

## Report on World Water Day Celebration on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026



The Department of Environmental Sciences, Eco-Club, International Centre of Environment and Sustainability (ICESu) and School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), organized the **World Water Day Celebration** on **23 March 2026** to promote awareness on water conservation and sustainable water management practices. The program aimed to sensitize students and the academic community about the importance of protecting freshwater resources and addressing emerging global and local water challenges.

As part of the celebration, an awareness walkathon was conducted around the JSSAHER campus involving students, faculty members, research scholars, Eco-Club volunteers, NSS and NCC volunteers, in association with the **Indian Water Works Association Mysuru Centre**. Participants carried awareness placards conveying messages on responsible water usage, conservation practices, and environmental sustainability. The walkathon successfully encouraged community engagement and environmental responsibility.

The department also organized inter-collegiate competitions including poster making, model making, and short film presentations based on the World Water Day theme. These activities provided an excellent platform for students from various institutions to creatively present innovative ideas and solutions related to water sustainability and environmental protection.

An invited lecture titled “*Reconstructing Aspects of History of Water through Environmental Archaeology*” was delivered by **Dr. C. V. Sharada**, Scientist at **Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar**. The talk highlighted historical perspectives of water management, contemporary water challenges, and the role of scientific research in ensuring long-term water security. The session was highly informative and inspired students toward research-driven environmental solutions.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than **150 students and faculty members**, along with **over 30 members** from the Indian Water Works Association, significantly contributing toward the promotion of **Sustainable Development Goal-6: Clean Water and Sanitation**.