## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION & TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

## IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICE, NONGPOH, RI BHOI DISTRICT

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK-PG ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, SHILLONG**

DATE: 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

**VENUE: PAHAMMARDOLOI VILLAGE** 

## **INTRODUCTION**

World Environment Day 2023 was observed on the 5th of June 2023 in Pahammardoloi Village, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya. To mark the beginning of the Rural Camp 2023, the Department of Social Work-PG, St Edmunds College, Shillong with the MSW 2nd semester in collaboration with the Divisional Forest Office, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District organized a Tree Plantation Drive in Pahammardoloi Village, Ri Bhoi District. This tree plantation drive aimed at creating a sustainable environment with green spaces in the community and to enhance the protection and conservation of the rich agrobiodiversity. In the tree plantation drive, the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Nongpoh contributed 150 saplings.





At the very outset, a short programme was organized in Pahammardoloi RCLP School in the presence of the Headman, Mr. Loius Syngkli, the Executive Members of the Village Council, the Women and Youth group's representatives, school children, and the MSW 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of St Edmunds College, Shillong. A brief introductory speech on the World Environment Day 2023 theme was given by the MSW 2<sup>nd</sup> semester student. The theme of the World Environment Day 2023 on action for plastic pollution under the campaign Beat plastic pollution. It is a reminder that people's actions on plastic pollution matters and also highlighted the need to take concrete action to achieve transformative change to tackle the climate crisis.

Furthermore, a short speech was delivered by the Headman, Mr Louis Syngkli and in his speech he acknowledged and thanks the department and the college for organizing this important program and for providing the saplings for the community to plant in the surroundings of the

village. After the short program, the tree plantation was conducted in the two schools in the village, in Pahammardoloi RCLP School and St Mary's Secondary School, Pahammardoloi. The tree plantation drive witness the participation of the executive members of the village council including headman, representatives from women and youth groups teachers and school students.

Another short programme was organized in St Mary's Secondary School, Pahammardoloi and in this program the Headmistress, Sr. Linda Manih shared a few words of acknowledgement and gratitude to the department and the college for taking the initiative to observed the World Environment Day with a tree plantation drive. In conclusion of the program, 150 saplings were planted in the school premises



under the supervision and care by the school management and village council of Pahammardoloi village. Hence, there were 80 participants participated in this Treee Plantation Drive including

from the Members of the Village Council, Women and Youth Groups representatives, children and the students and teachers of St Mary's Secondary School.

**ANNEXURE 1** 

