

# CHALAKUDY PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT



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## INTRODUCTION

The Chalakudy municipal park is situated in the middle of Chalakudy town. Apollo Tyres renovated the Chalakudy Park in collaboration with Municipality and inaugurated it in 2016. Now this park is named as Poulouse Thakolkaran Municipal Children's park. Main components in the park are butterfly park, medicinal garden, fountain, benches, play equipments etc, so now it acts as a leisure as well as ecological education center.

## OBJECTIVE

To protect and maintain existing components in Chalakudy Municipal park as an aesthetically designed biodiversity park.

## DESCRIPTION

After inauguration of Poulouse Thakolkaran Municipal Children's park in 2016, an overwhelming response was received from people. Municipality arranged a labor for daily cleaning. Monthly weeding and fertilizer application is done under Apollo Chalakudy Park Maintenance Activities. The thematic gardens in the park were replanted twice this year, one in June 2017 and in February 2018. Also, the fountain was cleaned thrice this year, in September 2017 and in February 2018. Painting of play equipments, fountain, well and gate was completed in May 2017. Also, necessary gardening equipments for this year were provided in the beginning of the year.





## CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Though Chalakudy Municipality sends a labor for daily cleaning, it is not maintained regularly.

## CONCLUSION

The park is too small in size, but at the midst of the town. Hence visitor density is very high and throughout the day time people's presence is there. It provides excellent visibility to Apollo too. Hence it should be maintained in future too.

