

Event: World Environment Day Celebration Dated 5th June 2023

On the auspicious occasion of World Environment Day, the PG Department of Geography of Pragjyotish College organized a remarkable event that aimed to create awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of sustainable practices. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers alike, who joined hands to plant saplings in the sprawling field of the college.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to all the participants, who had gathered with great enthusiasm to contribute towards a greener and healthier planet. Dr. Dipali Baruah, The Head of the Geography Department, took the stage and delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the significance of World Environment Day and why it should be celebrated worldwide. Her words resonated with the audience as she emphasized the urgent need to protect and restore our environment. In her speech, Dr. Dipali Baruah expressed, "World Environment Day serves as a global platform to encourage positive action towards environmental protection. It is a reminder of our responsibility to nurture and preserve the natural resources that sustain all life on Earth. As students of geography, it is our duty to lead the way in creating a sustainable future. Today, through the act of planting saplings, we symbolize our commitment to restoring the balance of nature and mitigating the impacts of climate change."

Mr. Pradip Chandra Kalita, an esteemed teacher of the department, took the stage and shared his valuable insights. He spoke about the interconnectedness of nature and the delicate equilibrium that exists within ecosystems. "Our actions have consequences, and we must be mindful of the choices we make," he emphasized. Mr. Pradip Chandra Kalita further encouraged everyone present to actively engage in sustainable practices, such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and promoting biodiversity. Importance of tree plantation has been stressed upon time and again. The need for tree plantation has become even greater these days because of the growing pollution in the environment. Tree plantation involves transplanting tree seedlings to grow forests and spread greenery around. More and more trees must be planted if we really want to survive and lead a good life. Besides exhaling oxygen and inhaling carbon dioxide, trees also absorb other harmful gases from the environment thus making the air purer and fresher.

There was also an active participation by Dr. Tirthankar Sharma, teacher of PG Department of Geography. Dr. Tirthankar Sharma actively participated in the sapling plantation

activity, showcasing his dedication towards environmental preservation. His involvement inspired the students, who eagerly sought guidance from him during the process.





The sapling plantation activity itself was a joyous and uplifting experience. Students and teachers worked together, digging holes and carefully placing the young saplings into the fertile soil. Each sapling symbolized hope for a greener future, a testament to the collective effort undertaken by the PG Department of Geography. The event concluded on a high note, with participants expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to a sustainable world. The day's activities had not only brought the participants closer to nature but also fostered a sense of responsibility towards environmental stewardship. The World Environment Day celebration had served its purpose, inspiring the participants to continue their journey as custodians of the Earth, working tirelessly to create a greener and healthier planet for generations to come. After the sapling plantation activity, the World Environment Day celebration continued with a seminar held in the advanced GIS lab of the PG Department of Geography. The seminar provided an opportunity for the participants to delve deeper into environmental issues and explore potential solutions. The students eagerly gathered in the lab, ready to absorb the knowledge and insights shared by the esteemed speakers. Dr. Dipali Baruah, the Head of the Department of Geography, commenced the seminar by delivering an enlightening speech. She began by expressing her gratitude to everyone for their active participation in the World Environment Day event. Dr. Baruah emphasized the importance of education and awareness in driving positive change, stating, "As geographers, we have the privilege of understanding the intricate relationship between humans and their environment. With this knowledge comes the responsibility to act as agents of change." In her speech, Dr. Baruah touched upon various environmental challenges plaguing the world today, including climate change, deforestation, pollution, and loss of biodiversity. She stressed the urgency of adopting sustainable practices, both individually and collectively. Dr. Baruah highlighted the role of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology in studying and managing environmental issues, empowering the students to make a significant impact in the field. Following Dr. Baruah's compelling address, Mr. Pradip Kalita, took the stage to share his expertise. Mr. Pradip Kalita shed light on the importance of adopting a holistic approach to environmental conservation. He emphasized the need for collaboration between various stakeholders, including governments, communities, and academia, to address the pressing environmental concerns effectively. He also encouraged the students to explore innovative solutions and engage in research that could contribute to sustainable development. The seminar concluded with a thought-provoking speech delivered by Dr. Tirthankar Sharma, a respected guest teacher. He shared his vast knowledge and experiences, inspiring the

students to think critically and take action. He emphasized the role of young minds in shaping a sustainable future, saying, "It is in your hands to make a difference. Your ideas, passion, and dedication can create a ripple effect that will reverberate far beyond these walls." The students attentively listened to the speeches and actively participated in the seminar, asking insightful questions and engaging in fruitful discussions. The session provided them with a broader understanding of environmental issues and instilled a sense of responsibility to become agents of change. As the seminar came to a close, the students felt motivated and empowered to make a positive impact on the environment. The World Environment Day celebration had not only raised awareness but also ignited a fire within them to champion environmental causes and be the change they wished to see in the world. With hearts filled with gratitude and determination, the participants bid farewell to the event. The day had been a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on the students and teachers alike. They departed with renewed enthusiasm, ready to embrace a sustainable lifestyle and continue their journey as responsible caretakers of the Earth. Indeed, the World Environment Day celebration had ended on a high note, paving the way for a brighter and greener future.

