

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12



Department of Youth Welfare

Cochin University of
Science and Technology



Forward

Department of Youth Welfare is a formal platform in the University to design and implement youth policy which includes the issues related to motivation, participation, promotion and socio-economic and cultural settings within which young people grow up. The Department is acting as a supporting force for the students and youth community to epitomize their academic excellence through doing and learning. The Department was established from the beginning of the University with an aim to promote cultural and social life among the university community under the headship of Director. The core values of the Department are defined in 4 C's- Confidence, Competence, Creativity and Compassion.

During the last academic year, we tried our best to organize maximum programmes and bring leading personalities like Kumar Shahani and Pt. Tarun Bhattacharya in the campus. This review provides an account of the programs and interventions organised by the Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala for the academic Year 2011-12. Despite a lot of limitations, which we mentioned in the last report, such as, lack of supporting staff, funds and clear definitions of work, we are personally happy to see that the department is in the right way. I hope by the next academic year, we will be able to offer more short term courses, training and will carry out research activities and projects.

To quote Luccock, 'No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it'. Working with people is all about success. We would like to thank Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University; Dr. Godfrey Louis, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. A Ramachandran, Registrar and all members of the syndicate for providing invaluable support throughout the year. We would also like to thank Sri. Sebastian Ouseph, Finance Officer; Dr. Philip Kurian, Controller of Examinations; Dr. S. Prathapan, Chairman, Council of Wardens; all the Directots of Schools, Heads of the Departments and Principal, School of Engineering and other colleges for their great interest and support in all the activities.

The fuel that allowed me to achieve great success is the support from my students and staff. I would like to appreciate the support that I received from all the staff and students of the University.

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Dr. P.K Baby
Director, Students Welfare



Monsoon Madness – The Monsoon Camp

Department of Youth Welfare in association with Department of Forests and Wild life, Government of Kerala has organized a monsoon camp – ‘monsoon madness’ for selected students of the University from 01st to 03rd July, 2011 at Thoothampara, Nelliampathy, Palakkad.



The primary goal of the camp was to provide the students an opportunity to immerse them into nature and to get a better sense of understanding and appreciation about the resources and deep beauty of nature. The camp provided the fundamentals for personal and inter-personal improvement with sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork.



The team consisting of 41 contingents started from the campus at 10.30 AM on 01.07.2011, Monday in the University bus. We reached Kaikatty at 3.20 PM and travelled in six jeeps to Thoothampara camp spot. The team reached camp spot by 05.30 P.M. The first session started at 7.00 PM by Sri. Soorya Prakash, One Earth and One Life, a noted

NGO working in the area of environment protection. The second session was an experience sharing by Mr. and Mrs. Dr. N. N. Panicker, Activist and Scientist. In the post dinner session, all the contingents introduced themselves in detail.



The second day started with surya yoga (sun meditation). After the breakfast, the team started a long walk, approximately 12 kilometers through Thoothampara Forest. Thoothampara is a secondary forest, but patches of primary forests are visible in inner corners. The trekking was up to a forest stream and all of us had a nice bath. The next session was on interpersonal skills, by Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Student's Welfare. Adv. Harish V, from legal cell of One Earth One Life handled a session on fundamentals of environmental protection in the evening. Following the session a film, HOME, Directed by photographer / environmentalist Yann Arthus-Bertrand was screened. It was a unique film that approaches the current debate about climate change from a whole new angle, giving the viewer the opportunity to see for themselves how our earth is changing. The third day also started with surya yoga. Following breakfast, Adv. Harish V, from legal cell of One Earth One Life handled a session on legal aspects of environmental protection. After the lunch, the camp wrapped up and the team started journey back with a lot of concern and experiences.

60 seconds to fame - RJ Freq Out: Talent Hunt

Department of Youth Welfare in association with Radio Mango 91.9 and Uninor organised a programme, 60 seconds to fame RJ Freq Out: Talent Hunt on Tuesday, 12.07.2011 at SMS auditorium. The Programme provided an interactive platform for students to gauge their potential and talents in behaviour, communication, inter personal skills and creativity.



The registration started at 10.30 AM at SMS auditorium. The auditions started at 11 am, with 43 dynamic talents. In the first round audience were not allowed to attend the programme. In the first round, the participants were asked to narrate the incidents from wake-up to the time they reach the auditorium. The time allotted for each contestant was 60 minutes. After a tight round, 12 of them were selected to the finals.



