

HARITHAPADAM

VIDYAVANAM

CHAITHANYA SAVERI

PRASHUDHI

Towards a Greener Horizon

JANANI

Janani – A step **Towards a Greener Horizon**: The environmental conservation activities of the college have been operated in strict accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals and rapidly changing climatic conditions. The College has its own unique programmes in the name of *Harithapadam*, *Vidyavanam*, *Chaithanya Saveri* and *Prashudhi*.

Objectives:

- ➤ To generate awareness among the college community regarding the importance of leaving the beauty, bliss & bounty of nature to the future generations.
- > To establish environmental footprints in all their operations.
- To equip the students to act as the ambassadors for ecological preservation and conservation

Context:

Today, the human race is currently undergoing the threat of a triple planetary crisis -that are climate change, biodiversity loss & pollution. These intertwined challenges are harming the well-being & survival of millions of people around the world and jeopardizing the sustainable development goals. We need urgent & determined action from everyone & everywhere to preserve the ecosystem.

The Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN addressed this grave issue & aimed at improving the planet and the quality of human life around the world. Mahatma Gandhi University also carries on the momentum generated by United Nations Organization's Sustainable Development Goals with several ambitious projects, initiatives and programmes. In the area of curriculum with a view to generate environmental consciousness among the students, a compulsory course has been added into all courses within the University Departments and affiliated colleges. From 2017 onwards, degree courses of our college are strictly following the newly added curriculum and each departments having a course on environmental history, ecology, environment and human rights. Apart from this, to enrich the curriculum numerous action-oriented programmes were organised to equip the younger generations to be the vanguards of protecting our planet and ecology. At this juncture special mention to be made regarding the novel initiative "Jaivam2017", where the NSS volunteers of the Mar Thoma College for Women actively took part. Jaivam 2017, a massive organic farming campaign, acted as an eye opener to the crucial challenges prevailing in Kerala's agricultural sector and to adopt organic practices to enrich the soil and preserve the environment for generations to come.

At this juncture, The Mar Thoma college for women moves forward to lead by example to establish environmental footprints in all their operations. The authorities of this institution internalised the concept of being with nature, and felt that it allows the students to tune into the infinite wisdom of their highest self. This self-knowledge will move them into the uncharted dimensions of their personal power.

Practice:

With an intention to promote sustainable life, Mar Thoma College for Women puts forth several measures to protect our ecosystem. We have introduced various programmes under different heads such as *Harithapadam*, *VidyaVanam*, *Chaitanya Saveri and Prashudhi*.

- ➤ Well curated plants in rows along the boundary; most of which are perineal have grown as mature trees; and many of which were planted way back in 1990's. Over 200 trees of various species spread round the 10-acre campus. The emphasis here is on floral diversity rather than monoculture. Our floral diversity bouquet has over 250 varieties of plants & trees.
- In collaboration with Kerala Forest Department, Mar Thoma college has branched out a mini forest initiative by name "VidhyaVanam". It hosts a great variety of plant species & herbs from many lands, representing all world regions. Educative signposts are erected there with QR code to help the users discover new plants in a fun & visual way.
- With an intention to promote local vegetation & farming, the college hostel premises is surrounded with organic & local vegetables such as tapioca, jackfruit, plantain, guava etc. These organic fresh vegetables are being cooked & served to our college community. It is an assurance of the quality of the organic produce, as it is devoid of any additives or fertilizers.
- For Green symbolizes growth, prosperity & auspiciousness. In connection with the birth centenary celebrations of late Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Thirumeni, Mar Thoma college took an ingenious step by planting 100 saplings on the campus in 2017. Students were then given proper guidance & encouragement to nurture the plants by maintaining, watering and weeding etc.
- ➤ Our institution advances water stewardship and works to improve water security in our direct operations. Water recharging facility is made functional and it acts as a reservoir for the rain water collected from the campus catchment area.
- ➤ "If you have butterflies around, it means that biodiversity in the area is healthy & cheerful ". Keeping this in mind our campus has initiated a butterfly garden in collaboration with Kerala Forest Research Institute. This garden helps students in understanding butterfly biology through observing various stages of a butterfly's development, their habits and habitat. Saplings of leafy as well as flower bearing plants had been planted to welcome the guests.
- ➤ In order to promote eco-friendly campus by reducing carbon dioxide emissions, we are promoting the use of cycles as an alternative to other means of transportation. As part of World Bicycle Day observance on June 3, the department of Zoology organized a cycle slow race competition. Our college has bicycles of its own to promote recreation and reduce the carbon footprints.
- ➤ To encourage a positive sustainable impact on our environment, the entire college community has introduced "*ChaitanyaSaveri* " to conserve energy and has switched over to LED lighting; apart from that students are given proper training on making LED bulbs, solar lamps etc. Moreover, the educative nameboards regarding the conservation of energy has been placed in the college campus.

