in the world, with an estimated over 100 million devotees visiting every year. The NSS unit is vigilant to make the Sabarimala free from pollution and waste.

pamba – Sabarimala : Pre-season Mass Cleaning & Campaign

The NSS unit of MES college organised an Inter Collegiate camp at the University level to impart mass cleaning campaigns at pamba and Sabarimala. The 2016-17 academic year pre cleaning camp was inaugurated by Sri. PC George, MLA, Poonjar. Sri. PP Abdul Kareem, Chairman, MES College presided over the meeting. Sri. M N Maheen (Principal, MES College, Erumely), Sri. P I Irshad (Managing Committee Member), Sri. Latheef (Managing Committee Member), Sri. H Abdul Aziz (Managing Committee Member), Smt. Shamla Beegum (Vice Principal, MES College Erumely) gave the chief address in the inaugural ceremony.

Seminar on Significance of pamba and Sabarimala

The NSS unit organised a seminar on Significance of pamba and Sabarimala for the Volunteers to educate the need for conservation.

Cleaning Campaign at pamba

The NSS unit organised a cleaning campaign at pamba-Sabarimala in association with the Department of Forest and Wildlife pamba. The pamba River was also covered by the volunteers. He also conducted cleaning in the pedestrian way to Sabarimala. The NSS volunteers were divided into different groups for the purposes. Each groups was headed by volunteer leader and the groups were deputed to different sites. Awareness Generation Camping were also organised with the shops at pamba and Sabarimala.

pamba River conservation

The NSS volunteers conducted a trip to Pamba river shore to implement cleaning and riverbank conservation activities. The participants were divided into various groups and they were allotted various areas to undertake activities. Pamba Valley forest station gave necessary directions for the project.

The activities consist of

- Plastic free campaign
- Awareness classes
- Cleaning programme





2. CLEANING THE PREMISES OF SABARIMALA

The activity of Cleaning premises Sabarimala is an important activity of MES College Erumely. On the instructions of the Kerala Pollution Control Board, the NSS Unit reached Pamba and instructed the devotees about the proper disposal of wastes. Those who defecate in or around Pamba are prohibited from it and are instructed to use toilets. The NSS Unit effectively supervised the collection of discarded clothes in Pamba. This massive cleaning drive aimed at making the pilgrim centre waste free to the beginning of the pilgrim season with the help of the punyam poonkavanam , a State Government Programme, was a success. The Programme was inaugurated at pamba by Mr.P.J Sebastain , chairman , Periyar West Confederation. The meeting was presided by Mr.P S Mohanan , SAPP EDC Confederation Chairman . Mr.Sandeep , Range Officer Pmaba , provided guidance and directions for the programme. After the inauguration , 93 NSS volunteers were divided into five groups and systematically conducted cleaning programme from Pamba to Sabarimala. The one day programme at Pamba to Sbarimala was very helpful to clean non degradable wastes from forest regions .





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Our NSS volunteers are with them for cleaning and giving awareness to the devotees in Sabarimala . Because of the effort made by MES COLLEGE ERUMELY NSS Unit they were invited to participate in the programme. Honourable Inspector General Mr. Vijayan IPS appreciates our principal Mr.Maheen M.N by giving Golden Shawl. Also our principal Mr.Maheen M.N , our programme officer Mrs. Rejoola O.M and selected volunteers were honoured by giving certificates of appreciation.



3. PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Education is mostly related to the socio economic development of the society. The main aim of education is the development of human personality. Education is not only to produce good individuals but also one must understand once on responsibilities in which one lives . Recognising this, the college provides accommodation facilities for government officials especially the police officers during the Sabarimala season. Also we offer rest and refreshment facilities for the cops who are engaged in Sabarimala duties. This helps in cultivating the spirit of tolerance, cooperation and a sense of responsibility.

