

**Report on the Plantation Drive, organized by the University of Science and Technology Alumni Association (USTAA), Meghalaya at the Campus of the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 in association with the different departments of USTM.**

Trees represent life, growth, peace and nature. They produce oxygen, clean soil, prevent drought, control flood related disasters, prevent soil erosion, improve physiological, mental and spiritual health, and also reduce carbon footprints. To address the grave concern of environmental degradation and create a good sense of social responsibility among the students towards mother nature, the plantation drive was carried out in adherence to the safety and social-distancing rules in view of COVID-19.

Keeping this in mind, on the auspicious of World Environment Day, the University of Science and Technology Alumni Association (USTAA), Meghalaya organized a Sapling Plantation Drive at its campus where air-purifying plants were planted by the Alumni, staff and faculty members in presence of the Vice-Chancellor. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor motivated the students to take care of the saplings so that they grow into healthy trees.

These registered alumni and the students present were motivated and advised to take care of the saplings planted by them. The students also took the Oath: "I will plant a tree sapling and take care of the sapling such that it grows into a mature tree." Also the students were encouraged to plant tree saplings. Every student of the University resolved to plant saplings during their respective counselling sessions.