The finals started at 2.30 PM, after the lunch break. The final round consisted of three separate rounds. In the first round, the participants were asked to talk on a topic they liked, for one minute. Eight top scorers were selected to the next round, which was rapid fire. The best five contestants were selected to the final round, in which they were given to talk in connection to the pictures shown. At 4 PM the much awaited results were announced. The first runner up was Akhiljith, from Department of Instrumentation was awarded a goodie bag sponsored by Uninor and the winner was Chandramauli of Department of mechanical School of Engineering. Prizes were distributed by Dr. S Prathapan, Chairman Council of Wardens, Cochin University of Science and Technology.



REEL EARTH: EFFC 2011

Environmental Film Festival of CUSAT

Cochin University of Science and Technology witnessed wonderful participation in REEL EARTH: EFFC 2011; Environmental Film Festival of CUSAT organised by the Department of Youth Welfare, CUSAT from 08th to 17th August 2011. Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Hon Vice Chancellor officially inaugurated the REEL EARTH: Environmental Film Festival of CUSAT at School of Marine Sciences auditorium, at lake side campus on Monday, 08th August 2011. 'Changing the world begins with the very personal process of changing ourselves. The only place where we can begin is where we are. And the only time we can begin is always now', said Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath. Dr. Godfrey Louis Pro-Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Dr. N. Chandra Mohanakumar, Registrar; Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Students Welfare; felicitated the function. Mr. Shyju welcomed the gathering and Ms. Aparna A S proposed vote of thanks.

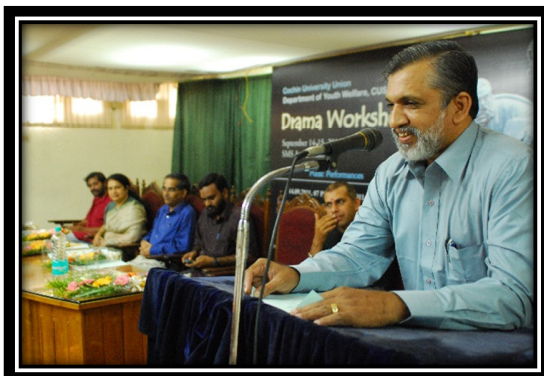


Reel Earth: EFFC 2011 aimed to increase awareness of key environmental issues by promoting and screening short and medium-length films and videos, in documentary format, focusing on environmental issues, produced in any part of the world. The objective of the programme was to foster public awareness on the importance of environment, its relationship with people and the planet we share. The festival's unique selling point was the screening of award-winning green documentary films. HOME, a documentary about Earth, humanity, nature, directed by Yann Arthus-Bertrand was screened at 03.00 PM after the inauguration. EARTH, directed by Alastair Fothergill, Mark Linfield was screened at Electronics Auditorium at 04.30 PM on 10.08.2011, Wednesday. Great Wildlife Moments, introduced and presented by David Attenborough was screened at ISP Auditorium at 04.30 PM on 11.08.2011, Thursday. Animals Are Beautiful People, a 1974 nature documentary about the wildlife in Southern Africa directed by Jamie Uys was screened at SMS Auditorium at 04.30 PM on 16.08.2011, Tuesday. OCEANS, an ecological drama/documentary, filmed throughout the globe, directed by Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud was screened at School of Legal Studies Auditorium at 04.30 PM on 17.08.2011, Wednesday.



Drama Workshop

A two-day 'Drama workshop' organised by Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology and Cochin University Union kicked off at SMS Auditorium on 14th September 2011. Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath inaugurated the workshop that aimed at giving basic theatre education to the students of Cochin University of Science and Technology. The workshop focused various aspects of drama making, covering acting, direction, use of properties, voice, set and stage sense. Dr. N Chandramohana Kumar, Registrar; Sri. Praveen C.P Chairman, University Union, Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Student's Welfare, Dr. K Vanaja, Treasurer, University Union, Camp Directors Sri Amal Raj and Rajesh Sharma were attended the function.





Later in the evening N.N.Pillai's '*Sudhamaddalam*,' has presented by Amal Raj and Rajesh Sharma at Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering Campus. On Friday evening, the campers went to their first show, skit developed in the camp at Kunjali Marakkar of School Marine Engineering. Later, '*Premalekhanam*,' by Soorya Krishnamoorthy was performed by Amal Raj and Laksmi. Both performances drew many rounds of thunderous applause in appreciation. The workshop ended at 09.PM by camp review.



Learn from the Master: Kumar Shahani @ CUSAT



The renowned film maker Sri. Kumar Shahani was in the campus as a 'scholar in residence' under the erudite programme of the Kerala Government hosted by the Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology. Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Student's Welfare welcomed the master film maker to the programme. Following the inaugural lecture, there was an interactive session with the university Officials and special guests at University guest house.