4. SABARIMALA INFORMATION CENTRE

Free Medicated Drinking Water for Sabarimala Pilgrims

Information Centre set up every year to provide basic information to ayyappa devotees who have a lack of information about Sabarimala routes. The NSS unit organises Sabarimala Information Centre for the Sabarimala Pilgrims every year. The college is situated nearby Pamba and lakhs of Ayappa pilgrims are getting the benefits of the information centre. The NSS volunteers will be deputed to the centre on duty basis , and they will coordinate all the activities and affairs related to the Information Centre. The information centre will work throughout the pilgrimage period.





5. SUPPLY OF FREE MEDICATED DRINKING WATER

The Sabarimala Information centre is characterised with the free supply of medicated drinking water for the Ayyappa pilgrims . It is very helpful for the Sabarimala pilgrims , in which they are getting quality drinking water through the programme free of cost.The volunteers prepare the Ginger Coffea for the pilgrims every day.





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6. DISTRIBUTION OF HEALTHY PILGRIMAGE LEAFLETS

The volunteers prepared leaflets for the pilgrimage which consist of the important information related to healthy pilgrimage. It provides health orientation for the pilgrimage and also the need for environmental sanitation .



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7. POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME AT PAMBA

College organised mass cleaning programmes in the roadsides to support the seasonal vehicles to make their journey less difficult. The programme was implemented by the NSS unit in association with Erumely Police Station. The NSS volunteers of the college also conducted pollution control programmes in association with Pollution Control Board Pathanamthitta. Volunteers were given their service at pamba by the initiative.

8. TRAFFIC CONTROL PROGRAMME

Sources of Various Information

The Ayyappa pilgrims are getting various information related to sabarimala pilgrimage through the centre.

Help Desk : The volunteers are helping the pilgrims to identify the lost peoples through the Information centre. They also assisting pilgrims to get proper medical care while they are in crisis health conditions etc..

Display of Emergency Numbers : The Sabarimala Information Centre displays emergency numbers and addresses for the Ayyappa Pilgrims , so that they can use this in emergency situations.

9. ERUMELY SANGAMAM

National Service Scheme (NSS) Mega Camp to Promote Communal harmony



The National Service Scheme Unit of MES College Erumely in association with Citizens India Foundation (CIF) and Erumely Grama Panchayath with the support of various organisations from Erumely organised 3 days Erumely Sangamam on January at the College Auditorium, MES College Erumely every year. National Service Scheme Volunteers were the participants of the camp. The Clean Erumely Campaign which is named as "Erumely Sangamam" was a platform for various organisations to be a part of actively participating in cleaning. The Sangamam also aims at creating discussions on various issues related with the waste management issues and pollution at Erumely.

Inaugural Ceremony

The Erumely Suchitwa Sangamam was inaugurated by Sri. PC George, MLA, Poonjar. Sri. TKANair, Managing Trustee, CIF gave an excellent chief address regarding the camp and its overall aim. Sri. Abdul Salam (Representative, Muslim Jama Ath). Smt. Anitha Santhosh (President, Erumely Grama Panchayath). Adv. PA Salim (Member, District Panchayat, Kottayam), Sri. Krishnakumar B (Member, Block Panchayath, Kanjiarappally), Sri. TP Thommi (Member, Erumely Grama Panchayath), Sri. V G Harishkumar (Programme Officer, NSS Unit, MES College, Erumely), Ms. Rosiya Noble (NSS Programme Officer, MES College, Erumely) gave speeches in the inaugural meeting.



Sri. TKANair, Managing Trustee, CIF

Public Discussion

There was a public discussion at MES College Auditorium regarding "Constraints and Opportunities in Waste management at Erumely". 60 invited representatives from various organisations participated in the meeting. Public presented their own views regarding the cleaning campaign. They agreed to support the initiatives of the CIF and National Service Scheme at Erumely.

Important points

- Need for scientific and expert study at Erumely that ensures maximum participation of Local peoples.
- Need for Master plan that ensures cooperation from various Govt. and Pvt. Institutions.
- Need for collective action at Erumely.
- Need for developing solutions to river cleaning etc.



The discussions were concluded by moderator and NSS Programme Officers and invited all the organisations to be part of the cleaning Campaign.

