

# CHALAKUDY PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT



## Annual Report 2018-19

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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.

## **REPORT OF ACTIVITIES DONE**

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 2018 and in January 2019. Also, the fountain was cleaned thrice this year, in September 2018 and in February 2019. Painting of play equipments, fountain, well and gate was completed. Also, necessary gardening equipments for this year were provided in the beginning of the year. During the heavy rain and flood in August 2018, one big Rain Tree fall down and a part of the compound wall collapsed. Tree parts were removed and compound wall reconstructed in January, 2019





## CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Though Chalakudy Municipality sends a labor for daily cleaning, it is not maintained regularly. Daily watering also not been taken properly during many times.
- The activities of antisocial elements during night time are not yet eliminated. Hence the damages to park possessions are still reported.

- There should be a permanent gardener for the park for daily watering and maintenance. This can be outsourced or arranged as a contract. Participation of local NGOs or voluntary organizations (LIONS, ROTARY etc.) also can be explored. Definite protocol for Park maintenance should be provided to the Municipality ensuring the observance of Eco-friendly Maintenance Practices.

## **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.