- Mar Thoma college for women takes immense pride in its initiatives to provide ample opportunities for students to understand finer nuances of ecological diversities. With this regard, we have conducted "*Ecosystem Walk*" to nearby *Iringole* sacred grove so as to equip our students to enhance their learning and visualize the floral & faunal diversity of the preserved area in our vicinity.
- Encourage different cells & clubs to work with the local community, public and private sector organizations to improve the local environment & promote sustainable development.
- ➤ We introduced "*Prashudhi* " to ensure measures for minimizing and managing proper disposal of all forms of waste. For proper waste management, our institution introduced *Vermicomposting* on campus since it is easy to handle at low cost.
- > We follow green protocol on a strict basis at all occasions.
- Encourage different cells and clubs to work with the local community, public and private sector organizations to improve the local environment and promote sustainable development.
- The college has a proper sewage system to divert the liquid waste to the waste pits.

Evidence of Success

We ensure measures for minimizing and managing proper disposal of all forms of waste. The use of solar panels enables us to save electricity and get rid of huge electricity bills just by utilizing the natural energy resources

The methods to improve energy efficiency facilitate immense opportunities to share solutions that drive sustainability & help the community to decrease the environmental impacts of their energy use.

By undertaking all these steps, each and every member of the institution can internalize that small actions when taken regularly can transform the ecosystem in a better way and thereby can feel themselves as champions to support their colleagues and friends in addressing global ecological issues.

Problems Encountered

It is important that the youth of the world should awaken and come to this urgent realization, for the sake of our future. In this context the major problem we encountered is the lack of student's involvement.

Lack of sufficient funds to maintain that greenery.

Unexpected vagaries of nature and climate change is posing a major hurdle to maintain greenery on the campus.

