

REPORT ON

INTERNATIONAL FORESTS DAY

Organized by: Prakriti Club, Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University.

Date: 21st March 2025

Venue: Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Corner, VCIWU.

INTRODUCTION

The Prakriti Club of Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University organized a Plantation Program on 21 March,2025 near Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Corner to promote afforestation and biodiversity conservation. The initiative aimed to raise environmental awareness and encourage active participation in green activities. 17 faculty members, including the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of VCIWU, along with 36 students, took part in the event. Their collective efforts reinforced the importance of sustainability and ecological responsibility. The event fostered a deeper connection with nature among participants. It contributed to building a greener and more sustainable campus ecosystem.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The program was graced by the presence of:

- Chief Guest: Prof. Surya Dhananjay, I/C Vice-Chancellor, VCIWU
- Guest of Honour: Dr. Loka Pavani, Principal, VCIWU
- Special Contribution: Nirmaan Organization (NGO)
- Coordinator: Dr. Sai Bhavani, Coordinator, Prakriti Club

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Sapling Plantation by Dignitaries

The event commenced with the ceremonial plantation of saplings by esteemed dignitaries:

- The Vice-Chancellor planted a mango sapling, symbolizing long-term growth and sustainability.
- The Principal planted a jamun sapling, reinforcing the importance of native tree species.



2. Seed Distribution Drive

As part of the initiative to encourage urban and home gardening, Prakriti Club distributed a variety of seeds to students and faculty:
Papaya Seeds – Promoting fruit-bearing plants for nutritional benefits
Tomato, Okra (Bhindi), Bitter Gourd, and Cluster Beans Seeds – Encouraging kitchen gardening and organic farming

3. 'Hug the Tree, Get the Frooti' Activity

To cultivate a deeper emotional connection with nature, an interactive activity was conducted:

- Participants were encouraged to hug a tree to express their appreciation for the environment.
- As a reward, they were given Frooti cool drinks, making the activity fun, engaging, and memorable.
- This initiative aimed to foster a sense of responsibility and care towards trees and nature in a creative way.



4. Bird Feeder Installation – 'Best Out of Waste' Initiative

One of the most impactful aspects of the event was the bird feeder installation drive:

- Nirmaan Organization (NGO) contributed 50 bird feeders made from repurposed plastic bottles, showcasing an eco-friendly approach to waste management.
- The Vice-Chancellor tied a handcrafted clay bird feeder, highlighting the importance of providing water and food sources for birds during extreme weather conditions.
- Students actively participated in painting and decorating the feeders, which were then securely tied to trees around the campus.

This activity emphasized creative recycling and wildlife conservation, encouraging participants to repurpose waste materials into useful eco-friendly products.



IMPACT AND TAKEAWAYS

- The plantation program successfully:
- Increased awareness about afforestation and environmental conservation.
- Encouraged students and faculty to participate in eco-friendly initiatives.
- Promoted waste recycling through bird feeder installations.
- Motivated participants to take individual steps towards sustainability.

CONCLUSION

The event concluded with an interactive session where students and faculty shared their thoughts on environmental responsibility. The overwhelming participation and enthusiasm displayed by all attendees highlighted the collective commitment to fostering a greener future. Prakriti Club remains dedicated to organizing impactful initiatives that promote sustainability, biodiversity, and ecological harmony.



REPORT ON THE WORKSHOP CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING OF MILKY MUSHROOM

Organized by: Prakriti Club, Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University In Collaboration with: Swastika Enterprise Date: 19th March 2025 Time: 10:00 AM Venue: ESRA Hall

INTRODUCTION

The Prakriti Club of Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University, in collaboration with Swastika Enterprise, successfully organized an insightful workshop on "Cultivation and Processing of Milky Mushroom." This inaugural event of the Prakriti Club aimed to educate students on sustainable practices, skill development, and self-employment opportunities in mushroom cultivation.

