

GRAFFITI FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

The students of the Department of Botany and Mathematics did graffiti art on the wall of Babuji Memorial Library Koonammavu in Paravur block panchayath based on the theme plastic awareness. The programme was inaugurated by the Paravur block panchayath president. 25 students painted walls with anti-drug and plastic slogans to spread the message.

College students take up anti-plastic cause

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Kochi: A group of graduate and postgraduate students from Ernakulam St Albert's College has started an anti-plastic campaign to make people understand why single-use plastic should be avoided. They are putting up paintings and graffiti in different parts of the district on the themes reduce, reuse and recycle, depicting the harmful effects of plastic on environment and human beings.

They recently visited Koonammavu in Paravur block panchayat where 25 students drew paintings on the wall of Babuji memorial library, a prominent institution in the panchayat, and distributed pamphlets. The campaign will reach other parts of Ernakulam in the coming days.

"St Albert's College has been implementing green protocol on campus and all students are cooperating. We thought of taking our campaign to the public and these initiatives are part of it. We completed the campaign in Cheranallur panchayat last week. In the coming days, we are planning to visit other parts of Paravur block panchayat. Areas are chosen on public visibility. We are also focusing school neighbourhoods as the message will have maximum effect on students," said Sabu MC, who heads the mathematics department.

The focus of the campaign is to reduce the de-



Students paint graffiti at St Albert's College on Thursday. The focus of the campaign is to reduce the society's dependence on single-use plastic

pendence on single-use plastic. While the pamphlets distributed explain the harmful effects of plastic, the wall paintings present mainly six themes – alternatives to plastic, harmful effects of dumping plastic in waterbodies, call for 100% plastic-free society, promoting the use of green energy and promoting reuse and recycling of plastic.

"The main message students want to propagate is about the non-degradable nature of plastic. For this, they are using slogans like 'every piece of plastic ever made still exists today'. The paintings show the difficulties faced by marine creatures due to the dumping of plastic in waterbodies," said Sabu.

