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KEY INDICATOR	2.3	Teaching - Learning Process
METRIC	2.3.1	Student-centric methods such as experiential learning, participative learning and
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

The Department of Botany was started in 1956 with the introduction of Pre-university II group. From 1957, Botany was offered as a subsidiary for the B. Sc. degree course in Zoology in the college. In addition to regular educational techniques, teaching aids like PPT, Videos, Internet, preserved and fresh specimens, slides, and demonstration charts are utilized. Practical knowledge is gained by field visits and interaction with research institutions.

Final year M. Sc. Environmental Science students are being guided by the teachers of the department from 1999 onwards in various research topics like biodiversity studies on wetlands, taxonomic studies of algae and angiosperms, mangrove ecosystems, sacred groves etc. From 2015 onwards, research guidance is being given to Ph.D. students.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Achandy Endowment: For the student who secures maximum marks in the Subsidiary Botany Examination (I and II years combined – both theory and practical).

Prof. Bastian Jose Memorial Endowment: For the student who secures maximum marks in the Complementary Botany Examination (I year – Theory).

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	EXPERIENTIAL	PROBLEM
	LEARNING	SOLVING
	Awareness programme on	Invasive plant
1	uprooting the invasives	management programme



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

1. AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON UPROOTING THE INVASIVES

The state of Kerala is blessed with rich flora and fauna. This include indigenous and exotic species. These exotic species when cause ecological and economic impact in the introduced habitat are termed as invasive species and the process is called biological invasion. Among the rich floral diversity, eighty-two plants have been reported as invasive throughout the state.

Creating awareness at a grass root level is a crucial part of managing invasive alien plants. This plays a very important role in further introductions of these species. Towards this, an awareness programme was conducted to the cleaning staff of Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda by the Department of Botany in association with Biodiversity club on 23rd March 2024. They were made aware of the various invasive alien plants in the campus and the various negative impacts of these species. They were also given knowledge about the management practices which can be implemented to check the spread of the plants. The management programme was led by Dr. R Soumya, Dr. Bijoy C., and Ms Sreelakshmi V . V. the awarenss talk was given by Ms. Poornima P P, student coordinator, Biodiversity club. The programme was conducted in the forenoon session. As a part of the programme, the staff were also made aware of the various invasive plants infested areas in the campus by direct visit to those areas. They also got a on field experience about the growing nature of the plants.

Programme Objectives:

- To create awareness about the impacts of invasive alien plants
- To demonstrate the various management protocols that can be adopted



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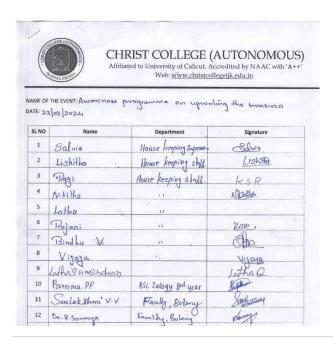
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Programme Attained Outcome:

- The cleaning staff became mindful of the various invasive alien plants in the campus
- They became watchful about the different management programmes to be conducted to manage them



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PROBLEM-SOLVING METHODS

<u>Invasive plant management programme</u>

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As a part of managing the invasive alien plants of the Campus of Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda, Biodiversity club and Department of Botany organised a programme to uproot alien invasive plants in the campus for three days – (7th December 2023. 15th January 2024 and 31st January 2024). The management programme was led by Dr. R Soumya, Dr. Bijoy C., Dr. Sr. Dilla Jose and Ms Sreelakshmi V. V. The programme was conducted from 3:00 pm to 4:00pm n all the three days. As a part of the programme the students uprooted the invasive plant – *Sphagneticola trilobata* from various parts of the campus. The uprooted plants were properly decomposed to restrict further spread.

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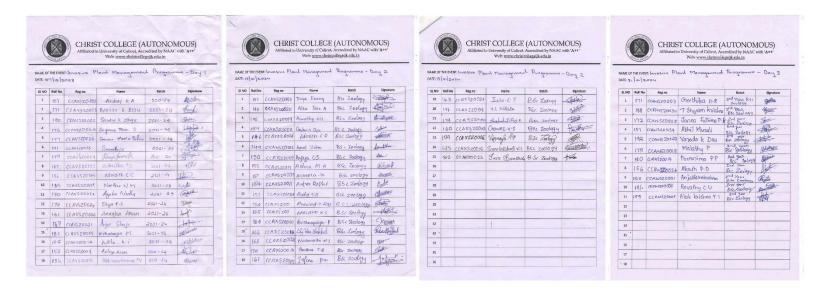
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Programme Attained Outcome:

- Students became aware of the invasive alien plants in the campus
- They became informed about the management methods of *Sphagneticola trilobata*
- They also got enlightened about the various negative impacts of the species



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