

## **Karshikamela and Agri -Technology Exhibition at Pala 2019**

The Palai Social Welfare Society with the support of NABARD organized the Mega Event of Karshikamela and Agri Technology exhibition at Pala from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 on the slogan “Agricultural Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development”. More than 1200 SHG’s and 350 Karshaka Dhalam members, including the members of the Farmers’ Clubs, together contributed their time, energy and resources especially the produces from their farms, to exhibit their stalls in an eye catching manner. **Mar. Joseph Pallickaparambil, Bishop Emiretus** of Palai Dioceses inaugurated the exhibition at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



**H.E Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil Bishop Emeritus Pala Diocese inaugurating the exhibition stalls of Karshikamela 2019**

There was also individual agricultural products competition in connection with the Karshika Mela. There were also zone level exhibition stalls of Agricultural produces,

vegetable gardens, and flower show and handy-craft materials competition among 17 zones of PSWS. The stalls were decorated very attractively using farm produces with a competitive spirit.



As the day was observed as “Swasraya Dinam” (The Day of Self-sufficiency), there was a seminar arranged on “value added products from Jackfruits”. Eminent resource person from KVK Pathanamthitta Mrs. Dr. Shana Harshan, subject matter specialist led the class with the support of audio visual aid. Msngr. Sebastian Vethanath presided over the inauguration of the seminar and Mr. Vakkachan Mattathil, Ex. M P inaugurated the seminar program.





**Sri. Mattathil Vakkachan Ex. MP inaugurating the seminar on Jack fruit value addition**



**Dr. Shana Harshan leading the seminar on Jack Fruit value addition**

The seminar was an informative one with discussions on preparation on various food products from Jackfruit. The session concluded at 1.30 p.m. and it was followed by traditional cultural competitions. There was also a band display conducted by Mannackanadu Special School team.

The official inaugural ceremony of Karshikala Mela started at 3.30 p.m. on the stage specially designed for it in front of the exhibition stalls. Rev. Fr. Mathew Pullukalayil, Director, PSWS, made welcome speech. Sri. Mani C Kappan MLA, Sri. P C George MLA and Sri. Mons Joseph MLA inaugurated the Karshika Mela and Agri Technology exhibition by lightening the lamp. His Excellency Mar Joseph, Kallaragattu, Hon. Bishop, Diocese of Palai presided over the function. Sri. Sebastian Kulathumkal, President District Panchayath Kottayam, Fr. George Vettikkattil, Director Kerala Social Service Forum, Smt. K.B Divya, District Development Manager NABARD Kottayam, Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel, Managing Director Rastradeepika, K.J Philip Kuzhikulam, Ex. President District cooperative bank, Boss Joseph, Principal Agriculture officer Kottayam delivered the felicitation.



**H.E Mar Joseph Kallaragattu Bishop of Palai Diocese inaugurating 6th State Level Karshikamela 2019**





**NABARD DDM Smt. K. B Divya addressing the audience at the inaugural session**



**NABARD pavilion at the Karshikamela**



**Smt. K.B Divya DDM NABARD Kottayam visiting the stalls of  
Kanjiramattom FPO, Neeloor FPO and Moozhoor Farmer's club**

After the inaugural session cinematic dance competition held in the evening which was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joyal Pandarappampil, Director Pala Communications. There after there was a musical event led by 7 voice Pala.

The second day of Karshika Mela & Agri Technology exhibition was observed as “Samrambhakatha Dinam” (The Day of Entrepreneurship). There was a seminar on value addition of tapioca led by Dr. M.S Sajeew, Principal Scientist CTCRI Trivandrum. The seminar inaugurated by Sri. Joy Abraham Ex. M.P which was presided over by Fr. Joseph Thazhathuvarikkayil, former Asst. Director, PSWS. Thereafter from 1.30 p.m. onwards different competitions such as push up, cycle slow race, bald, margamkali, nadampattu were conducted.





