

**Monthly Programme Report**  
**Maharaja's College BMC**

Institution Name: **Maharaja's College**

BMC Code: **ERM/2022/31**

Programme Title: **Neelakurinji Photo exhibition**

Program Category: <b>Awareness program(Seminars/symposia/workshops/others)</b>	Activity Type: <b>Awareness Program</b>	No. of participants: <b>120</b>
Planned Date: <b>14-11-2023</b>	Renewed date: <b>-</b>	Program Date: <b>24-05-2024</b>
Budgeted Amount: <b>Rs 3000/-</b>	Total expenditure: <b>Rs 2703/-</b>	Balance: <b>Rs 297/-</b>

**Brief Report**

A photo exhibition of *Strobilanthes kunthiana* (*Neelakurinji*) was organized by Bhoomithra Sena in association with Department of Botany on 14th November 2023.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Jayamol KV. Nearly 65 photographs of *Neelakurinji* by Dr. Jomy Augustine, former Head of the Department of Botany at St. Thomas College, Pala, were on display at the venue. An expert in *Neelakurinji*, he had traversed the full length of the Western Ghats in search of the magic weaved by the protected species. Dr. Augustine said that he had travelled to the hill ranges on several occasions to document the various species and that each variety had its own special features and helped in capturing the magic moments of the flower that blossoms only during certain years. It was his 35th exhibition of photographs on *Neelakurinji* at the Maharaja's College. Students from nearby Colleges visited the exhibition.

## Expenditure Statement

Item	Expenditure	Remarks
Honorarium	Rs 1500	
Organizing expenses	Rs 1203	
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>		<b>Rs 3000</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>Rs 2703</b>
<b>Balance Amount</b>		<b>Rs 297</b>

# Photographs



**NEELAKURINJI PHOTO EXHIBITION**  
നീലക്കുറിഞ്ഞി ഫോട്ടോ പ്രദർശനം

  
Organized by  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
Maharaja's College, Ernakulam

*In association with:*  
BHOOMITHRA SENA,  
NATURE CLUB & IQAC  
Maharaja's College

  
By:  
Prof. Jimmy Augustin  
Ret. HOD, Dept. of Botany,  
St. Thomas College Pala  
(Environmentalist & Neelakurinji Expert)

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**11.30am - 2pm**  
**Botany 2<sup>nd</sup> UG classroom**

