AGENDA 2.0 was a national-level symposium for college students on SDG 13: Climate Action titled *Youth Responsiveness to Climate Action*. It is the signature program of UNAI ASPIRE Chapter Marian conducted in association with Sustainable Development Research Center of Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous), and affiliated to Kerala Forum on United Nations Academic Impact (KFUNAI). It is a sequel to AGENDA 1.0 that was held in February 2019. Both events were hosted at Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous).

The symposium was a national level two-day event and had eminent speakers who spoke about climate action, sharing their experiences and conducting interactive seminars. The symposium also gave an opportunity to the participating students to present their papers, if any, on this matter.

Day 1: 29th November, 2019

Inauguration

The program began at 10:00 a.m. with a prayer song, followed by a welcome address by Ms. Suzanna Oommen. Then an inaugural address was given by Rev Fr. James Kozhimala which was followed by the lighting of the lamp.
Session by Prof Dr. Joe Thomas

Professor Dr. Joe Thomas came all the way from Pune, Maharashtra to share his insights with us on climate change and our role in it. He believed that climate change was a leadership challenge for the young generation. He showed how a rapidly changing climate can have a direct impact on world peace. He also shared with us a research report on the recent Kerala floods based on his own field work in which he claims that climate change due to human activities could be the direct cause of the floods. Finally, he showed us how education and personal responsibility can help slow down the rate of climate change.

Session by Dr. T V Muralivallabhan

Dr. T V Muralivallabhan is the director of Sustainable Development Research Department of Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous). His session focused more on the ethical side of realization of SDG goals. He talked about the responsibilities we have as global citizens to protect the environment. He talked about the importance of integrating green consciousness into our syllabus. And about the impact the youth can have, using Greta Thunberg as example.
At the young age of 19, Akhilesh Anil Kumar is the founder of the Bring Back Green (BBG) initiative. He shared with us his views on climate change and his experiences in working with NGOs. He stated that we weren’t experiencing mere changing climate but a climate emergency. He showed us how we can step up individually to make a change. He also gave us a detailed insight into a campaign he started which focuses on banning plastic by partnering with local panchayats and government initiatives. The best part of it all was that he led by example. Whatever he encouraged us to do, he was already doing.

Sri. Gopalakrishnan and his wife, Smt. Vijayalakshmi, are the founders of Sarang school, the rural university, in Attapady, Kerala. This is a green school that doesn’t provide conventional education. Instead, children are educated from the environment. Sri. Gopalakrishnan’s
session focused more on the need for change in the method of education we have in modern society. According to him, the environment is our teacher and people should learn from experiences. When needs arise we work hard and learn new things. He shared with us his wisdom and values through many songs, which all the participants sang along with him. He talked about how the only proper way to educate children was to bring them up in touch with nature. All of this he showed us in light of his own experience and the experiences of his children and grandchildren.

**Papers Presented by the Participants**

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Cultural Programs

- Joby (I MMH) & Babin Reji (II BA Economics): Naadan Paattu with triple drum
- Parvathy Murali (II BCom): Violin
- Celine Sara (II BACE): Padayani
- I BA Economics Group Song
- I BA Economics Group Dance
Day 2: 30th November, 2019

Day 2 began with a three kilometre walk in the morning from the college to Sahyadri museum which has exhibits tracing the history of Ayurveda.

The participants also got a chance to explore the inside of Sahyadri Ayurveda Factory where they got to taste Arishtam, a common ayurvedic medicine prepared by fermentation of medicinal herbs.
Then they proceeded to a cottage nearby, which was powered completely by solar panels, where the next session was supposed to take place.

Session by Vishnu P. R.

Vishnu P. R. is the founder and CEO of the Change Can Change Climate Change (C$^5$) foundation. C$^5$ foundation helps individuals or a group of individuals with a business idea, which promotes green initiative, to establish their business. He was one among the hundred youngsters from around the globe to participate in the first ever UN Youth Climate Summit. He taught us how to bring back the sustainable living that our past generations used to practice and how it would help solve the climate emergency. Using alternatives to plastic, proper recycling of plastic waste, use of public transport, reducing food wastage, and their proper disposal are some of the ways he recommends to reduce our carbon footprint and live in harmony with the environment.
Closing

The Program closed after the lunch with a closing address by Dr. Roy Abraham P, followed by a feedback session. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The certificates of the participants would be sent to their respective colleges.

Green Protocol

The event was coordinated and conducted following the green protocol. The following green initiatives were used:

- The complete avoidance of single use non-biodegradable materials such as plastic, Styrofoam, Thermocol etc. for decoration purposes.
- Use of biodegradable and reusable materials for decoration.
- Use of sack clothes for making hand drawn banners and posters.
- Use of biodegradable paper seed pens which can later be grown into plants after usage.
- Use of flowers and also wooden decorations.
- Use of reusable cardboard files.
- All the items used in the decorations were either taken back for been used or were properly disposed.
- Use of steel glasses instead of paper cups.
- The gifts that was given away were fresh spices which were locally grown by farmers of the region. They were packaged in glass and paper packaging.

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