**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

**DETAILS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES HELD DURING 2016 JUNE to 2017 JANUARY**

**PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED**

* Nature Camps for students were organized at Vazhachal forests, Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary and Parambikulam Tiger Reserve
* Dept. acted as Regional Co-ordinator for Bird Atlas Project of Bird Count India, eBird and Birdlife International
* One day seminar on “Western Ghats – Biodiversity, Biogeography and Conservation” by Sri. Saji Kumar, Wildlife Warden, Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala Forest and Wildlife Department
* Selected Students attended hands on training on Statistical Data Analysis at TIES, Kottayam during 18 to 20 Nov. 2016
* Students taken up a charity initiative “Dwithi” at the tribal hamlets of Aralam Farm, Kannur. They have distributed dress materials, raised fund for cancer patient, surveyed human wildlife-conflict in the area.
* Students participated in Asian Water Bird at Vembanad, Kottayam conducted by Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department
* Students participated in Annual Butterfly Survey at Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary conducted by Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department

**FACILITIES CREATED**

* Bourdillon’s Forest Information Centre was established with collection and display of Forest Tree Seeds, Non-Timber Forest Products, Xylarium and other exhibits of forestry importance
* Students’ Infotainment Corner was setup

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Malik Fasil M., Asst. Professor of Forestry appointed as the Expert Member of the District Expert Appraisal Committee (DEAC) by the District Collector, Kannur under Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2016, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India.
* Malik Fasil M. attended refresher course on Environmental Science and Geosciences at UGC-HRDC, Calicut University during 9th to 29th Nov. 2016
* Aneesh K.S. attended hands on training on Statistical Data Analysis at TIES, Kottayam during 18 to 20 Nov. 2016
* Aneesh K. S. attended Two Day Capacity Building Residential Workshop during 16 – 17 December 2016 at Loyola College, Thiruvananthapuram