Cleaning Impact

Cleaning programme at the Erumely was a successful one. The cleaning also generated a mass awareness regarding the citizens responsibility and right in solving social issues. Leaders from various groups and organisations participated actively in leading the cleaning programmes at the various sites.

BLOOD DONATION

As part of the Erumely Sangamam the CIF organised a blood donation camp at MES College, Erumely in association with NSS Unit MES College, Erumely. Govt. Medical College, Kottayam led the Blood Donation Camp. The Blood donation was inaugurated by Sri.TKA Nair, Managing Trustee, CIF.

Mr. V G Harishkumar (NSS Programme Officer), Mrs. Anu Joseph (HOD, Management Studies Department, MES College) and Jithesh K S (Formerly NSS Programme Officer) participated in the blood donation camp. 178 volunteers registered for blood donation. After the screening, 109 volunteers donated blood.

MEGA ERUMELY CLEANING PROGRAMME

Solid Waste (degradable and non degradable) were transported to the Grama Panchayath Incineration Plant as part of the cleaning camp. For The cleaning the NSS volunteers were divided into 10 groups, each group consisting of 14 members and 1 leader. Local peoples and various organisations supported the cleaning campaign of each group.



10. PROVIDING REFRESHMENT FACILITIES TO AYYAPPA DEVOTEES

Every Ayyappa season brings in thousands of devotees who proceed to Sabarimala after offering prayers at the several historical temples in the city. Sabarimala, being the most sought out pilgrim destination in South India, is experiencing the need for amenities and facilities year after year. The provision of such amenities and facilities had not been systematic or planned. Poor condition of toilets, unclean and unhygienic parking lots and lack of signboards are some of the complaints that the devotees have been raising for some years now. The sole drinking water facility at the South Chithirai Veedhi near Sri Meenakshi Amman temple hardly serves the purpose. The temple itself has no water facilities for the devotees to refresh with the result that they are forced to enter it without cleaning their hands and legs, an essential part of worship. The institution provides refreshment facilities for Ayyappa devotees like **chunk coffee, Fresh Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygienic Parking Facilities and Foods.**

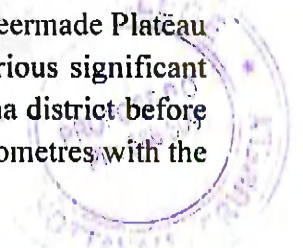


11. PUMBAKORU MULATHOTTIL

NSS Bamboo Fencing Model at River Pamba

River pamba & Protection

The pamba River is the third longest river in Kerala and is known as "Dakshina Bhageerathi". It flows and enriches the lands of Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha districts. The pamba River originates at Pulachimalai hill (Idukki District) situated in the Peermade Plateau in the Western Ghats at an altitude of 1,650 metre. The river flows through various significant areas of Kerala state and enriches the Kuttanad rice cultivation area of Alappuzha district before emptying into the Vembanad lake. The basin extends an area of 2,235 square Kilometres with the



entire catchment area within the Kerala State bounded on the east by Western Ghats and on the west by Arabian sea. The pamba basin consists of lowland, midland and highland.

The river pamba is facing many issues nowadays such as dryness in many places,plastics, pollution, soil erosion in the river basin etc...the Kerala High Court has initiated steps to control the pollution of the river.In this scenario the NSS unit of MES College Erumely developed a bio engineering river protection programme to conserve pamba by planting mass bamboo trees in the river basin. The project consists of one year of continuous activities to protect pamba river basins.Pumpa is a sacred river. **Mulathotttil** is a programme organised to protect the cultural and geographical features of the river Pampa.As a part of this students planted Bamboo plants in the bank of the river.It's helps to reduce soil erosion.Mulamoottil is a Programme organised NSS unit of MES College Erumely in association with Kerala Forest Department.The Students planted Bamboos on the banks of the river Pamba.The Programme aims to prevent Soil Erosion and enhance Environmental Sustainability of that area.





