



Report

Name of the activity: 50th World Environment Day

Category of the activity: Lecture followed by an awareness campaign by planting trees within the college campus

Title of the Programme Lecture: Deterioration of aquatic environment and strategies for fish biodiversity conservation in West Bengal

Speaker: Dr. Subrato Ghosh, Assistant Fishery Officer, Directorate of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal

Organizing unit: NSS unit I & II, Haldia Government College

Date: June 5, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm

Venue: Conference Hall, Haldia Government College

Duration: 4 hours

No. of students/ staff members participated: 110 students and 7 staffs

No. of beneficiaries: 110

Brief description of the events:

- The day was celebrated as a part of 50th World Environment Day.
- To observe the day, NSS unit I & II of Haldia Government College organized a day-long programme divided in two parts.
- In the first part of the programme a lecture presentation with the aid of ICT was arranged for the students to make the students awareness of the day and to sensitize them about the need and significance of a good and clean environment.
- The lecture was presented by our dignified speaker from Fishery Department from Government of West Bengal, Dr. Subrato Ghosh, who is designated as Assistant Fishery Officer in the said department.
- In his valuable lecture he discussed positive and negative aspects of environmental depletion and its impact on the biodiversity and ecosystem of an area.
- He specifically pointed out the significance of maintaining good fish biodiversity for a healthy food chain that will sustain a healthy mankind in future.

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- He showed a diverse variety of local species of fish that are on the verge of extinction but that are equally good for human kind and is a rich source of protein and essential minerals for the poor locals who cannot afford medicine or a good diet otherwise.
- He highlighted the importance and need of fish cultivation in the rural localities which has the capacity to fulfill both the needs of a healthy food chain demand and youth employability.
- Overall the programme ended with a positive note for students to understand their local ecosystem and biodiversity in a better sense.
- In the second part of the programme a few trees were planted by the students, NSS volunteers and NSS programme officers as a symbol to conserve the nature and local biodiversity.

Outcome:

- The programme was extremely beneficial for the students as they could become aware of the need of a well balanced ecosystem and were able to understand the need of a healthy biodiversity in the nature required for human survival.
- The programme made the students aware about the importance of fish cultivation in the locality.
- Students were enlightened about the employment opportunities that are attached with fish cultivation in West Bengal.
- Students came to know about the various government departments in West Bengal that provide assistance to local youths in building their entrepreneurial future in the area of fish cultivation.

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