#### **Marine Debris**

Have you ever walked along beautiful beach and been shocked to find a myriad of plastic at your feet? You might be even more surprised that around 130 million pounds of plastic waste are dumped, world over, in to the sea annually.

"It is a curious situation that the sea, from which life first arose, should now be threatened by the activities of one form of that life. But the sea, though changed in a sinister way, will continue to exist: the threat is rather to life itself."

— Rachel Carson, Marine Biologist

Marine debris is a universal environmental problem that harms marine life, ecosystems, and human health. It is a threat since these can absorb and concentrate other toxic pollutants and can affect marine life, ecosystems, and human health. Yet, marine plastic pollution is at its core, a problem that experts believe can be solved, for which public awareness is the need of the hour. In this context, the Two day International Seminar is envisaged to make students and young adults aware of the problem, specifically to sensitize them in moving away from usage of diverse products which can ultimately reach our great ocean systems.

# Two Day International Seminar on Management of Marine Debris

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Organized by

Bhoomithra Sena Club
In association with
Post Graduate and Research
Department of Environmental Sciences



All Saints' College Thiruvananthapuram

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### **Guidelines for Chapters**

Original research/review papers are invited on the Themes mentioned, as Chapters for an ISBN Book to be brought out as part of the Programme. The chapters should be written in **Times New Romans** and organized as follows:

- 1. Title (center alignment, upper case, font size 14, bold)
- 2. Name(s), Address(es) e-mail and phone number of the Author(s) (center alignment, title case, font size 12, names alone bold)
- 3. Abstract (about 250 words, font size 12)
- 4. Key words (4-6 words, font size 10)
- 5. Introduction (font size 12)
- 6. Sub-headings(font size 12)
- 7. Conclusions (font size 12)
- 8. References (font size 10)

The chapters should reach

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before 15th January 2020

#### **Guidelines for Presentation Competition**

A presentation Competition is organized as part of the seminar. Both UG and PG students are eligible for participation in the competition. The participating candidates should make their presentations in PowerPoint

**Duration: Maximum 10 minutes** 

### Registration

Teachers and Academicians: Rs. 300/-Research Scholars and Students: Rs. 200/-

## **Organizing Committee:**

Dr. Deepa M

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### **Seminar Objectives**

- Raising awareness regarding marine litter
- → Spreading knowledge
- Creating a task force for periodic beach cleaning
- To build student trainers from colleges to train school students
- → To deliberate over possible management measures and course of action

#### **Themes**

- → Introducing the topic: Marine Debris and problems associated
- Scientific methods in Marine Debris collection
- Management of Marine Debris
- Lifestyle changes for a cleaner ocean
- → Regulation in management of Marine Littering

## **Programme Co-ordinators:**

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> Venue: Audio Visual Hall All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram

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