

Monthly Programme Report

Sir Syed College, Taliparamba BMC

Institution Name: **Sir Syed College, Taliparamba**

BMC Code: **KNR/2013/17**

Programme Title: **NADANPOOKKAL**

Program Category: Others (Exhibition of traditional flowers)	Activity Type: Awareness 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.

Photographs

