



Report
on
the Celebration of
VAN MAHOTSAV 2022



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Coimbatore

Van Mahotsav 2022 Celebrations by IFGTB ENVIS

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore celebrated Van Mahotsav 2022 by organizing a Tree Sapling Planting Programme on 05.07.2022. The main aim of this event was to create and spread awareness about the importance of tree planting and role of individuals in protecting the environment from degrading by planting indigenous trees.

Director Dr C Kunhikannan, inaugurated the function and released an awareness poster for students. During his Special address, Dr Kunhikannan highlighted that trees are the most precious gift given to mankind and it is our duty to preserve it. From birds and insects, to bats and squirrels, trees provide a canopy and a habitat for many species of wildlife. But they don't just act as a home for wildlife; the fruits from trees provide food for them too, he added. Director emphasized that humans are dependent on trees for their needs; Van Mahotsav should be utilized in a creative way. The need of the hour is that all the destruction caused by humans can only be balanced by planting more number of trees. He urged all to plant more trees whenever possible and save the environment.

Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F and Coordinator ENVIS spoke on the significance of this annual tree planting festival in India started by K.M. Munshi, the then Union Minister for Agriculture and Food in 1950. By planting more trees, it will contribute to global reforestation efforts, restoring lost forests, repairing damaged ecosystems and mitigating climate changes, he added. Dr Warriar highlighted long-term and short-term social, communal, environmental and economic benefits of trees and requested all to plant more indigenous trees and also to safe guard them.

Saplings of indigenous medicinal and timber tree species like *Ficus racemosa* (Athi), *Pithecellobium dulce* (Kodukkaai), *Trewia nudiflora* (Atru povarasu), *Albizia lebbek* (Vagai), *Terminalia arjuna* (Neer maruthu) etc. were planted in the Botanical Garden by officers, staff members and final year UG students from Nirmala College for Women, Red Fields, Coimbatore, Dr.N.G.P Arts and Science College, Coimbatore and Hindusthan College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.

"Plant a tree sapling photography challenge" was also organized as part of Vana Mahotsav and people from different walks of life across India participated. E-certificates were awarded to all. Handouts of the awareness poster were disseminated to students and general public. Softcopy of the same was transmitted electronically among the different stakeholders. Dr S. Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer proposed the vote of thanks.









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1st - 7th July 2022

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