## B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan Report of Celebration of World Environment Day

To encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment, World Environment Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This year the theme of World Environment Day was 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. It reminds that people's actions on plastic pollution matters. It is time to accelerate the action to reduce plastic pollution and transition to a circular economy.

Since, the first step towards Beat Plastic Pollution is spreading awareness, this year Department of Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan along with students from 1 Mah Air Sqn NCC, Mumbai, had organized the Mega Plastic Waste Collection Drive on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00 am. The aim of the drive was to collect plastic waste lying along the roadside areas and spread the awareness of minimizing plastic usage and environment protection among the people.

The program started with the tree plantation at the hands of faculty members and students. Around 400 NCC cadets and students of Department of Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan and NSS students of B. K. Birla Night College, Kalyan participated in the Mega Plastic Waste Collection Drive. Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director (Education), B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan and Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan and Group Capt. S K Naik, CO, 1 Mah Air Sqn NCC, Mumbai flagged off the drive. They appealed all to minimize plastic pollution and spread the message of environmental awareness in their surroundings. Around 135 kg of plastic waste was collected during the drive. The collected plastic waste will be sent to plastic recyclers.

The students were also asked to gather plastic waste from their households, surroundings, etc. and deposit to the volunteers of the Department of Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan. Towards the end of the program, a pledge was taken by the participants to minimize plastic pollution.









