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Cash Crop Plantation at College premises


Botany Department & Eco-Club


An initiative on cash crop plantation was undertaken by the Department of Botany in collaboration with Eco Club, Kalimpong College on 30th of May 2023 at the college premises. The objective of this plantation drive was to create an educational and sustainable environment that promotes agricultural practices and foster a sense of environmental responsibility among our students. The crops selected for cultivation were ginger (*Gingiber officinale*) and turmeric (*Curcuma longa*) was based on their suitability to the local climate, edaphic conditions, market demand and potential profitability. A designated area within the college premises was identified for the cash crop plantation. The land was prepared by clearing any pre-existing vegetation, tilling the soil, adding necessary organic fertilizers and soil amendments to ensure optimal growing conditions. The selected cash crops were planted maintaining appropriate spacing, planting techniques and weed management measures to ensure healthy growth of the crops. The faculties of Botany department and members of Eco Club along with the students actively participated in these activities.

Such initiative not only promotes sustainable agriculture but also provides a model for self-sufficiency, hands-on experience in agricultural practices and environmental responsibility among the college community. Future plans include exploring the cultivation of additional crops, promoting organic farming methods and further expansion and diversification of agricultural activities in and around our premises. We appreciate the efforts of all those involved including staff, students and college administration for their valuable contributions.



Plantation of cash crops by the students and faculty members


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