

## **REPORT OF INVITED TALK ON CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

National pollution control day is celebrated every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December in India in order to give the honor and memorialize the thousands of human beings who had lost their existence because of Bhopal gas calamity. Department of Chemistry and Bhoomithrasena club of Sree Narayana Guru College, Chelannur organized an invited talk on 'Current Environmental Issues' as a part of the National pollution control day observance.

Mrs. Shini.M, HOD, Dept. of Chemistry gave the welcome address. She said that current environmental problems require urgent attention and she pointed out the 'odd-even vehicle plan' introduced by Mr.Kejriwal , Chief Minister of Delhi and 'the Swach Bharath Abhiyan' introduced by the Govt. of India to reduce pollution. The function was presided over by Dr. U.Hemanth Kumar, HOD, English. In the presidential address he pointed out that major environmental issue that we are facing now is pollution and government charted out various laws, rules and acts to prevent and to control pollution. Mrs. Sheela.P.K., HOD, Physics and Mr. Hrishikesh, Chairman, College Union were offered felicitations. Dr. Sudheesh Parathakkatt, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Zamorin's Guruvayurappan College gave the keynote address. .He said that the major current environmental issues are pollution, global warming , over population, natural resource depletion, climate change, waste disposal, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, ocean acidification, Ozone layer depletion, acid rain etc. Development and environment are the two sides of the same coin and as our population grows, finding a balance between economic advancement and consumption of natural resources is a vital question that our country should address today. He gave the definition of 'environmental pollution' and explained the sources, causes, effects of pollution and solution to the pollution crisis with the help of video clippings. The

programme ended with the vote of thanks by Miss. Arundathi.P, Member, Bhoomithrasena club.

