

HORTICULTURAL GARDENING DRIVE dated 27th May 2022

“Invest in our planet”, the theme of Earth Day 2022, emphasizes the significance of environment conservation as the most effective step for a brighter and prosperous future of the world. The presence of life which makes Earth a unique planet in the universe with no alternative, increases our responsibilities towards it during these days of precarious environmental conditions. It is in this context that School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam organised a plantation drive in the Herbal Cultural Garden at School of Pedagogical Sciences on 27-05-2022. Mr. Sasidharan Unnithan, Personal secretary of VC, MGU Kottayam, Mr. Saji M.K, Estate Manager, MGU Kottayam, Mr. Jayaprakash C.S., Retired Agriculture Officer, Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor & HoD i/c, SPS, MGU, Kottayam, were present during the programme. The programme started at 11 am and Research Scholars, MEd students of SPS, MGU Kottayam actively participated. The event was inaugurated with the planting of *Kottukonam* Budded Mango sapling. Mr Jayaprakash conducted an orientation session about the horticultural garden of Mahatma Gandhi University. Mahatma Gandhi University organised this initiative for enhancing biodiversity and thereby protecting Mother earth. A horticultural garden will result in a healthy and ecologically rich environment. It has aesthetic and medicinal values. The various stakeholders of School of Pedagogical Sciences has great interest in the field of horticultural garden, as they are educators and it is their responsibility to convey the appropriate messages about nature and its protection. The plantation drive provided an inspiration for the environmental conservation.



