

CELEBRATION OF 72ND VAN MAHOTSAVA BY RFRI, JORHAT

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The Institute organized a plantation programme at the premises of Jorhat Jail in association with Jorhat Jail Authority on 4th July, 2021. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI; Mrs. Champakoli Bordoloi, Superintendent of Jorhat Jail (Rtd.), Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), RFRI; Dr. Gautam Saikia, Professor, Assam Agricultural University; Dr. Manoranjan Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Assam Agricultural University; Shri Pranjal Kumar Sharma, Jailer, Jorhat Jail participated in the plantation programme. Welcoming the dignitaries, Dr. Jayaraj spoke about the importance of celebration of *Van Mahotsava*. He thanked the Jorhat Jail authority for providing the opportunity to organize this plantation programme at Jail premises. Dr. Saikia spoke about the heritage of Jorhat Jail. He informed that Jorhat Jail was established in 1911 and large number of Freedom Fighters were lodged in Jorhat Jail during the Indian Freedom Movement. He appreciated the effort of RFRI for undertaking this plantation programme at Jorhat Jail. Mrs. Champakoli Bordoloi, Superintendent of Jorhat Jail (Rtd.) also spoke in the occasion.

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat also organized another plantation programme as part of celebration of *Van Mahotsava* at Jorhat Police Reserve in association with Jorhat Police Administration on 5th July, 2021. Shri A. K. Barman, Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat; Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI; Shri Narayan Mahanta, Conservator of Forests; Shri Ankur Jain,

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Superintendent of Police; Shri Nandha Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer; Shri Hiranya Kr. Barman, Additional Superintended of Police; other Officers of RFRI, Officers and Staff of Assam Police participated. A public awareness meeting was held on the occasion with limited people. At the outset of the awareness meeting, Dr. Jayaraj welcomed all the dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, Shri A. K. Barman, Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat spoke about the importance of trees, more particularly bamboos and its role in economic development of people of Assam. Shri Narayan Mahanta, Conservator of Forests, Upper Assam Circle, Jorhat informed about the various efforts of Government of Assam on conservation of nature. He told about establishment of biodiversity parks all over Assam under the name as '*Manishi Udyan*'.

Shri Ankur Jain, Superintendent of Police expressed his concern about unabated smuggling of our biodiversity resources from our region to other courtiers. He told that large tracts of forest trees are felled down every year clandestinely by antisocial elements. He stressed on planting more and more trees which support large number of birds and mammals. Other dignitaries also spoke on the occasion.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Senior Scientist of RFRI, Jorhat meticulously planned and conducted all the programmes of *Van Mahotsava*.

GLIMPSES OF THE CELEBRATION

1st July, 2021: Celebration at RFRI Campus



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4th July, 2021: Jorhat Jail Premises



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5th July, 2021: Jorhat Police Reserve



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বৰ্ষাৰণ্য গৱেষণা প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ 'বন মহোৎসৱ'

যোৰহাটঃ ১ জুলাইঃ যোৰহাটৰ চটাইস্থিত বৰ্ষাৰণ্য গৱেষণা প্ৰতিষ্ঠানে সপ্তাহজোৰা কাৰ্যসূচীৰে ৭২ সংখ্যক 'বন মহোৎসৱ' আয়োজন কৰিছে। এই আয়োজনৰ প্ৰথম কাৰ্যসূচী হিচাপে ১ জুলাইত প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ চৌহদত নেমু গছৰ পুলি ৰোপণ কৰা হয়। প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ বিজ্ঞানী, অংশকালীন গৱেষণা কৰ্মী, বন বিষয়া, অন্য কৰ্মচাৰীৰ উপস্থিতিত প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ সঞ্চালক ড° আৰ এছ চি জয়ৰাজে বন মহোৎসৱৰ শুভাৰম্ভ কৰে। প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ জ্যেষ্ঠ বিজ্ঞানী ৰাজীৱ কুমাৰ কলিতাই অনুষ্ঠানটোৰ আঁত ধৰি কয় যে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰথম কৃষিমন্ত্ৰী স্ব কে এম মুঞ্চিয়ে প্ৰথমে ১৯৫০ চনত ভাৰতবৰ্ষত 'বন মহোৎসৱ' আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। ইয়াৰ প্ৰধান উদ্দেশ্য আছিল জনসাধাৰণক বন-জংঘল সংৰক্ষণ কৰাৰ লগতে অধিক মাত্ৰাত গছপুলি ৰোপণ কৰা যাতে আমাৰ চাৰিওফালৰ পৰিবেশ সম্বলিত অৱস্থাত থাকে। তেতিয়াৰে পৰা সমগ্ৰ ভাৰতবৰ্ষত এই কাৰ্যসূচী পালন কৰি অহা হৈছে। 'বন মহোৎসৱ'ৰ আন কাৰ্যসূচীবোৰ হ'ল যোৰহাট জে'লৰ চৌহদত বৃক্ষৰোপণ, যোৰহাট পুলিচ ছাউনীৰ চৌহদত বৃক্ষৰোপণ আৰু দক্ষিণপাট সত্ৰৰ চৌহদত বৃক্ষৰোপণ। এই কাৰ্যসূচীসমূহ যোৰহাট জে'ল,



পুলিচ বিভাগ আৰু সত্ৰৰ সহযোগত উদযাপন কৰা হ'ব। কৰ্মীৰ অতিমাত্ৰাৰ মাজতে সীমিতভাৱে এই কাৰ্যসূচী গ্ৰহণ কৰি এটি আশাৰ বতৰা সৃষ্টি কৰিবৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে।

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RFRI celebrates Van Mahotsava

ES Bureau

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Van Mahotsava under way

JORHAT, July 3: The week-long Van Mahotsava got under way at the Rain Forest Research Institute at Sotai here on Thursday as the RFRI Director Dr RSC Jayaraj planting saplings of indigenous citrus fruit (*kazi nemu*) in the institute's premises. RK Kalita, a senior scientist of the institute explained the genesis behind Van Mahotsava in the country. Kalita stated that the first Agriculture Minister of Independent India, late KM Munchi started the celebration of Van Mahotsava in 1950 to create enthusiasm among the masses for forest conservation and planting trees. Scientists, forest officers, scientific staff, research fellows and others attended the plantation programme. – Staff Correspondent

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হোৱা ঘটনা এইটোৱেই প্ৰথম।

বাইজে যি অৰ্থনৈতিক সংকটত ভুগি আছে তাৰ প্ৰতি বা



বন মহোৎসৱৰ অংশ হিচাপে সোমবাৰে বৰ্ষাৰণ্য গৱেষণা প্ৰতিষ্ঠানে অসম
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মহন্ত, বন সংমণ্ডল প্ৰাধিকাৰী শ্ৰীনন্দ কুমাৰ, অতিৰিক্ত আৰক্ষী অধীক্ষক হিৰণ্য
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