



SREE AYYAPPA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(Re-accredited with B Grade by NAAC)
Chunkankadai, Nagercoil

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Report on Extension Activity: Planting and Distribution of Coconut Saplings

Event: International Coconut Day Celebration

Date: August 2, 2024

Organized by: Department of Botany, Sree Ayyappa College for Women

Introduction

In celebration of International Coconut Day, the Department of Botany at Sree Ayyappa College for Women organized an extension activity focused on the planting and distribution of coconut saplings. This initiative aimed to promote environmental sustainability and awareness about the importance of coconut cultivation in local communities.

Objectives

1. To celebrate International Coconut Day by promoting the cultivation of coconut trees.
2. To enhance green cover in the college campus and the surrounding community.
3. To raise awareness about the benefits of coconut trees in terms of ecology and economy.

Program Highlights

- **Inauguration:** The event was inaugurated by **Dr. V. R. Anjana**, Principal of Sree Ayyappa College for Women, who emphasized the significance of coconut cultivation in sustainable agriculture and its positive impact on the environment.
- **Distribution of Saplings:** Coconut saplings were distributed to the residents of the nearby colony of Chunkankadai. The initiative encouraged local community members to engage in planting and nurturing these saplings, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment.
- **Planting Activity:** In addition to distributing saplings, several coconut trees were planted on the college campus, enhancing the greenery and contributing to biodiversity.
- **Awareness Session:** The Department of Botany faculty conducted an interactive session explaining the benefits of coconut trees, including their economic value, health benefits, and ecological contributions.

Participation

The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and community members, with over 100 attendees. The involvement of local residents in both the distribution and planting activities strengthened community ties and encouraged collective environmental stewardship.

Feedback

Participants expressed appreciation for the initiative, highlighting the importance of such activities in promoting environmental awareness. Many community members expressed enthusiasm about nurturing the saplings and contributing to the local ecosystem.

Conclusion

The extension activity on planting and distribution of coconut saplings was a successful celebration of International Coconut Day. It effectively promoted environmental sustainability and community engagement, aligning with the college's commitment to fostering ecological awareness. The positive impact of this initiative is expected to resonate within the community for years to come.

Acknowledgments

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