## Bellary V V Sangha's VIJAYANAGAR COLLEGE HOSAPETE

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## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

## VANAMAHOTSAVA AND INAUGURATION OF ECO-CLUB, 2024

Van Mahotsav is a week-long festival celebrated in India to promote the importance of afforestation and raise awareness about the benefits of trees. It is a time for people to come together and plant trees, organize awareness drives, and learn about the importance of preserving our forests.

On 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2024, Department of Botany in association with IQAC and Forest department celebrated Vanamahotsava. Formal function was presided by the Principal, Dr M Prabhugouda (President), Chairman, Vijayanagar College Sri N Mallikarjun Metri (Chief Guest), Deputy Range Forest Officer Sri Nagaraj Serigeri (Guest of Honour), Life members of VV Sangha, Sri Sripad Rao & Sri Shivayogi, IQAC Co-ordinator Dr Ravi Kiran, Organizing secretary Dr Pushpa Kavatagi, all Staff members of Department of Botany and Zoology and students.

Ms Sanjana Priya of BSc II semester hosted the program. Ms Nayana S(lecturer) delivered welcome speech. Dr Pushpa Kavatagi, HOD Botany department gave a brief introduction on Eco-Club, a student organization under which all environment related programs are to be held. Various educative activities such as debate, essay, seminar competitions will be held under Eco-Club. Awareness on plantation, reducing pollution, limiting plastic usage and many aspects will be regulated under this club. Sri Bharathraj M A (RFO) and Sri Nagaraj Sirigeri, (DRFO) shared valuable information on plantation and seed ball activity. Later followed by presidential remarks by Principal and vote of thanks by Ms Shaheen IV semester student.

On completion of formal function, plantation program was held and seed balls preparation activity was done by students under guidance of forest department.

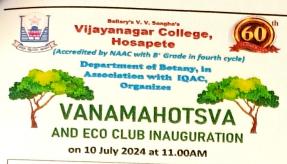
Seed balls, also known as earth balls consist of seeds rolled within a ball of clay and other matter to assist germination. They are then thrown into vacant lots and over fences as a form of guerilla gardening. Matter such as humus and compost are often placed around the seeds to provide microbial inoculants. Spreading of Seed balls is a great way to improve vegetation in barren land during monsoon season.

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Guest of Honour

Sri. Bharathraj M. A.

Range Forest Officer, Karnataka Forest Department, Hosapete.

**Chief Guest** 

Sri. N. Mallikarjun Metri, Chairman, Governing Body, Vijayanagar College, Hosapete

President Organizing secretary
Dr. M. Prabhugouda,
Principal, Vijayanagar College,
Hosapete. Organizing secretary
Dr. Pushpa Kavatagi
Assistant Professor and Head,
Department of Botany,
Vijayanagar college, Hosapete.

Venue: Conference Hall, Vijayanagar College, Hosapete. All are Cordially Invited





