

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026 CELEBRATION



Inspiring Reflections on Environment and Water Conservation through Indian Knowledge Systems

The Department of Environmental Sciences, Eco-Club, and the International Center for Environment and Sustainability (ICESu), School of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, jointly celebrated World Environment Day 2026 on 5 June 2026 with great enthusiasm and active participation from students, research scholars, faculty members, and staff.

The celebration commenced with a tree plantation drive on the university campus, symbolizing the institution's commitment to environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and the creation of a greener and more sustainable future. The activity encouraged participants to recognize the importance of afforestation and ecological stewardship in mitigating climate change and enhancing environmental resilience.

A major highlight of the programme was the distinguished lecture delivered by Dr. Ashok Rao, Former Head, Network Project, DESE, IISc Bengaluru, and a renowned expert in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). His insightful talk, titled "Environment and Water: Learning from Indian Knowledge Systems," emphasized the relevance of traditional ecological wisdom, sustainable water management practices, and community-based conservation approaches in addressing present-day environmental challenges. He highlighted how ancient Indian knowledge can complement modern scientific approaches to promote environmental sustainability and resource conservation.

The event was graced by Dr. Raveesha K.A., Head, School of Life Sciences, and coordinated by Dr. Shivaraju H.P., Department of Environmental Sciences. Eco-Club members, faculty, staff, research scholars, and students from various departments of the School of Life Sciences actively participated in the programme. The celebration served as an inspiring platform to strengthen environmental awareness and reinforce collective responsibility toward protecting nature for future generations.