

**REPORT ON WORLD BIODIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATION BY CENTRAL
RESEARCH COMMITTEE WITH DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY SHRI
SHIKSHAYATAN COLLEGE IN COILLABORATION**

WITH

THE SCIENCE ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

- **Name of Event:** World Biodiversity Day Celebration
- **Organized By (Department /Committee):** Central Research Committee with
Department of Botany, Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata
- **Collaborator :** The Science Association of Bengal, Kolkata
- **Date :** 24.05.24
- **Venue :** College Auditorium, Room No: 005 & 006
- **Time :** 10.30 am to 4.00pm
- **Number of Participants**
 - Students -97
 - Teacher -30(approx.)
- **Resource Person**
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Designation - Senior Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF
(mail id :roymanik0610@gmail.com)
 - iii) Dr. S Ghosh,
Designation - Scientist ICAR-CRIJAF
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 - iv) Dr. Saikat Kumar Basu,
Designation - Executive Research Director, Lethbridge, Canada
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- **Brief Description of Event –**

The inaugural session – Welcome address by Dr. Papiya Chaudhury, Teacher in Charge, Shri Shikshayatan College followed by session address on significance of the day by Dr. Saikat Kumar Basu.

- Students from different Departments of (BA, B.Sc & B.Ed) of Shri Shikshayatan College along with other colleges (Bethune College, A.J.C Bose College, Sarsuna College, Scottish Church College, Ballygunge Science College, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara, Ashutosh College , Gokhale Memorial Girls' College) participated in different student event category .
- The event categories were Poster/Doodle art/Video /Extempore based on different sub-themes like Climate change/ Renewable energy/Forest Fire/Tribes in Nature Conservation etc .
- There was an Exhibition cum sale of Ecofriendly Diversified Jute Products by ICAR-CRIJAF Barrackpore

- **Outcome -**

- There were about 40 poster presentations; 8 Participants for video & ppt ; 10 participated in Doodle Art ; 5 in extempore and 2 Craft and Model category
- Student competitions were evaluated by Honourable Judges from ICAR-CRIJAF , The Science Association of Bengal and Faculty Members from Shri Shikshayatan College
- Students received Best Presentation Award and participation certificates.



World Biodiversity Day Celebration at the Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata

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members) from the Sri Shikshayatan College. The success of celebrating the World Biodiversity Day 2024 jointly by the college and SAB can be gauged through several key indicators: Increased Awareness: Greater public awareness about biodiversity and its importance is a primary measure of success. This can be seen through widespread media coverage, social media engagement, and educational activities that reach a broad audience. Policy Impact: Effective celebration often leads to policy changes or the reinforcement of existing policies aimed at protecting biodiversity. This includes new legislation, improved conservation strategies, and increased funding for biodiversity projects. Community Engagement: Active participation from communities, schools, NGOs, and local governments in events such as tree planting, clean-up drives, educational workshops, and biodiversity fairs indicates successful engagement. Corporate Participation: Involvement of businesses in biodiversity-friendly practices and sponsorship of conservation projects can be a sign of successful celebration. Corporate

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NEWS PAPER COVERAGE OF THE EVENT

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