

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT CENTRE KERALA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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

**on
29th January 2011 in Hyson Heritage , Kozhikode, 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.

This seminar was the second in its kind and the first one was conducted on 18th September 2010 at Trivandrum. The participation and enthusiasm of the participants paved the way to conduct the second programme in the Northern region.

Smt. Sindhu. S. Kumar, Librarian EMC, welcomed the delegates. In her speech she expressed the need of involvement of Librarians in promoting Energy Conservation.

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 present day librarians 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 in their libraries. He also talked about various electronics resources and databases available for renewable and sustainable energy-related information.

Dr. R. Harikumar, Energy Technologist, EMC, presented his topic “Energy Conservation Act 2001 and its impacts” in simple and at the same time in scientific way.

Er. Johnson Daniel, Energy Technologist, EMC in his presentation “Energy conservation to start from homes”, delivered the message of energy conservation at home initially and to the nation gradually.

58 participants from various libraries actively interacted with faculty and EMC Officials. Smt. Beena. T. A, PRO, EMC, delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was adjourned with added enthusiasm.