Distinguished Guests

The workshop was graced by the esteemed presence of:

- Chief Patron: Prof. Surya Dhananjay, I/C Vice Chancellor, VCIWU
- Patron: Dr. Loka Pavani, Principal, VCIWU
- Speaker: Mr. Mahesh Kumar, Proprietor, Swastika Enterprise
- Coordinator: Dr. Sai Bhavani, Coordinator, Prakriti Club

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The session commenced with an introductory speech by **Dr. Sai Bhavani**, who highlighted the objectives of the Prakriti Club and the significance of the workshop. She emphasized how mushroom cultivation can serve as an emerging skill promoting self-employment and environmental conservation.

Prof. Surya Dhananjay, in her address, emphasized the importance of practical skill development alongside academic education. She motivated students to explore alternative career paths in sustainable entrepreneurship.

Dr. Loka Pavani focused on the relevance of environmental sustainability in daily life. She encouraged students to take part in eco-friendly initiatives that align with the principles of conservation and green living.



TECHNICAL SESSION

The keynote speaker, Mr. Mahesh Kumar, provided an in-depth understanding of:

- The fundamentals of Milky Mushroom cultivation
- Required conditions and materials for successful growth
- Processing and preservation techniques
- Potential economic benefits and market opportunities

The session was highly interactive, with students enthusiastically participating in discussions and queries regarding sustainable agricultural practices.

IMPACT AND TAKEAWAYS

The workshop successfully:

- Enhanced students' awareness of sustainable agricultural practices
- Provided hands-on knowledge about mushroom cultivation
- Inspired students to consider mushroom farming as a self-employment opportunity
- Strengthened the university's commitment to environmental awareness and sustainability

CONCLUSION

The event concluded with an interactive discussion, where students shared their perspectives on sustainable development and skill enhancement. Additionally, students gained valuable insights into self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities with low investment. The Prakriti Club reaffirmed its dedication to promoting eco-friendly initiatives and skill-based learning opportunities. The success of this event sets a strong foundation for future workshops aimed at fostering a greener and more self-reliant future for students.





REPORT ON

DRAINAGE DE-SILTATION DRIVE

Organized by: Prakriti Club, Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University.

In Collaboration with: Ananya Enviro Engineers

Date: 27th March 2025

Venue: Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University (VCIWU).

INTRODUCTION

In a proactive effort to promote campus hygiene and environmental sustainability, the Prakriti Club of Veerarani Chakali Illamma Women's University successfully conducted a Drainage De-siltation Drive on 27th March 2025. This initiative was organized in collaboration with the Ananya Enviro Engineers to address drainage-related concerns within the university premises.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DRIVE

The Primary objectives of the de-siltation drive were:

- To clear clogged drainage pipelines and improve wastewater management.
- To enhance campus sanitation and prevent future drainage blockages.
- To promote environmental responsibility among students and faculty.
- To create awareness about the importance of waste disposal and cleanliness

EXECUTION OF THE INITIATIVE

The de-siltation drive involved the removal of accumulated waste from the drainage system, ensuring smooth water flow and reducing the risk of waterlogging or sanitation issues. With the technical support of AEE, drainage pipelines were thoroughly cleaned, and preventive measures were discussed to avoid further clogging.

Faculty coordinators, student volunteers, and environmental enthusiasts actively participated in the drive, emphasizing the significance of collective efforts in maintaining cleanliness and sustainability on campus.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Awareness Session: Prakriti Club representatives addressed the gathering, emphasizing the need for responsible waste disposal and hygiene practices.
- **Collaboration with HMWSSB:** The drive benefited from the expertise and assistance of AEE personnel, who guided the de-siltation process effectively.
- **Pledge for Sustainability:** The event concluded with participants taking a pledge to uphold cleanliness and actively engage in future environmental initiatives.



IMPACT AND FUTUTE PLANS

The Drainage De-Siltation Drive significantly improved the sanitation and hygiene conditions within the campus. The initiative also sensitized students and faculty on the importance of waste management and proactive environmental conservation.

Moving forward, Prakriti Club plans to:

- Organize regular sanitation drives to maintain a clean campus.
- Conduct workshops on waste management and sustainable practices.
- Collaborate with local municipal bodies for eco-friendly campus projects.

CONCLUSION

The success of this initiative highlights the power of community-driven environmental responsibility. The collective efforts of students, faculty, and Ananya Enviro Engineers played a crucial role in making this drive effective. Prakriti Club remains committed to fostering a greener, cleaner, and healthier campus environment for all.