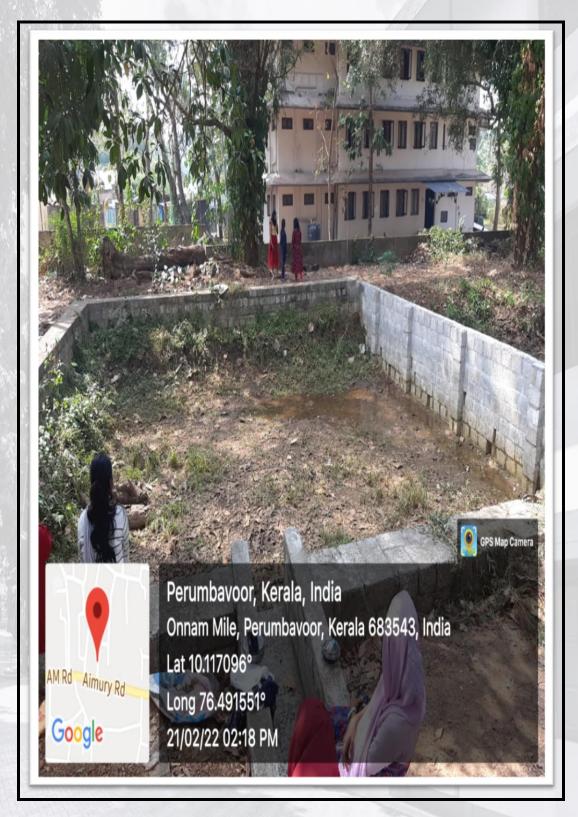








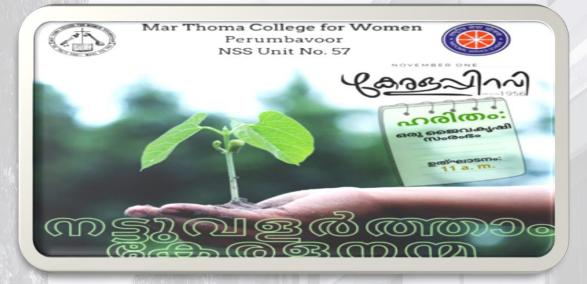
Environment Week Celebrations



Ground Water Recharge Facility near College Canteen



Campus Cleaning Drive







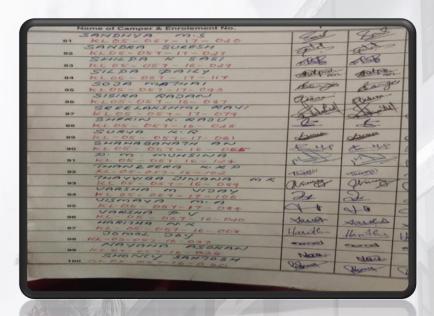
Haritham-Inauguration of Organic Farming in the College Campus

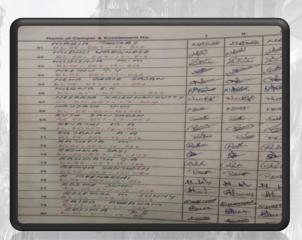


Cleaning Activities of the Flood affected areas of Perumbavoor Municipality











List of our Student Volunteers who participated in the Paddy Cultivation Programme









Biodiversity Loss Survey of nearby areas after floods





Environment conservation Programme-College Campus





Interaction of our Students with Organic Farmer and Activist



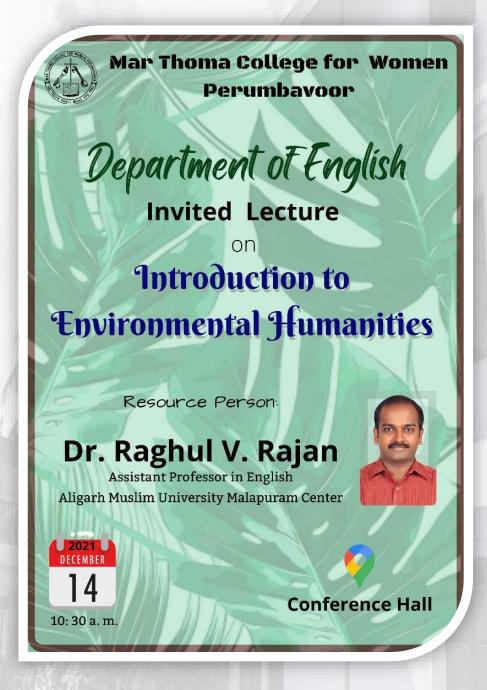


Organic Farming- Kitchen Garden





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Lecture on Environmental Humanities

Mar Thoma College for Women

Perumbayoor

English Association

presents

International Tigers

Day

Events

Compering :Amitha kareem Prayer : Megha Elsa Biju Welcome : Sruthy Suresh Thought : Aleena Benny About the day : Sruthy Suresh

Quiz : Megha Elsa Biju Find him : Aleena Benny Thanks : Sona Jabbar

> Date : July 29 Time : 3 :30 pm

Platform: Google Meet

International Tigers Day Celebration

Mar Thoma College For Women Perumbavoor

English Association
Presents

World Ozone Day Celebration

16 SEPT 2021

- Prayer Thasny A. A.
- Ozone Day Speech Sumayya P. S. Alia Basheer , Thansy A. A.
- Ozone Day Pledge Anjana M. A.
- · Recitation Steny Mary Philip
- Quiz Alia Basheer
- Vote Of Thanks Sumayya P. S.

• Compering - Parvathy V. S.

2:30 p.m.



