## **World Environment Day Celebration-2023**

The Research and PG Department of Botany at MES Asmabi College, in collaboration with the Green initiative MESAC, organized the World Environment Day Celebration-2023 on June 5th. The event focused on raising awareness about biodiversity and its conservation in today's world.

The registration began at 10:00 a.m., with 92 students signing up. The prayer was led by second-year MSc Botany students Athulya O. M. and Hima E. P. Dr. Girja T.P., Head of the Department of Botany, welcomed everyone and officially inaugurated the World Environment Day program.

Dr. Reena Mohammed, Vice Principal of MES Asmabi College, delivered the Presidential Address, emphasizing the importance of conserving biodiversity and the crucial role educational institutions play in fostering environmental awareness. She acknowledged the significance of the program and praised the organizers' efforts.

Nazeema M.K., an assistant professor of botany, introduced Dr. Joby Paul from St. Thomas College, Thrissur. Dr. Paul spoke on "Biodiversity in the Anthropocene," discussing the current state of biodiversity and the challenges it faces today. In the afternoon, Shemi C.B., an assistant professor of botany, introduced Dr. Alfred Joe from St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakkuda. Dr. Joe's talk, "Biodiversity of Northeast India with Special Emphasis on Wild Bananas," highlighted the unique biodiversity of Northeast India, especially the variety of wild banana species. Nazeema M.K. concluded the event by expressing gratitude to the speakers, guests, participants, and organizing committee for their contributions to the program.

The World Environment Day program at MES Asmabi College successfully promoted awareness about biodiversity and its conservation. The insightful talks by Dr. Joby Paul and Dr. Alfred Joe enriched participants' understanding. The event underscored the importance of environmental conservation and demonstrated the college's commitment to sustainability. Overall, the program was a significant step in fostering environmental consciousness among students and encouraging active participation in biodiversity conservation efforts.





