

DEPARTMENTS OF AQUACULTURE
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B.Voc. FISH PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY
Report on World Environment Day 2023 Observation
&Inauguration of Biodiversity Club

Venue: Auditorium

Date: 05-06-2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Introduction

World Environment Day 2023 was observed with great enthusiasm and commitment at our college auditorium on the 5th of June, 2023. The event also marked the inauguration of the Biodiversity Club, which aims to promote environmental awareness and conservation efforts among students and staff.

Agenda

The agenda for the event included an awareness talk titled "Plastic Pollution and Management" by the esteemed resource person, Prof. Dr. S. Bijoy Nandan, Professor at the Department of Marine Biology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi.

The event commenced with a warm welcome speech by Dr. K. Kesavan, Head of the Department of Aquaculture. Dr. Kesavan emphasized the importance of observing World Environment Day and the role of the newly inaugurated Biodiversity Club in fostering a culture of environmental stewardship within the college community.

Following the welcome speech, Dr. A. Biju, Principal of the college, delivered the presidential address. Dr. Biju highlighted the significance of environmental conservation and the urgent need to address issues such as plastic pollution. He expressed his hope that the Biodiversity Club would serve as a catalyst for change, encouraging students to take active roles in environmental initiatives.

Awareness Talk: "Plastic Pollution and Management"

The highlight of the event was the insightful presentation by **Prof. Dr. S. Bijoy Nandan**. In his talk, Dr. Nandan elaborated on the following key points:

Necessities of Plastic: He discussed the widespread use of plastic in various aspects of daily life, explaining its advantages and the reasons for its pervasive presence.

Impact on Ecosystem and Human Health: Dr. Nandan highlighted the detrimental effects of plastic pollution on ecosystems, including marine life and terrestrial habitats. He also discussed the adverse health impacts on humans, resulting from exposure to plastic pollutants.

Measures to Reduce Plastic Usage: The presentation included practical steps and strategies to minimize plastic use in everyday life. Dr. Nandan advocated for a shift towards sustainable alternatives and biodegradable solutions to mitigate the harmful effects of plastic.

Biodegradable Remedies: Emphasizing the need for innovation, Dr. Nandan spoke about the development and adoption of biodegradable materials as substitutes for conventional plastics.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sayana K. A., Head of Fish Processing Technology. Dr. Sayana expressed gratitude to the resource person, the college administration, faculty members, and students for their active participation and

support in making the event a success.

The observation of World Environment Day 2023 and the inauguration of the Biodiversity Club was a resounding success, reflecting the college's commitment to environmental sustainability and education. The event not only raised awareness about the critical issue of plastic pollution but also inspired the college community to take proactive steps towards a greener future.



Honoring the resource person



Audience and organisers with resource person



Dr. Bijoy Nandan addressing the gathering