

## **International Day for Persons with Disabilities – 2023**

Date: December 5, 2023

In Association with: F.M.R Asha Niketan

To commemorate the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, the ISR Committee of St. Francis College, in collaboration with F.M.R Asha Niketan, organized a guest lecture and awareness session in the Second Floor Seminar Hall on December 5, 2023, at 2:40 PM.

### **Event Highlights:**

- Welcome Address: Vice-Principal Prof. Karthik welcomed the resource persons and representatives of F.M.R Asha Niketan with a sapling. ISR volunteer Ayesha provided an introduction to the organization.
- Guest Lecture by Syed Faiz:
  - Discussed the societal challenges faced by persons with disabilities.
  - Highlighted the difference between empathy and sympathy, encouraging volunteers to adopt a more understanding and inclusive approach.
  - Engaged volunteers in an interactive session, prompting them to reflect on personal experiences related to disabilities.
- Showcase of Creativity: Representatives from Asha Niketan displayed handmade crafts created by the core members of the NGO, including candles, painted diyas, decorative pen stands, and coconut shell artwork.
- Sign Language Workshop: Volunteers learned basic sign language alphabets, enhancing their ability to communicate with individuals who are hearing and speech impaired.
- Exhibition & Purchase: An exhibition of handmade products was set up, where volunteers enthusiastically purchased items, supporting the cause.

The event was an inspiring and enlightening experience, fostering greater awareness, empathy, and inclusivity among students.

