

Report on awareness program and workshop held on 16th March 2026



The **International Centre of Environment and Sustainability (ICESu)**, Department of Environmental Sciences, Eco-Club, and the School of Life Sciences, **JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru**, successfully organized a **student-led workshop and panel discussion on “Urban Water Governance and Sustainability – Mysuru Context”** on 16 March 2026 in association with **GRAM, NGO**, along with a community outreach awareness programme in connection with World Water Day 2026. The workshop brought together experts and stakeholders to deliberate on sustainable urban water management and governance challenges. Expert perspectives were shared by **Mallikarjun Swamy (GRAM)**, **Sukprit Kaur (Aranya organization)**, and **Dr. Champa H. S. (Mysore School of Architecture)**, who emphasized the importance of integrated, community-driven and participatory approaches to addressing urban water issues. An engaging panel discussion moderated by Dr. Shivaraju H. P. featured eminent experts including **Dr. Basavaraju R. Shrestha (GRAM)**, **G. D. Shankar (Mysore Corporation)**, **Er. U. N. Ravikumar (Water specialist)**, and **Dr. Prakash Kulkarni (Bhageerath organization)**. The session facilitated meaningful dialogue on governance frameworks, sustainability strategies, and practical pathways toward building water-resilient cities.

As part of World Water Day outreach activities, ICESU and collaborating units organized an awareness programme and street play at **Karekura Village**. Faculty members and student volunteers interacted with villagers, farmers, women, and school children, addressing critical issues such as water scarcity, groundwater depletion, rainwater harvesting, and safe drinking water practices.

A student-performed street play effectively communicated the impacts of water pollution and wastage through relatable storytelling and cultural expression, emphasizing behavioral change and community participation. The programme witnessed enthusiastic student involvement and strong community engagement, enhancing environmental awareness while providing valuable experiential learning opportunities.