

Name of the Event: Campus Roots – Know Your (Green) Neighbours

Organised by: Committee for Environment and Sustainability (ComEnS)

Date: 18 March 2026

Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Venue: Campus

Number of Participants

Students: 17

Teachers: 11

Resource Persons: Dr Illora Sen and Dr Raikamal Pal, Department of Botany, Shri Shikshayatan College

**Brief Description of the Event:** The session was planned as an hour-long tour of the college premises where students and faculty members would get to familiarise themselves with the wide variety of plants and trees dotting the campus. The event started in front of the Department of Botany where Dr Sen introduced the group to all the plants on their corridor, drawing attention to their common and scientific names, distinctive characteristics, and their many benefits. The group then proceeded to walk around the open courtyard between the college and the school buildings, examining the many shrubs and trees balancing the concrete. The small enclosed garden was of special interest, where Dr Pal focused on foliage, efflorescence and other features from a botanical perspective. The session ended with a vote of thanks to the resource persons for the very interesting and informative session.

**Outcome:** This event was conceived with the intention of starting environmental awareness at our own doorstep. The committee wanted students and teachers to be able to appreciate fully the foliage that greets them every working day as they walk into the premises. Situated in the heart of Kolkata, Shri Shikshayatan College can boast of a campus that is very green, with a great variety of plant life ranging from flowering shrubs to decorative plants, from creepers to huge trees. At the end of the session, students left with a wealth of facts about their green neighbours, which will contribute to their respect for nature not only in college but everywhere else. They left with the lesson that plants are much more than inert backdrop; they are beauty, breath, blessings.

