Monthly Programme Report

Sir Syed College, Taliparamba BMC

Institution Name: **Sir Syed College, Taliparamba** BMC Code: **KNR/2013/16**

ProgrameTitle: **NADANPOOKKAL**

Program Category: **Others (Exhibition of trditional flowers)**	Activity Type: **Awarness Program**	No.of participants: **200**
Planned Date: **13-09-2024**	Renewed date: **12-09-2024**	Program Date: **23-03-2025**
Budgeted Amount: **Rs 0/-**	Total expenditure: **Rs 0/-**	Balance: **Rs 0/-**

Brief Report

As part of the **Onam celebrations**, a special **Exhibition of Traditional Flowers** was organized to showcase the rich floral heritage of Kerala. The event aimed to familiarize students with **various indigenous flowers, their medicinal importance, and the changing trends in flower usage**.

Key Highlights of the Exhibition

1. **Diversity of Flowers on Display**

- A total of **85 types of flowers** were exhibited, including many traditionally used in **Onam Pookkalam (floral carpets)**.
- The exhibition featured native flowers like **Thumbapoo (Leucas aspera), Mukkutti (Biophytum sensitivum), Chethi (Ixora), Thechi (Red Ixora), and Kanakambaram (Crossandra infundibuliformis)**.

1. **Medicinal Importance of Traditional Flowers**

- Several flowers and plants with **medicinal properties** were highlighted, such as:
- **Mukkutti** – Used in Ayurveda for wound healing and fever.
- **Thumbapoo** – Known for its antimicrobial properties.
- **Thechi** – Used in traditional medicine for skin ailments.

1. **Introduction of Flowers from Other States**

- The exhibition also showcased **non-native flowers**, which have become popular in floral decorations, including **Marigold, Chrysanthemums, and Gerbera**.
- Discussions were held on how these flowers are replacing traditional varieties in Onam Pookkalam.

1. **Impact of Pesticide Usage**

- A session was included to raise awareness about the **excessive use of pesticides in flower cultivation**, especially in commercially grown flowers.
- The importance of **organic and pesticide-free flowers** was emphasized.

1. **Significance of the Exhibition**

- The event helped students **reconnect with Kerala's floral traditions** and understand the cultural significance of these flowers in Onam celebrations.
- It created awareness about **medicinal plants and their uses**, promoting interest in traditional knowledge.
- The exhibition also encouraged discussions on **sustainable farming practices and the need to protect native plant species**.

The event was **highly educational and engaging**, allowing students to explore the **beauty and importance of traditional flowers** while understanding the challenges posed by modern agricultural practices.

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