

# NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HABITAT RESTORATION AND BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

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The National seminar on Habitat restoration and Butterfly Conservation was conducted as a part of Science Popularization Programme “A home for the Tender wings- Indigenous Butterfly Conservation and Habitat Preservation”. The National seminar was inaugurated by Dr. A. Kowsigan IAS, Hon. Dist. Collector, Thrissur. On the occasion the butterfly gardening guide written by the coordinators on butterfly gardening was released.



The seminar was a great success with participants from different institutions attending the programme. Various resourceful classes on butterflies, butterfly gardening was conducted with eminent resource personality.

There were many participants for paper presentation and poster presentation competition. The book of abstracts of seminar proceedings was published by Dr. George Mathew. The second day of the seminar was mainly for the school students. Students from different schools attended the classes on butterfly gardening and they also visited the exhibition arranged in the campus.

The program culminated with the valedictory function presided by the principal of St. Mary's college, the chief guest was Sr. Sancta. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the shalabolsavam competition



### List of Resource Persons

Session I	Butterfly Watching Why and How?	Balakrishnan Vallapil
Session II	Diversity of butterflies and their conservation	Dr.K.R.Sasidharan, Scientist, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore
Session III	Butterfly Gardening	Rakesh G. Vadhyar Botanical Survey Of India, Coimbatore
Session IV	Introduction of butterflies and host plants	Dr. Sinjumol Thomas St. Joseph's College
Session V	Butterfly diversity of India and its conservation	Dr. George Mathew (Ex) Emeritus Scientist, K F R I.
Session VI	Do butterfly gardens really help to conserve butterflies?	Soumya KC, Research Fellow, Entomology Dept, KFRI