

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT CENTRE KERALA  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Report of the Seminar  
“Role of Libraries in promoting Energy Conservation”  
organized by Energy Management Centre, Kerala**

**on**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Govt. Guest House, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram.**

Libraries are the knowledge hub for developing the reading habit among common people. The present changes in society should reflect in the functions of libraries. Librarians can play a vital role in many critical issues of present time by promoting change for the social development. Energy conservation is such an issue where librarians can exercise their power effectively and efficiently.

EMC has taken earnest efforts in promoting energy conservation through libraries by distributing energy conservation brochures through selected libraries, as part of the enthusiasm and support, EMC supplied one 20W CFL each as a token of appreciation for their effort. Feed back on this programme paved the way for further strengthening the link between EMC and Librarians.

The seminar was inaugurated by Shri. Paul Antony, IAS, Principal Secretary (Power), Govt. of Kerala followed by four technical sessions. Prof. V.K Damodaran, Vice Chairman, EMC presided over the function. Sri. K.M.Dharsan Unnithan, Director, EMC welcomed the gathering and Smt. Sindhu.S.Kumar delivered the vote of thanks.

Prof. V. K. Damodaran in his session “Energy and Society: Global Environmental Concerns”, said that as custodians of information, librarians should have the skills to inform the public, students and decision-makers. He elaborated the reasons and consequences of climate change

Dr. K.P.VijayaKumar, Director, Centre for Information Literacy Studies, University of Kerala, pointed out that the librarians of present day should go back to becoming “scholar librarians” of yore and plays a key role in information collection and dissemination. He also added that librarians could promote public interest in environmental campaigns by organizing discussions, debates and subject-related book exhibitions at their libraries. He also talked about various electronics resources and databases available for renewable and sustainable energy-related information.

EMC Director Sri. K. M. Dharsan Unnithan in his presentation “Energy conservation to start from homes”, said libraries and librarians could play a significant role in popularizing energy conservation practices, especially in rural areas. Librarians can act as opinion leaders and provide information about energy conserving products and practices.

Er. A. M. Narayanan, Head-Energy Efficiency Division, EMC, presented his topic “Energy Conservation Act 2001 and its impacts” in simple and at the same time in scientific way.

80 participants actively interacted with faculty and EMC Officials. The programme was adjourned with added enthusiasm.





