



UGC vice-chairman V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai inaugurating the Fourth Environmental Congress at Amritapuri campus on Friday. K.M. Sreedhar, Abhayamrita Chaithanya and Sugathakumari are also seen.

## Need to conserve environment stressed

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**Kollam, April 28:** University Grants Commission vice-chairman V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai stressed the need for a profound change in the role of human being in the planetary eco-system for conserving our ecology and environment.

He was inaugurating the Fourth Indian Environmental Congress held under

the auspices of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham at the Amritapuri campus on Friday.

The UGC vice-chairman cautioned that one should not forget the demands of sustainable economic growth in the blind pursuit of fast economic growth. In the long-run, mankind will be forced to accept that life cannot be supported by artificial processes and science

and technology is incapable of providing the continuity of human life, he said.

Delivering the keynote address, poet Sugathakumari called for a movement to preserve the natural resources with the help of local bodies and village groups for the sake of the future generation. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham chief operating officer Br. Abhayamrita Chaithanya delivered the benedict-

ory address and Thiruvananthapuram SCT Engineering College principal P.R. Sreemahadevan Pillai offered felicitations.

Amritapuri campus Dean K.B.M. Nambudiripad welcomed the gathering and K.M. Sreedhar proposed a vote of thanks. The focal theme of the congress is environmental issues in Indian context. It will conclude on Saturday.