

**Awareness training on Environment Protection Act and Rules at DPC
Secretariat Conference Hall on 16th May 2018**

In line with the Government decision to conduct an awareness training program on the environment protection act and rules, an awareness training program for promoting environment friendly constructions was conducted on 16th May 2018 in the DPC Secretariat conference hall of the Civil Station Kakkannad, Ernakulam. Intimation regarding the training was given in the dailies and through various organisations working in the construction field. LSGIs coming under the purview of CRZ rules also were intimated.

The training program began at 10.00 am with introductory remarks by Senior Town Planner Smt.Ushakumari P.R. Even though the training program was a half day one, it comprised of three sessions. One session was on environment protection acts relevant to CRZ and was administered by Sri. Kalaiarasan P, Environmental Engineer with DOECC. The Second session was on the Paddy and Wetland Act 2008 and was handled by Sri. V.O.James, Deputy Tahsildar. The third session was on rules and regulations pertaining to Pollution Control Board and Smt. Shehena M.A., Asst. Exe. Engineer presented the rules.

The training program was attended by various stakeholders including officials from the department, from Gramapanchayats and the practising licensed personnel in the construction field.

Coastal zone regulations and its various amendments from time to time were dealt with in detail in the first session. The Kerala Paddyland and Wetland Act and Rules thereunder and circulars issued in this



connection, the various practical problems involved while implementing the rules, etc. were explained in the second session. Various rules regarding pollution of land, air and water were discussed in depth in the third session. All the sessions were followed by active discussion from the audience. Mr. Rajeev K.R., Town Planner was the Course Co-ordinator and Smt. Jinumole Varghese, Deputy Town Planner offered vote of thanks. The District Secretary of LENSFED Ernakulam, in his reply speech, expressed thanks for having provided such an opportunity to get exposed to various rules regarding environment protection. The training program which shed light into the various provisions of Environmental Protection Act and Rules came to a close by 2.00 pm.

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