

## **MYCOPHILIA – REPORT 2023**

Bhoomika- Nature club and IQAC of Sree Krishna College, Guruvayur jointly organized ***Mycophilia*** 2023- Exploring-The Magic and Mystery of Mushrooms on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at the Mini Auditorium, Sree Krishna College, Guruvayur. The gathering was welcomed by Ms. Niranjana M R, Convenor- Nature Club. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Vijoy P S, Principal in charge, and Dr. Sreeja V. N., IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Sreeja T D, Convenor, Science Forum, Dr. Brinesh, Nature Club Member and College Union Chairman felicitated the gathering

In the forenoon session, the resource person of the programme, Dr. Bijeesh C, Mycologist and Faculty member of Malabar Christian College, Kozhikode, delivered a talk on Identification of poisonous mushrooms in Kerala. The talk was mainly about the proper identification of poisonous mushrooms species and differentiating them from the commonly used edible mushrooms available in inlands of Kerala. The speaker also highlighted many recent casualties due to the accidental consumption of mushrooms. The session was really informative for nature club students, and evoked in them an interest to properly guide common people about the risk behind the mushrooms. The speaker also encouraged students towards this social commitment and provided his contact details to all nature club students for future mushroom identification. A photo-exhibition of mushrooms enumerated in the Sree Krishna college campus were also arranged in connection with the programme, which includes different mushroom species collected from Sree Krishna College Campus. The talk was followed by a brief discussion involving the students and it was concluded by Dr. Prajith T M, Member, Nature Club with a note of gratitude to all those who made the event successful.

In afternoon session, a field visit was arranged at Sree Krishna College Campus for mushroom hunt with students. The session was handled by Dr. Bijeesh C and he elaborately explained the

different edible and poisonous mushrooms from campus. The collected material of mushrooms was properly identified and preserved at Botany Department of Sree Krishna College under the guidance of the expert, Dr. Bijesh C.