



## ST. GREGORIOS TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE, MEENANGADI

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**Report on the efforts which the Institution puts leveraging local environment, locational knowledge and resources, community practices and challenges.**

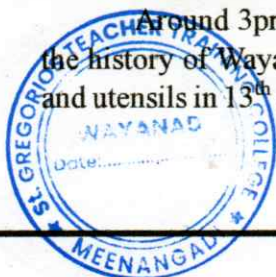
### FIELD TRIP TO EDAKKAL CAVES

One-day field trip was organised by social science association of St Gregorios teachers training college to historical sit Edakkal caves and Wayanad heritage museum at Ambalavayal on 20.1.2020. Edakkal cave, which contains the earliest examples of world art and evidence of Neolithic and Megalithic Civilization in Wayanad, is located on the Ambukuthi hill at height of 4000 feet above sea level.

Edakkal caves are carved out of smooth stones and one of the cave inscriptions is in Tamil ancient Brahmi script stating about a ruler one who killed many tigers. Sanskrit Kannada words are also inscribed the walls of Edakkal cave. The Edakkal cave rock carvings feature strange headdresses and human figures with raised arms wearing what appear to be feather ornaments. Arrows and bows and the figures of a man and a dog give clues to the tribal culture of that time. Now Edakkal cave is under the protection of Archaeology department of India, Edakkal Cave is in the process of getting a place in the UNESCO World Heritage list.



Around 3pm we left to visit the heritage museum at Ambalavayal to learn more about the history of Wayanad. In the museum we can see many of statues, stone carvings, weapons, and utensils in 13<sup>th</sup> century. From there we can learn about the life of various tribal communities



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of Wayanad. At 5.30pm we reached college with a heart full experience about the local history of Wayanad and its rich culture and scenic beauty.

### TRIP TO PAZHASI TOMB

The famous Pazhassi Museum and Pazhassi tomb are located at a short distance from the college. As the first princely state rebellion against British rule in India, the history of Pazhassi Raja and gorilla war with tribal army were very important in Indian History.


Kerala Varma Pazhassi Raja also known as Veera Pazhassi was the head of the princely state Kottayam in the Malabar region of Kerala. Pazhassi rebellion against the British is counted as one of the earliest acts of freedom fight in India. He earned the title "Kerala Simham" (Lion of Kerala) on accounts of his martial exploits. Every year the college organise trips and programs as part of Pazhassi commemoration.



### JAIN TEMPLE SULTHAN BATHERY

The Jain Temple in Sulthan Bathery is a 13th-century temple built during the Vijayanagara Empire. It is one of the most important Jain temples in Kerala, with a rich history and beautiful architecture. The temple was initially used as a shrine but was later converted into battery storage by Tipu Sultan of Mysore. Today it is a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India. In every year field trips were arranged for the teacher students of our institution. These field trips helped them to know the rich cultural heritage of Wayanad and historical importance of Sulthan Bathery.



  
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## AWARENESS AND INTERVENTION TO PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEM

As part of the community practice, activities were carried out to remove plastic waste and destroy invasive plants and other threats to the forest at Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, which is a wildlife sanctuary near the college



Awareness about our ecosystem and active intervention for its conservation is very important in the present era. In association with forest and wild life department of Kerala, the institution organises orientation classes on Various topics like invasive plants, Extinction of vultures etc.



As part of environmental education, the Institution organise regularly trekking and camping to various spots of Wayanad like Cheengeri Hill, Krishnagiri Hill, Wayanad wildlife sanctuary etc. These programmes help the students' teachers to aware of the ecosystem in our locality and to find out the threats and actively participation in remedial activities. The department of Kerala Forest and Wildlife supports the programme.



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## SUSTAINABLE FARMING FOR BETTER TOMORROW IN WAYANAD

Wayanad have its own traditional crops and agricultural practices according the unique climate and soil. To learn about the above, College organised several field visits, interviews with eminent personalities, resource talks in the college and provided opportunity to establish vegetable garden and harvesting. Interview and field visit to the agricultural land of Cheruvayal Raman, an Indian tribal farmer from Wayanad is known as the guardian of rare seeds and Smt. Kumbhamma very famous in bio-farming helped the students' teachers to develop the attitude and knowledge. In 2023 the India government honoured Cheruvayal Raman with Padmashri.



The students teachers established a vegetable garden and other traditional farming in the college premises. They also participated in harvest festival and traditional food festival.



Resource talks were organised for new trends and techniques of farming which are essential for the sustainable agricultural development of Wayanad. Dr. P Rajendran, former director of RARS Ambalavayal is one of the eminent personalities who delivered the resource talks.



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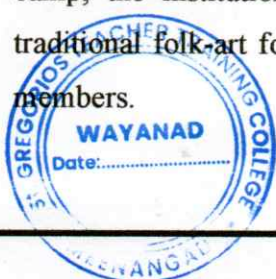
### ZERO CARBON PROGRAMMES AND CLEANLINES DRIVE

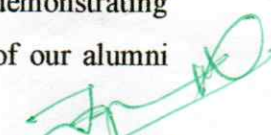
In the year 2023-24 Our students participated in the program of carbon neutral awareness campaign and exhibition organised by Meenangadi Gram Panchayath. That year Meenangadi Gram Panchayath secured first place in national level for Zero Carbon Programmes. The student teachers of the college regularly participate in common cleaning programme by Meenangadi Grama Panchayath and special programmes for plastic free zone at Muthanga wildlife sanctuary.



### FAMILIRISATION OF LOCAL FORMS OF ART AND CULTURE

Wayanad has its own art forms and culture especially from tribal communities. Its conservation and promotion are the major responsibility of the community. Teacher has a major role in this regard. In the academic year 2023-24 as part of "Thamb" the community living camp, the institution invited a team named "Choot" for presenting and demonstrating traditional folk-art forms of Wayanad. Leader of this 'Choot' team was one of our alumni members.



  
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Most of the land in Wayanad is geographically vulnerable area. Natural disasters are quite often in the district. The institution invited members of NDRF team for providing awareness session on various disasters and rescue operations for student teachers. The session includes the demonstration of different types of measures may occur in and around.



Every teacher should use the local resources maximum for effective curricular transaction in the school. In this, regard St. Gregorios Teacher Training College gives much importance and organise many activities.



  
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