

## **1. CLEANING OF COLLEGE POND**

Realizing the importance of cleanliness in maintaining a healthy environment, the members of the Nature Club planned to clean the pond in college campus on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. The pond situated near the canteen was cleaned and all the wastes were removed. All members actively took part in the activity. This activity was well appreciated by all the teachers and head of the nature club.

## **2. POSTER MAKING COMPETITION**

The Department of Commerce organized a 'Poster Making' competition for Intermediate and Degree students of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. The theme for the competition was 'Nature'. The students were asked to express their ideas through paintings, collages and sketches. Group discussions were held by the members of the Department in their respective classes on the theme, to spread awareness. Students participated enthusiastically in the discussions and expressed their views and came out with paintings and collages. The posters of the winners were displayed on the notice boards.

## **3. TREE PLANTATION PROGRAM**

Tree plantation program was organised near the college campus. The experts gave information to the members on importance of tree plantation. Around 15 tree saplings were planted by the nature club members. All the members actively participated in the program. It was a memorable experience to all the members of the Nature club.

## **4. PREPARATION OF SPARROW FEEDERS – A STEP TOWARDS SPARROW CONSERVATION**

Declining sparrow population has become one of the concerns today. Being aware that biodiversity has an important role in maintaining balance in nature, the members of the Nature Club took an initiative to prepare sparrow feeders and distribute it to the residents near the college campus. The members took in best efforts for this creative work. The members addressed the local residents about the importance of sparrow conservation and donated the sparrow feeders to them. Few of the feeders were also placed in the campus. The students were appreciated and also encouraged for taking special interest towards environment protection.

## **5. TREKKING AT KARNALA BIRD SANCTUARY**

The members of Nature Club of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Panvel went on a trek to Karnala fort situated in Panvel near Shirdhon on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. It is a protected place lying within the Karnala Bird Sanctuary and is a popular destination for avid birdwatchers and hikers in Mumbai. Prior instructions were provided by the incharge about carrying the needful items for trekking. The trail began at the entrance of the bird sanctuary on a well-defined road and winds through the forest. Eventually, it lead to an uphill track under thick vegetation. The main route, sweeping through the heart of the sanctuary, provided a rich experience of the flora and fauna of the forest. There were a couple of houses for the forest officials, a canteen to cater to the tourist population and a relaxing area offering a glimpse of the pinnacle of the fort. The trek to the top was a little challenging but thoroughly enjoyable and the fort provided a comfortable perch to rest and have lunch. Along with the trek students also enjoyed bird watching and photography. Overall it was a thrilling and memorable experience for all the students and faculty members.



