



# **Sree Narayana Mangalam College, Maliankara**

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## **Collaboration WITH District Suchithwa Mission**



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## FREE OF PLASTIC PROGRAMME

**District Suchitwa Mission:** Suchitwa Mission (SM) was formed by integrating the Kerala Total Sanitation and Health Mission (KTSHM) and Clean Kerala Mission (CKM). Suchitwa Mission which comes under the Local Self Government Department is responsible for evolving implementation strategy, providing policy in the sector of various waste management issues and has been functioning as the nodal agency for assisting cities, municipalities and panchayats in all waste management aspects. Under the banner of Ernakulam Suchitwa Mission several campaigns were conducted for tackling the issues and challenges faced by the modern society. A few of them includes home sanitation and food hygiene, personal hygiene, solid waste management, liquid waste management, safe handling of drinking water and community environmental sanitation. One such campaign jointly organised by District Suchitwa Mission and NSS unit of S.N.M college, Maliankara is a free of plastic programme conducted under the title “Don’t Burn Plastic and Don’t Become Sick by Burning’ campaign at Ernakulam District. - NAVA KERALA PURASKARAM”.

**Objective of the progamme:** To educate the public about the harmful effects of burning plastic waste and emphasizing the importance of proper waste disposal methods to protect both the environment and human health.



**Description of the programme:** In connection with Nava Kerala Puraskaram program, NSS unit volunteers and programme officers of S.N.M College Maliankara participated in the formal inaugural function of ‘DON’T BURN PLASTIC AND DON’T BECOME SICK BY BURNING’ campaign - A free of plastic programme started at Ernakulam district under the banner of Ernakulam Suchitwa Mission. NSS volunteer secretary Mr. Shahir Mohamed T M, NSS program officers Dr. V C Resmi and Sri. K D Vipin along with NSS volunteers of S.N.M college received the “Board for Anti Plastic Campaign” from the honourable minister Sri. P Rajeev. After the inaugural function, NSS volunteers were actively engaged in plastic wastes management campaign and cleaning activities. Different types of plastic wastes were collected from within the college premises and outside and were dumped in waste bins. The closing session of the district level campaign jointly conducted by District Suchithwa Mission mission and S.N.M college NSS Unit took place on 02/12/2021 at Moothakunnam. S.N.M college Principal Dr. T H Jitha, district panchayath members, sanitation mission coordinators, vadakkekara panchayath President Ms. Resmi Anil Kumar and NSS programme officer Dr.V C Resmi attended the program. Around 25 NSS volunteers participated in the program under the leadership of NSS secretaries Mr. Shahir Mohamed T M and Ms. Lidhiya Krishna M D.

**Outcome of the programme:** Students within the campus became more aware about the adverse impact of burning plastic. They decided to avoid burning plastic waste at their household premises. College authority also decided to manage plastic wastes through Haritha Karma Sena in the ward .The students gained information on the disadvantages of using plastic, their impact on the environment and their safe disposal.



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