Google Meet

World Ozone Day Celebrations





World Environment Day Celebrations-Paper Craft Making

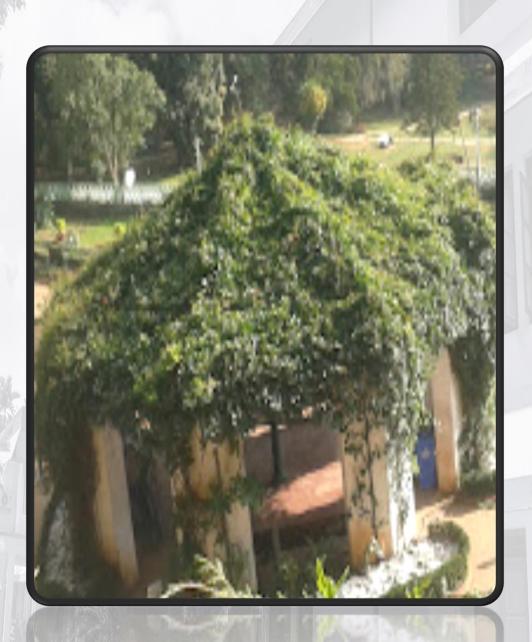


Planting Saplings in the Campus as a part of World Environment Day

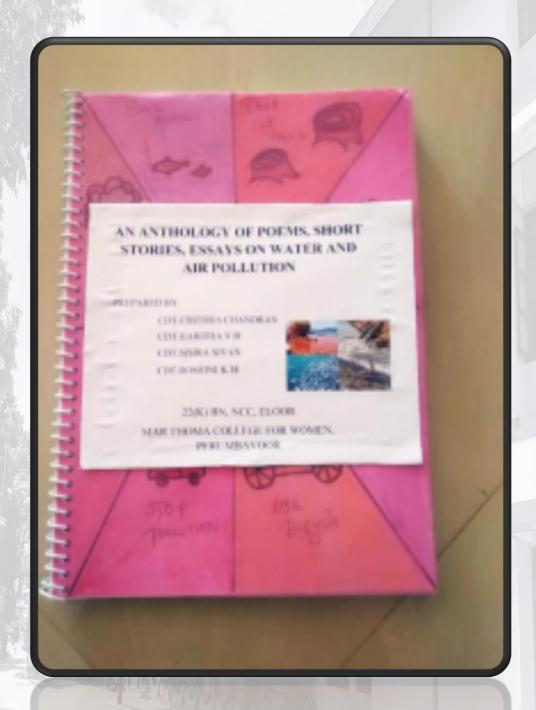




Staffs having electric vehicle



Botanical Garden Visit



Collection of Poems and Short Stories on Water and Air Pollution by our Students



Veetil Oru Kariveppu-Distributing Sweet Neem Leaves to nearby Households



Pomological Station Visit, Connor by our students





Environmental Month Observance-Logo Contest

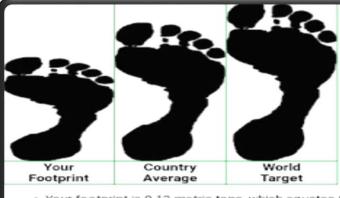




Environmental Month Observance



Environmental Oath Taking Ceremony



- Your footprint is 0.12 metric tons, which equates to 1.30 metric tons per year
 The average footprint for people in India is 1.73 metric tons

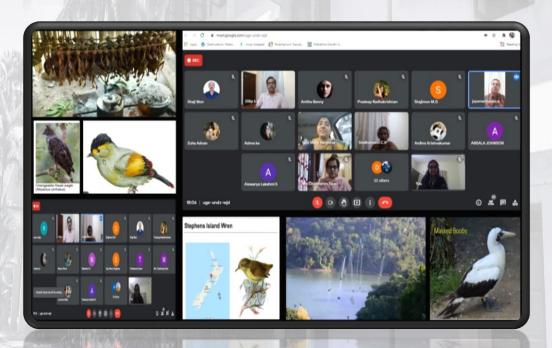
 Your footprint is 0.12 metric tons.
- The average for the European Union is about 6.4 metric tons
- The average worldwide carbon footprint is about 5
- metric tons

 The worldwide target to combat climate change is 2



Environmental Day Celebration-Mapping Carbon Footprint





Webinar on Bird Conservation



Inauguration of Butterfly Garden near College Canteen



Students maintaining Butterfly Garden



Inauguration of "Vidyavanam" project near NCC firing range in association with Kerala Forest Department

Planting saplings on the birth centenary celebrations of late Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma *Valiya* Metropolitan *Thirumeni*



Planting of Saplings



Student Solar Ambassador Workshop



Energy Conservation Awareness Rally



LED Bulb making and handing over it to District Collector



Student Solar Ambassador Programme



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ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020

Organized by Department of Physics

Online Poster
Design Competition

e-certificates and prizes will be given to the winners

ENERGY ADVICE FOR YOUR HOME

Guidelines:

- 1. The competition is open to all UG students..
- 2. Poster should be vertical A4 size with good resolution.
- 3. Submission format JPG, JPEG or PNG format.
- 4. One poster per student.
- 5. Entry deadline: 07/12/2020 before 6.00 PM
- 6. Entries should be mailed to physicsmarthoma@gmail.com
- 7. The posters will be reviewed by experts and three will be declared winners.
- 8. Decision of judges will be final.