Bio Engineering to Protect pamba River Basin

Bamboo plants and vetiver species were planted by the NSS volunteers on the pamba river bank (pambavalley area of Kottayam district) to reduce the soil erosion and soil saturation level. This bio fencing will act as a mechanism that reduces the excessive flow of surface water, strengthens the soil and reduces the size of rain drops. It is a bio engineering project to protect the pamba river basin. The fine roots from the bamboo vegetation can work as a reinforcement mechanism on the slopes by binding loose materials. The bamboo vegetation can effectively reduce the runoff velocity, because its roots bind the surface soil particles and slow the flow of water. Slope stability in the river basin is closely related to the soil moisture. The bamboo vegetation will capture the precipitation and return to the atmosphere through evaporation (interception). The bamboo vegetation takes the moisture from the soil to the leaves and stems and returns it to the atmosphere (evapotranspiration). Thus this will control the soil moisture and slope stability.

Flood is one of the dangerous problems affected by the peoples who live in the river basin. It also affects the agricultural land. The bamboo fencing-engineering can reduce the runoff and will act as a disaster mitigation programme.

Bamboo Fencing Technique

The main purpose of bamboo fencing is to reduce surface runoff and soil erosion. Mark a line along the contour of the slopes (prepare the slopes for planting in some areas). Plant bamboo in the line. Two or three layers can be planted in some areas. Between the layers grasses can be fixed. Monitor the growth by regular and frequent visits.

Local People's Participation

The NSS volunteers promoted active participation from the local peoples for bioengineering. The growth of the bamboo plants will be also monitored by the farmers and local peoples.

Mulamoottil objectives

- To protect river pamba basin by NSS bamboo fencing bio engineering technique
- To promote local peoples to the scheme
- To develop river conservation behaviour among the NSS volunteers



Inauguration of First Phase

The Mulamoottil project is a one year programme initiated by the NSS unit of MES College Erumely. The project aims at planting bamboo on the banks of river Pamba for its protection.

The inauguration of the scheme was conducted on the shore of pamba river at Kissimum (Perunnadu Grama Panchayath) on 16 July 2016. It was a one day programme. The inauguration was symbolic and eco-friendly. Local peoples, environmentalists, colony peoples, youth. Kudumbasree etc. Were actively supported by the NSS volunteers for the programme. Mr. AD Chandran (Chairman, Eco Development Committee. Kissimum) presided over the meeting. Mr. V Sivakumar (Secretary, Eco Development Committees) inaugurated the project. Mr. MN Maheen (Principal. MES College Erumely) gave the keynote address. Mr. Jayendrakumar (Forester) distributed the bamboo plants to volunteers and local peoples. Mr. V G Harishkumar (NSS Programme Officer, MES College Erumely), Mrs. Kavitha PD (NSS Programme Officer, MES College Erumely), Sophy Vazhayil (ADS President), Radhamani (ADS Secretary), Sujith. Shibu (youth representatives) etc felicitations.

Seminar on Significance of River pamba

The NSS Programme Officer Mr. V G Harishkumar gave an awareness session on River pamba and its significance to agricultural development in Kerala. NSS volunteers and local people participated in the seminar.

Group Formation and Bamboo Planting

There were 250 participants in the meeting including NSS volunteers, youths, local peoples and kudumbasree representatives. Each group consists of (total 10) 25 members headed by a local guide and team leader coordinating the bamboo plantation at the river basin. Collection and Recycling of Plastics from pamba River Basin .The NSS river protection groups collected plastics from the river basin and transported it to the recycling plants. Students also provided awareness classes in the houses regarding the bamboo plantation scheme of NSS Unit.

Future Activities

The NSS unit will regularly monitor the plant growth. In addition to this following activities will be implemented in future as part of the project.

