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### **Manipur Technical University celebrated World Environment Day.**

On this day, the 5th of June, 2022, Manipur Technical University's Innovation Council, IIC MTU, commemorated the Ministry of Education mandated "World Environment Day" at MTU Campus. With Sweden as the host country, the slogan for World Environment Day 2022 is "Only One Earth", which focuses on "living sustainably in harmony with nature." In this regard, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MTU gave an important speech on World Environment Day. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the importance to the faculty, staff, and students of Article 51-A (g), which deals with the fundamental duties of the citizens and states: "It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures." He emphasised the need to conserve, preserve, and protect our environment. In particular, we must fight for climate change, sustainability and pollution. Furthermore, he mentioned that Environmental protection is also under the State List. The event is also registered under UN Environment Programme.

There were distributions of T-shirts, an expert talk by Nongmaithem Anand, Assistant Professor (MTU), tree plantation and spreading of awareness on proper plastic waste at Wahengbam Leikai Bus Parking. Nongmaithem Anand pointed out that we have reached an emergency level or alarming level of all types of pollution happening globally. One of the findings has pointed out that there is microplastic in our bloodstream. He stated that we need to find an affordable substitute for plastic bags and pathways for bicycles and pedestrians. He suggested building and living in eco-friendly homes, which include cities, work places, and worship places. From an individual level, we need to learn and practise avoidance of plastic and other non-biodegradable goods while going to a picnic or any gathering. The individual and civil society both should play a larger role in raising awareness and protecting our environment.

The event was attended by the faculty, staff, and students of MTU. The significance of organising such a day is to align ourselves with nature harmoniously and to promote sustainable living.





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