The programme commenced with Shahani's lecture on Monday at the Department of Electronics Auditorium. 'In the globalised world, they want every one of us to be reduced to an ideal consumer and not a person who is creative' he said while interacting with students. Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Godfrey Louis Pro-Vice chancellor; Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Students Welfare, Dr. N Prathapan, Chairman, Council of Wardens discussed with. In the evening, Gokulan and Jayachithira, two students of CUSAT performed a short play – 'chorana koora', directed by Manoj Vinod at SMS Auditorium. The master film maker delivered a public lecture 'an evening with Kumar Shahani' at Maharajas college, Ernakulam, at 03. P.M on 28th September. Answering to the question on how can one communicate with colours, he narrated the pains he had taken to set the correct costume for his films, Kaayal Gaatha. He meandend through different modes of expressions, drawing examples from European art to neo realistic films, to reiterate the basic quality of the artist to respond creatively to his or her milieu.



Mr. Shahani delivered lectures and led interactive sessions at Department of Electronics auditorium and Department of Applied Chemistry Auditorium. Various evening programmes were performed by the students at SMS auditorium as part of Shahani's visit. Mr. Shahani was in the campus till September 30 as part of the programme. The objective of the erudite programme is to provide the faculty members and students an opportunity to interact with eminent academics and distinguished persons.



Eye testing camp for staff and students

Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology in association with Vasan Eye Care, 34 / 563, A - 1, Palarivattom, NH Bypass Road, Cochin - 24 has organised an eye care programme at University Senate room on 11.10.2011 and 12.10.2011 for the staff and students of the University. The camp focused on Computerised refraction, Prescription of glasses for distance and reading, Colour Vision Check, Fundus examination, Answering queries related to eye care. Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Godfrey Louis inaugurated the camp. The programme provided an opportunity for university staff and officials to check their eye related issues at free of cost. Around 400 staff and students tested their eyes in two days.



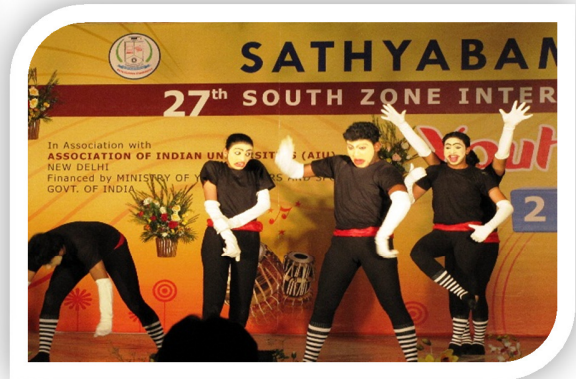
UNIFEST: *South Zone Inter University Youth Festival 2011-12*



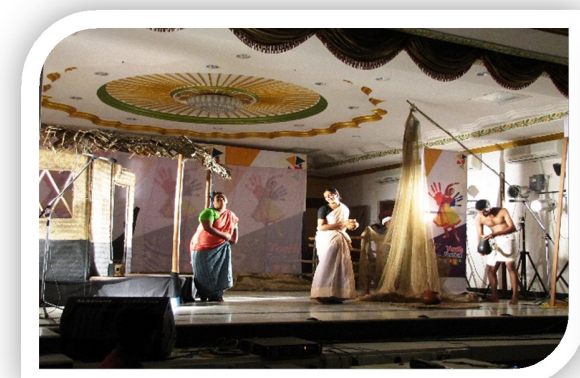
Inter University Youth Festival (UNIFEST) is organized annually by the Association of Indian Universities with the financial assistance from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The 27th South Zone Inter University Youth Festival UNIFEST 2011 held at Sathyabhama University, Chennai -119 from 18th to 22nd December 2011.



Forty contingents including 30 Students, 9 Accompanists and Director, Students Welfare represented Cochin University of Science and Technology in the festival. The cultural team started from the campus on 16.12.2011 at 12.30 P.M and reached Sathyabama University, Chennai at 09.00 A.M on 17.12.2011. Around 40 teams from the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu have participated in the festival.



The festival commenced at 3.30pm with the cultural procession by the participants from various universities in the south zone. Procession was led by the host university. The team from Cochin University of Science and Technology demonstrated different traditions of Kerala by showcasing ottamthullal, bharatha natyam and velichappadu with chenda and thavil. Other boys and girls were in traditional attires. The procession was followed by the inaugural event at open air auditorium. The chief guest Prof. A.D. N Bajpai, Secretary Genral AIU inaugurated the festival. The team participated in one act play, skit, mime, classical solo (vocal), classical instrumental non percussion solo, collage, quiz, elocution, photography and Mimicry.