- Bamboo plantation in other areas
- Saturday visits to the area
- Organisation of River conservation pledge
- Second phase inauguration and active bamboo plantation
- Awareness classes
- Formation of a river basin conservation committee for protecting pamba.
- Action research & documentation
- A workshop for planning

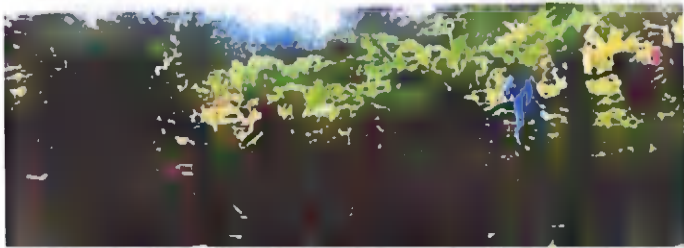




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12. PAMBA-SABARIMALA ECO CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

The unit organised pamba-Sabarimala Eco conservation programme in association with Forest and Wildlife, Government of Kerala and West-East Confederations of Eco Development Committee Periyar Foundation, As part of the mini camp. Programme was inaugurated at pamba by Mr. PJ Sebastian, Chairman, Periyar West Confederation. The meeting was presided by Mr. PS Mohanan, SAPP The EDCC Confederation Chairman. Mr. Sandeep, Range officer pamba, provided guidance and directions for the Programme. After the inauguration, 93 NSS volunteers were divided into five groups and systematically conducted a cleaning programme from Pamba to Sabarimala. The one day programme at Pamba to Sabarimala was very helpful to clean non degradable wastes from forest regions.

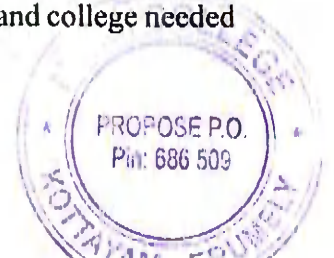




13. REFRESHMENT ACTIVITY FOR SABARIMALA PILGRIMS

The student social workers of second year PG have initiated an extension activity for the refreshment of sabarimala pilgrims. The activity was conducted on November 26th 2018. The students organised refreshments for the pilgrims such as providing drinking water for them, and also giving them dry ginger coffee for the relief from the cold. Many pilgrims prefer to prilate by walking to Sabarimala to see Ayyappan. The students focus more on those pilgrims rather than those who use vehicles. This activity was based on the humanity principle and the student even realised the needs and wants of the pilgrims by walking and by vehicle. The interaction with the pilgrims makes them conscious of the facilities needed for them on their journey from Erumeli to Pamba.

The activity conducted was successful as it pleased many "Ayyappans". Also this activity was a chance for the students to express their culture to the non- Keralites. The interchanging cultural collaboration leads to more exploration regarding values and norms. It was a novel experience and a fruitful cultural exploration. The support from the panchayath representatives and college needed to be acknowledged. The activity started at 9 am and ended at 3 pm.





14. DONATING ESSENTIAL MATERIALS FOR PILGRIMS

The Entrepreneurship Development Club (ED Club) identified the Pilgrims travelling to Sabarimala during COVID -19 pandemic. ED Club and Dept. of Business Administration distributed a cloth bag kit containing face masks made of cloth and hand sanitisers to each Pilgrim. The aim of distributing the cloth bag kit was to create an awareness to reduce the use of plastic bags, wear face masks and use hand sanitisers as a protective measure to contain the spread of coronavirus while travelling.

The face masks were stitched by **ED club members** of MES College Erumely.

The awareness class on the importance of using face masks, hand sanitisers and avoiding plastics were given by Mr. Shibu M.S , Sub Inspector of Police, Kanjirappally and Project Co-ordinator of Punyam Poonkavanam. Mr. Maheen M.N (Principal, MES College Erumely). They also advised the pilgrims to practice hand washing regularly. The Pilgrims thanked the College and ED club members for their initiative.



Pic 1 : Organising Committee distributing Cloth Bag Kit to a Sabarimala Pilgrim





Pic 2 : Mr.Shibu Lal, Sub Inspector of Manimala Police Station giving an awareness class to the Sabarimala Pilgrims



Pic 3 : Mr.Maheen M.N, Principal distributing cloth bag kit to the Sabarimala Pilgrims



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