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REPORT ON PANEL DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

Mar Stella College of Arts and Science, Muvattupuzha has been a part of the panel discussion and debate conducted by Marian International Institute of Management, Kuttikanam on 25th February 2021 from 10:00 am via Google meet. The topic of the webinar was the effective management of disasters in Idukki district. A total of 25 colleges participated in the webinar. The resource person of the webinar was Mr. Murali Thummarukudy, who works as the operational manager at crisis management branch - UNEP. The discussion started at 10:00 am with a welcome note by Prof. Samson Thomas (Dean, External Affairs, Marian College, Kuttikanam). Then it was followed by the main talk by Mr. Murali Thummarukudy. The talk covered every aspects of disasters which may occur due to both man-made or natural reasons.

The main highlights of the session was:

- The concept of disasters in fields of highranges like Idukki district.
- Disasters hitting in the district for the past decade.
- The case study of Pettimudy, Muonai.
- The efficient strategy to tackle the effects of disasters.

The talk was followed by the debate session which was felicitated by Dr. Usha

k. Aravind (School of Environmental Science, CUSAT) . Mr. Edwin Tom (student, PG department of Geology) raised his doubt about the climate forecasting which can be done to predict the average rainfall of the region . The panel discussion ended with a word of thanks from Ms. Sharon Susan Jose . The college has been awarded with a host - certificate from the Marine International Institution.