**Sri. Joy Abraham Ex. M.P inaugurating the seminar on value addition of Tapioca**

There after 6.00 p.m. onwards there was cultural programmes performed by Mannacknad Special School students. They are the winner of state special school competition.



**The program performed by the students of Mannacknadu Special School**



The third day of the Karshika Mela was observed as 'Karshaka Dinam' (The Day of Farmers). In the forenoon session there was a seminar on buffalo rearing by Dr. Kuriakose Mathew, Faculty LMTC Thalayolaparambu. The seminar was inaugurated by Sri. Mathachan Thamarassery, Block Panchayath president Pampady.



**Sri. Mathachan Thamarassery, Block Panchayath president Pampady, inaugurating the seminar on buffalo rearing**



**Dr. Kuriakose Mathew, Faculty LMTC Thalayolaparambu leading the seminar on buffalo rearing**



In the evening 5 P M farmers get-together was conducted as Karhakasangamam which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Tharappel, Director INFARM Pala Diocese. Sri. P J Joseph MLA inaugurated the Karshakasangamam. Sri. V.C Sebastian, National Secretary of INFARM delivered the keynote address. Sri. E. J Augusty President AD Bank Pala, Sri. Satheesh Chollaniyil President Agri-Improvement Society, Sri. V. J. Vijayakumar, President Central Marketing Unit Pala, Sri Sunny David, director Milk Bar Pala, Sri. Tobin K. Alex, President Mutholy Bank delivered the felicitation speech. there was also karoke ganamela after the public meeting.



**Sri. P J Joseph MLA inaugurating the Karshakasangamam**

The fourth day of the Karshika Mela was observed as ‘Susthira Vikasana Dinam’ (The Day of Sustainable Development). In the morning session on there was a seminar on Bee Keeping led by Mr. Jolly Joseph, Technical Expert KVK, Kottayam. The seminar was presided over by Rev. Fr. Mathew Pullukalayil, Director PSWS and the program was inaugurated by Dr. G. Jayalakshmi, Program Coordinator KVK Kottayam.



**Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan MP inaugurating the seminar on Bee keeping**

In the afternoon session there was a seminar on development. The seminar was inaugurated by Roshy Augustine MLA, Idukki. People's representatives, farmer interest group, NGO representatives etc. shared their views and observations. In the evening there was a ganamela which was led by juniors' singers Pala Communications.



**Sri. Roshy Augustine M L A inaugurating the 'Vikasana Seminar**



The fifth day of the Karshika Mela was observed as 'Jaiva Suraksha Dinam' (The Day of Organic Cultivation). In the forenoon there was two sessions one on fish farming and the other one were on intercropping and modern trends in agriculture. Mr. Sreekumar S. Deputy Director Idukki led the class on fish farming in silpaulin pond, fero cement tank and ornamental fish farming. Mr. Joe Pinappalli, Agriculture officer, District Agriculture Farm Kozha led the class on intercropping and modern trends in agriculture.



**Smt. Betty Roy, District Panchayth Member inaugurating the seminar on Fish Farming**

The day was also the last day of the Karshika Mela with concluding ceremony at 5.30 p.m. inaugurated by Sri. Jose K Mani M.P. Mnsgr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Mathew Pullikalayil, Director PSWS, made welcome speech. There was also, prize distribution for winners of various competitions were distributed by Sri. Jose K Mani M P. There was also karake ganamela led by INFARM Director Fr. Jose Tharappel after the meeting. The 6<sup>th</sup> State level Karshika Mela, came to an end with this

concluding function. Mr. Joy Madikankal, Staff Secretary, PSWS delivered the vote of thanks.



**Sri. Jose K. Mani MP inaugurating the concluding session of  
Karshikamela 2019**

### **Conclusion**

The State Level Karishikamela and Agri- Technology exhibition 2019 was a great success with the support of NABARD and other sponsors. Farmers, our SHG members, Farmers clubs and general public jointly contributed for the success of the program. Farmer Producer Company, Farmers clubs and SHGs found a platform for display and sale of their farm produce and value added projects.