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Convenors

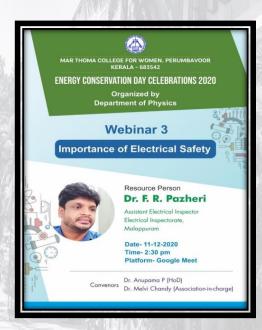
Dr. Anupama P (HoD)

Dr. Melvi Chandy (Association-in-charge)

Energy Conservation Day Celebration-Poster Designing Competition









Energy Conservation Day Celebrations-Online Webinars



LED Bulb Making Workshop and Training



LED Star Making







Energy Conservation and Awareness Week-Student Rally, Perumbavoor Town



Planting Tree Saplings as a part of Pollution Pakhwada





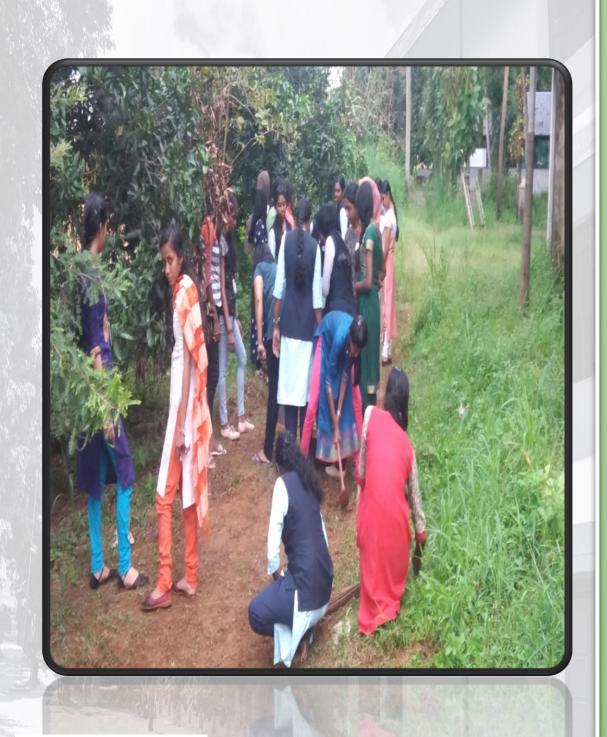


Paper Bag Making and Distribution





Training Session on Household Waste Management-Go Green EMT

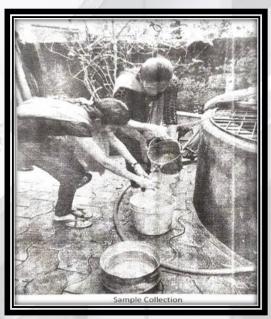


Plastic Free Campus Drive

