



## Kerala Dheevera Mahasabha - a success story

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### Introduction

Kerala Dheevera Mahasabha is a non-governmental organisation under the leadership of the youth movement which aims in cleaning of the coastal waters of Kerala.

### Description of solid waste

We have been dealing with solid waste management mainly plastic waste disposal mainly the buried marine debris and plastic bottles, ghost nets, tyres etc. and distribution of old clothes.

### How was it done?

To an extent we could accomplish solid waste management by removal of plastic wastes from coastal waters. In 2nd October 2017, our organization members had actively involved in the Kayal cleaning programme of Vembanad Lake, Marine drive, Kochi, removing the buried and floating marine debris from the lake.

We have also provided the women of employment guarantee programme, involved in solid waste management activities with hats and jerseys and also actively involved with them in the cleaning programmes in Nayarambalam.

Another issue was the excess weeds in the estuary, which was disturbing fishermen in their fishing activities thereby their livelihood of Kerala. Even after frequent reporting of this issue to the government, there has never been a positive action taken to solve this issue. Hence, we have filed a complaint to the Human Rights Commission in the absence of any action against the government and they have passed Rs 10 crore annually.

We have also actively participated in the protest against sand mining issue of Thottappally village which has caused severe damage to the environment in the High court of Kerala, Our organization has also provided clothing and beds to the Okhi effected families who

have lost their homes in Azhikkodu, Edavanakkad and Nayarambalam.

## Conclusion

Our organization has always stood forward in activities to eradicate environment pollution and waste disposal management and in future will always stand for this purpose.

