## DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE EDATHUA PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

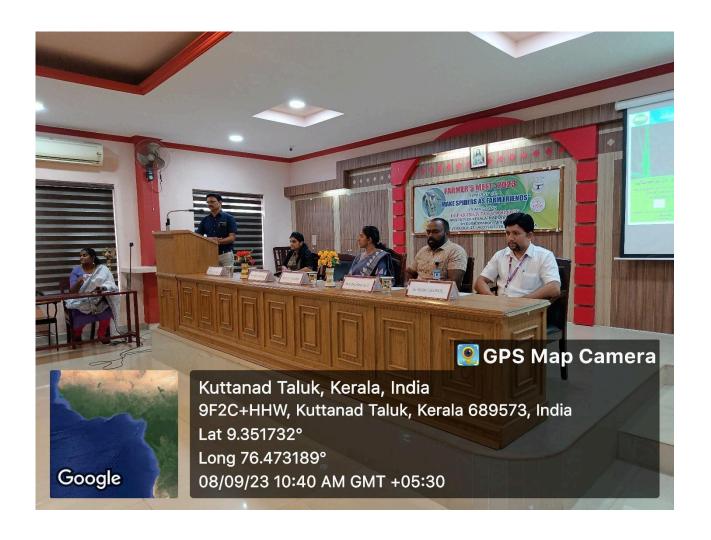
## 1. FARMER'S MEET 2023 AND A SEMINAR ON "MAKE SPIDERS AS FARM FRIEND" ON 08-09-2023

The Department of Zoology, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, in collaboration with the Department of Zoology, St. Aloysius College Edathua, organized a Farmer's Meet 2023 and a Seminar under the theme "Make Spiders as Farm Friend." This event, held on September 8, 2023, aimed to educate farmers and selected school students from the Kuttanad region on the vital role of spiders in sustainable agriculture practices.

The program commenced at 10:00 AM at the Fr. Punnappadom Hall of St. Aloysius College, Edathua. **Prof. (Dr.) G. Prasad**, the Professor & Head of the Department of Zoology at the University of Kerala, presided over the meeting. **Smt. Liji Varghese**, **President of Edathua Gram Panchayat**, inaugurated the Farmers Meet 2023, highlighting the significance of sustainable agriculture. The College Principal in-charge, **Prof. (Dr.) Indulal G**, delivered a felicitation speech, underlining the importance of collaboration between academic institutions and local communities for the betterment of agriculture. **Dr. Shibu George**, Assistant Professor in Zoology and the college Programme Coordinator, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants of the inaugural ceremony, emphasizing the collective effort required for the success of such initiatives.

The seminar, "Make Spiders as Farm Friend," featured **Ms. Nishi Babu**, a research scholar from the Department of Zoology at the University of Kerala. Ms. Babu, an authority on spiders in the Kuttanad paddy fields, provided valuable insights into the role of spiders as biological controllers of pests, especially in the Kuttanad region. The seminar participants, totaling 50, included 35 farmers from the Kuttanad region and a group of school students selected to raise awareness among the younger generation.







#### 2. INAUGURATION OF ZOOLOGY ASSOCIATION & SEMINAR ON WILDLIFE

#### **CONSERVATION ISSUES: KERALA SCENARIO**

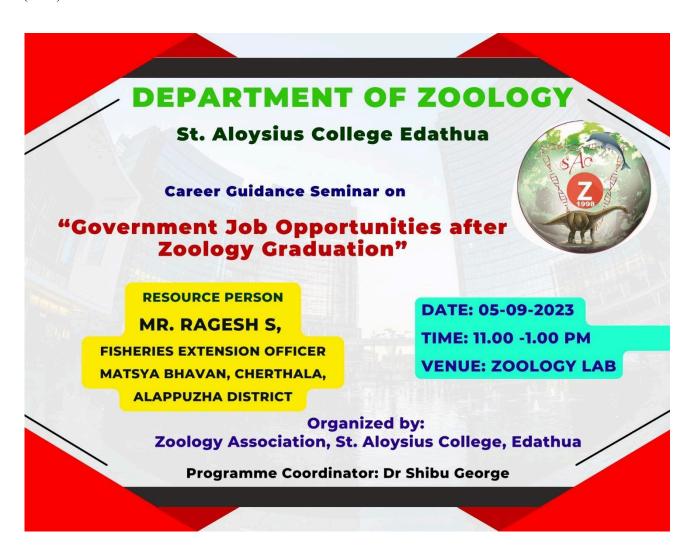
The Zoology Association was formally inaugurated by Dr Gigi K Joseph, Assistant Professor in Zoology, Nirmala College Muvattupuzha on 11-12-2023. Dr Tessa Thomas (HOD) welcomed the dignitaries and Prof. (Dr) Indulal G, Principal extended Presidential address. Resource person, Dr Gigi K Joseph delivered a seminar on the topic Wildlife Conservation Issues: Kerala Scenario. Dr Shibu George, President of Zoology Association proposed Vote of thanks





# 3. CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR ON "GOVERNMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AFTER ZOOLOGY GRADUATION" ON 05-09-2023

The Career Guidance Seminar on "Government Job Opportunities after Zoology Graduation" was organized by the Zoology Association for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year B.Sc. Zoology students of St. Aloysius College Edathua on **05-09-2023**. Mr. Ragesh S, a former student of our department and presently working as a **Fisheries Extension Officer at Matsya Bhavan**, **Cherthala**, **Alappuzha District**, was invited as the guest speaker. He shared his expertise and experiences, particularly focusing on the steps for securing government jobs through the Kerala Public Service Commission (PSC).





- 4. Inter Department Mobile Phone Photography Competition in connection with "World Water Day" Celebrations on 22nd March 2024 : -
  - A) 1st prize is bagged by Ms. Anu B, II B.A. Economics.



### B) 2nd prize is bagged by Mr. Sachin Santhosh, I B.Com. (F & T).