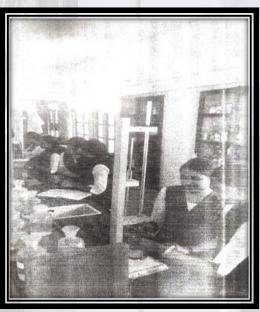


Distribution of Seeded Paper Pens





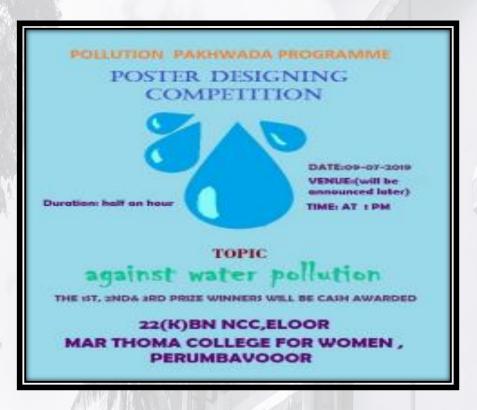




Post Flood Water Quality Analysis

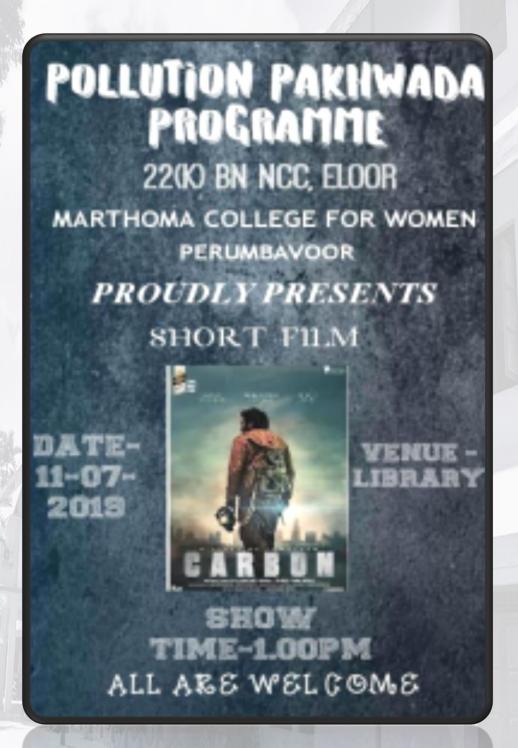


Logo and Caption Designing Competition-Water Pollution





Mega Pollution Awareness Pakhwada

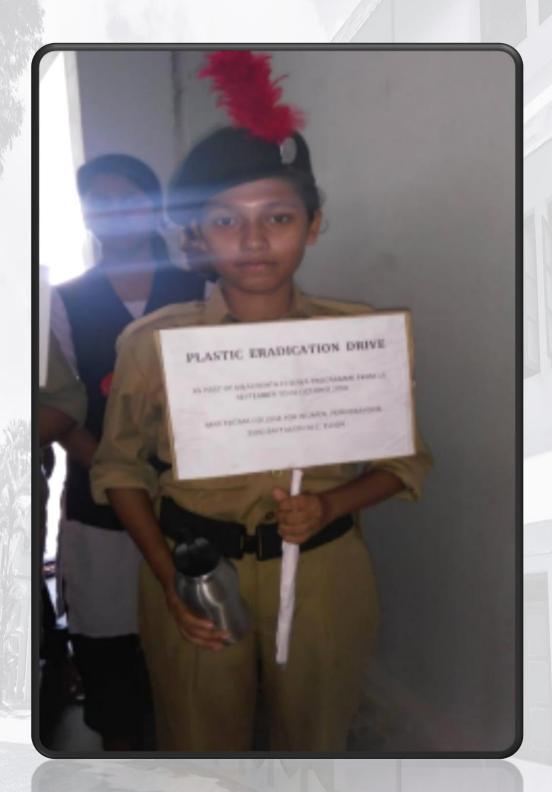


Carbon – A Short Film Show on Pollution Control

ALL ARE WELCOME



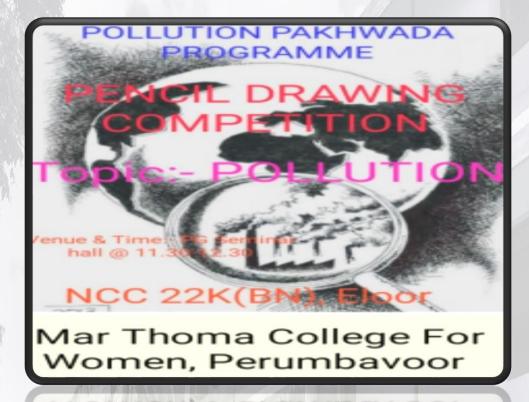
Talk on Swachta Pakhwada-NCC Unit



Plastic Eradication Drive



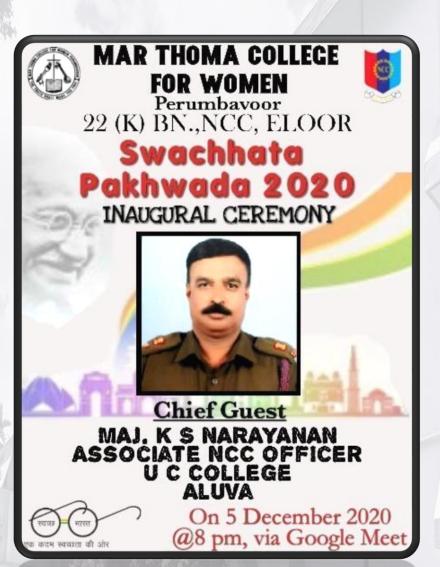
Seminar Presentation on Air Pollution





Mega Pollution Awareness Pakhwada





Online Webinar on Swachhata Pakhwada

On 5 December 2020 28 pm, via Google Meet