**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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**BISHOP MOORE COLLEGE, MAVELIKARA**

Minutes of the First Webinar of CHINTHA SARANI-the Seminar series

The First webinar of Chintha sarani was conducted on 5th March2022 at 7 pm.

Smt. Sheela Thomas IAS (Rtd.) ( CMD, Rubber Board, Former Additional Chief secretary and our Alumna) Inaugurated CHINTHA SARANI- in a short meeting presided over by Sri. K G Mukunda, president of Alumni association. General Secretary of Alumni Association, Sri. S Joseph welcomed the gathering. Principal Dr.Jacob Chandy delivered theKeynote Address. by Dr. Sherly P anand , Convenor of the Academic sub-committee introduced the resource person of the Seminar, Smt Avanthika Goswami. Smt. Avanthika Goswami,Dy. Programme Manager on Climate Change, CSE, New Delhi, presented a paper on ‘ Climate Crisis and Glasgow Summit-COP26.

She explained various anthropogenic activities accelerating emission of Green House gases and its impacts on various sectors like human lives and health, economy, biodiversity loss etc. In 2020 extreme weather events displaced 55 million people world wide , 929,000 in India alone(IDMC). United Nations Frame work convention on Climate change ( UNFCC)was adopted at the earth Summit at Rio de Janeiro in 1992 was the first step in addressing the most urgent environmental problems faced by mankind . The main Goal of the Paris agreement which came in to practice by 2015 , was to limit the temperature rise below 1.5C/ 2C above the pre-industrial level. Even today we couldn’t reach the correct track. She explained that COP 26 held in Glasgow from Nov. 1 to 12 2021 was critical because we were running out of time to bring back Carbon di Oxide to safer levels . It was expected to release 100 million dollors as climate finance for developing countries, and victims like Island nations who are affected by the damages caused by the developed countries. 152 countries submitted new NDCs for net Zero emission . Instead of phase out from coal , india like developing economies adopted a stand to phase down coal . Developed countries agreed to double the funding as compensation for the damages made by the m, in 2025 , which would amount to around 40 billion dollars 141 countries signed deforestation pledge.111 countries signed apledge to reduce their methane emission. She also explained the role of youth and the importance of Individual level initiatives to protect our environment.

The talk was followed by interaction with the participants. Active participation of our Executive members Dr. C Gopinathan Pillai, Col. S Hariprasad and Dr. Narayanan Nair, along with our teachers and students made this part of the webinar very much live.

Dr. Ranjith Mathew Abraham Vice principal & Academic committee Member expressed Vote of thanks.

The webinar was concluded at 8. 45pm. There were 131 participants in the webinar.

We are really indebted to the principal Dr.Jacob Chandy, who suggested a convenient date for the webinar, and made all arrangements for preparing a beautiful brochure in tune with our ideas, and also arranged maximum participation of students.

The help and Support extended by Prof. V C John Sir,Hari Babu Sir, Dr. Divya, Dr. Deepthi, Prof. Reeja, Sri. Reji are commendable.

Dr. Lynnet (treasurer & academic committee member) deserves a word of special mention for operating the Zoom which enabled , the smooth conduct of the webinar and distribution of E- Certificates to all the participants, free of coast .

Remembering the timely intervention of the President, the General secretary and all the academic committee members which made the program a grand success.

Dr. Sherly P anand

( Convenor, Academic Committee)