KSSP organized Wetland Day meetings in three places at Alappuzha

Kerala, Alappuzha: Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad (KSSP) organized wetland day meetings at three different places in Alappuzha, a district in Kerala, which is famous for its canals and backwaters. The meeting venues at Kavalam, Kainakary and Kayipuram were the places at costs of famous Vembanadu Coal Eco system and each of the meeting was crowded with fishermen, farmers, environmentalists and activists.

Vembanadu backwater system is the largest in that regard and attractive for its serene beauty. Now it is facing several threats as reclamation, pollution by agricultural- industrial operations, extensive tourism especially uncontrolled plying of houseboats etc. Though it has been declared as one of the important Ramsar sites in India, no serious activities taken so far for the conservation of the same. The Thannermukkom Barrier (regulator) which was constructed across the Vembanadu lagoon in 1975 for the purpose of control salinity intrusion to the Kuttanadu, which is known as the ‘rice bowl’ of Kerala. But the construction barrier and check tidal ingestion of salinity has been most catastrophic to the lake, dividing the estuarine system in to a brackish water lagoon on the North and fresh water lake on the south. KSSP has been conducting series of campaign for the permanent opening of the shutters of the Thannermukkom Barrier. This wetland day theme adopted by KSSP as; open the barrier at least three consecutive years for the purpose of assess the impact and save this wetland from its extinction.

One of these meetings was held at Kavalam at Kuttanadu and it was presided by former District President of KSSP Mr. Jayan Champakkulam. Inaugurated by Mr. Rama Bhadran, local leader of Communist Party (Marxist) and Mr. Joji Koottummel famous environmentalist and former Convener of Environmental Sub Committee of KSSP delivered the Keynote address.

Second meeting also organized at Kainakry at Kuttanadu and the same was presided by Mr. Vaishakhan, Vice President Gram Panchayath. Inaugurated by Dr. John Mathai, former Central Executive Committee Member of KSSP and Adv. T.K Sujith, District Vice President of KSSP, delivered the keynote address.
The third meeting was at Kayippuram at Cherthala and it was presided by Mr. P.P Udayasimhan, President, KSSP Mekhala Committee. Inaugurated by Mr. C.K Bhaskaran, President Muhamma Grama Panchayath. Mr. P Jayaraj, president KSSP, Alappuzha district committee, delivered keynote address. Famous environmentalist Mr. K.V Dayal attended this meeting.

Wetland Day Meeting at Kayippuram, Cherthala

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