The Cochin University team grabbed the following positions in various competitions:

- Mr. Akhiljith A - Second prize in mimicry
- Ms. Amrutha Raj - Third prize in elocution (English and Hindi)
- Third prize in one-act-play
- Third prize in skit
- Fourth position in quiz (Pravin V, Pradyoth C John and Nevin Thomas).

Mr. Nikhil P.N and Mr. Harikrishan. U attracted special attention of the audience and judges with their fantastic performance in classical solo (vocal) and violin. The 27th South Zone Inter University Youth Festival UNIFEST 2011 concluded with the valedictory function held on 22nd December 2011. Col Dr. Jeppiar, Chancellor of the Sathyabama University delivered valedictory address. Nearly 70 students were given prizes on the concluding day of youth festival. The students were in overwhelmed lot to receive the prizes. Dr. P.K Baby, Director Students Welfare accompanied the team as controlling officer and contingent in charge.





Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology has organised Green Room II- Cultivating Creativity, an innovative camp for learning from 09th to 12th February, 2012. The programme aimed to bridge the gaps in the traditional class room oriented education system, where students are facing intrapersonal and interpersonal problems related to academic, family, peers or career. The major objective of the programme was to improve the quality of life through empowering students to enhance their creativity by challenging stereotypes and discrimination. The camp covers importance of theatre in social construction, society and theatre, soft skills, group behaviour, mind control, voice modulation, personality development, verbal and non-verbal communication etc.



The inaugural session commenced at 03.30 P M at SMS Auditorium on 09th February, 2012. Dr. Godfrey Louis, Pro-Vice Chancellor chaired the session. Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Honourable Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme. Sri. Tony Raphy, Member of Syndicate, Sri. Prasad Adish Ajayakumar spoke on the occasion. Dr. P.K

Baby, Director Student's Welfare welcomed the gathering and Sri. Aparna S, proposed vote of thanks.



The first day started with the thrilling ice-breaking session led by Dr. P.K Baby, Ms. Rincy Paul and Mr. Gokulan M.S. Following the session at 07.00 PM, Mr. Biju Bhaskar and team performed Kathakali, Keechakavadham. Sri. Fact Biju Bhaskar, Sri. Kalamandalam Radhakrishnan and Asha Varma were performed the roles of Keechakan, Valalan and Sairandhri respectively. Kalamandalam Gopalakrishnan, RLV Jithin and Kalanilayam Ratheesh accompanied the performance. The performance, which lasted for one hour, received an enthusiastic reception and audience were delighted on experiencing a unique form of Kerala's ethnic art. The first day ended with camp evaluation.



Ms. Ojas S.V, a leading theatre activist and trainer lead four sessions on physical theatre, theatre for non-verbal communication, communicating a news, and Social theatre on second and third day. Second day evening witnessed a marvellous performance of Indian Classical recital by Mr. Harikrishnan U (vocal), Nikhil PN (Violin) and Rajesh AIR (Mridangam). The third day evening performance was by Mr. Vinodkumar C.S, noted film Director. He performed three independent roles in various theatre forms as Ravanaan in Karnna bhaaram, Basheer in Premalekhanam and Hijada. The third day started with theatre sessions by Mr. Gokulan, Mr.Shijuraj and Mr. Vinodkumar C.S.



On Sunday evening, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, the only world of santoor melodies in raga charukesi for scores of youths and classical music lovers. Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Vice hancellor and Dr. P.K Baby, Director, Students Welfare welcomed the santoor maestro to the University. The four day programme ended at 10 PM, on 12th February 2012 after the camp evaluation.





DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH WELFARE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 01st APRIL 2011 - 31st MARCH 2012

Expenditure		Income	
To Monsoon Madness - Monsoon Camp	19,000	By 399 - Assistance to Other Welfare Programmes	1,00,000
To RJ - Freqout: Talent Hunt	-	By Monsoon Madness - Monsoon Camp	10,000
To Reel Earth : EFFC 2011	15,000	By Reel Earth : EFFC 2011	15,000
To Drama Workshop	-	By Green Room II	75,000
To Learn from the Master	73,000	By 202 - Youth festival	3,50,000
To Eye Camp	-	By Erudite - Scholar in residence programme	73,000
To South Zone Inter University Youth Fest	2,01,000	By Course Fee collected from Students (Green Room and Monsoon Madness)	21,000
To Green Room II	87,000		
To Unspent amount in 202- Youth Festival	1,49,000		
TOTAL	5,44,000	TOTAL	5,44,000

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