

Webinar on World Environment Day 2023

From the School of Life Sciences, Department of Botany, the Botanical Society, in collaboration with Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP–Caring for our Common Home), organised a webinar on World Environment Day on 10 June 2023 (Saturday) between 10:00 am to 11:00 am through the virtual Zoom Meeting platform. The topic was **‘The Poor Man’s Timber: Sustainable Use and Conservation of Bamboo in the Western Ghats’**.

The resource person for the webinar was Dr Sathish B N, Assistant Professor and Project Head from the College of Forestry, Kodagu, Karnataka. We had invited another guest Fr Dr Lancelot D’Cruz SJ, the Head of the Department of Botany and former principal of St Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

The programme was coordinated by our Botanical Society Coordinators, Dr Paramesha Mallegowda and Dr A Stephen. Along with our dignitaries Dr Jacob Paul V J, Head of the Department of Botany, Dr Vaishnavi M, PG Coordinator, professors from the Department of Botany and the other departments as well, 71 participants from over 32 colleges also attended the webinar.

The webinar began with a prayer, followed by a general Welcome Address delivered by Dr Jacob Paul V J, Head of the Department of Botany, followed by the introduction of the speaker. Dr Sathish B N delivered his lecture and gave us a brief introduction about the various uses of bamboo and its eco-friendly properties and made us understand the importance of the conservation of bamboo. Truly, it was an inspirational talk through which we understood the different types of bamboo and how it is used for sustainable development. The content was crisp and clear, and the speaker enlightened us with his immense knowledge, which inspired many of us. This was followed by a Question-and-Answer session which was very interactive, followed by the Vote of Thanks. In the end, we shared the feedback form and received nearly 71 good responses.