

**CONSCIENTISATION PROGRAMME
ON
SOLAR ECLIPSE 2019**

The college organised a Conscientisation Programme on Solar Eclipse 2019 in collaboration with Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad and Energy Club of the college. The programme was comprised of four phases.

Phase 1: Orientation to Resource Persons at Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad

This phase constituted the orientation provided to resource persons on 'Solar Eclipse' at the District Level Workshop conducted at Priyadarsini Planetarium organized by Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad on 1 December 2019. The workshop focused on giving a thorough awareness to the resource persons about Solar Eclipse and the science behind it. The session also aimed at providing a clear awareness to the public about solar eclipse. The student teachers who attended the workshop were Ms. Sruthi M., Ms. Sandhya S. R., Mr. Bijulal V. and Ms. Asha A. S.

Phase 2: Awareness Class to Student Teachers

An awareness class was conducted by the resource persons to the student teachers of Sree Narayana Training College on 'Solar Eclipse'. The topics covered included the science behind solar eclipse, the various myths and superstitions related to solar eclipse, and safe methods to view solar eclipse. Also, training was given to the student teachers on the construction of solar glasses.

Phase 3: Awareness at the School Level

Awareness sessions were organized and conducted for students of various schools in Thiruvananthapuram district. Classes were conducted at Government H.S.S., Palayamkundu on 6 December 2019; Government H.S.S., Cherunniyoor on 22 December 2019; and U.P. School, Palachira, Varkala on 25 December 2019.

Phase 4: Awareness to the Public

Awareness was given to the general public including local Panchayat members for conscientising them about the safe viewing of solar eclipse, proper use of sunglasses, and for clarifying their misconceptions regarding solar eclipse. On 23 December 2019, awareness class was conducted at Block Resource Centre (BRC), Varkala and Bappuji Memorial Library, Koor. On 24 December 2019, awareness programme was conducted at Urapura Cultural Reading Club, Njekkad. Besides this, the resource persons also conducted conscientisation classes in the localities like Murukkumpuzha, Chirayinkeezhu, Penkulam etc. The public attended the classes with much interest and enthusiasm.