

INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

July, 01st to 07th, 2020

A report on Celebration of Van Mahotsav Week at IFB, Hyderabad.

Van Mahotsav Week, 2020 was celebrated at IFB, Hyderabad, Telangana from July 01st to 07th. Keeping in view the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the guidelines of MoH & FW, GoI and Telangana State Govt. were followed. The main objective of the celebration is to raise awareness among the masses about the importance of trees, their plantation and conservation.

Van Mahotsav is an annual one week tree planting festival in the month of July in India. It was started in 1950 by Dr. Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi, then the Union minister for Agriculture and Food to create enthusiasm among masses for forest conservation and planting trees. During this festival thousands of trees are planted all over India. It was started to create awareness in the mind of people for the conservation of forests and planting of new trees. It is also celebrated as a *Festival of life*. Aim of this programme is to increase production of fruits, which could be added to potential food resource of the country and agriculture fields to increase their productivity.

On the occasion of Van Mahotsav, Institute of Forest Biodiversity Organized a plantation programme for week time. As part of the program on 06th July,2020 Dr. D. Nalini Mohan, IFS, PCCF and Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (APSBDB) was the Chief Guest.

In the inaugural session, Shri D. Jayaprasad, IFS, Director, Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB) Welcomed the Chief Guest, Forest Officials- Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Head Extension, Senior Scientists- Dr. GRS. Reddy, Shri. Pravin H. Chawhaan and Shri Pankaj Singh. During this program Dr. D. Nalini Mohan spoke on the relevance of the role of planting the trees and importance of celebrating Van Mahotsav. Later, planting activity was taken up by the Chief Guest, Director- IFB and IFB officials.

As part of the program on 07th July,2020 Dr. K. Poorna Rajeswari, Senior Ayurvedic Physician, Suraksha Ayurveda Chikitsaly joined the program as a one of the guest. She, also involved in the plantation programme on 7th July,2020 and then explained the uses of few medicinal plants available in IFB campus. She discussed and praised the activities going in the institute and gave a complete view and the importance of the tree she planted. she also proposed a collaboration with IFB on the extension activities and want to show the resources available in IFB to the Public.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Head Extension. The overall programme co-ordinated by Shri. E. Manikanta Reddy, Shri. M. Sagar and Shri. M. Yashwanth Reddy.

Glimpse of the programme



Photo 1: Welcoming the Chief Guest by Director, IFB



Photo 3: Plantation by Dr. D. Nalini Mohan, IFS, PCCF and Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (APSBDB)



Photo 5: Plantation by Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, CF, Head Extension



Photo 2: Presentation on IFB activities to the Chief Guest



Photo 4: Plantation by Shri. D. Jayaprasad, Director, IFB



Photo 6: Plantation by Dr. GRS Reddy, Sc-G



Photo 7: Plantation by Shri.Pravin.H.Chawhaan, Sc-G



Photo 9: Plantation by Dr. K. Poorna Rajeswari, Senior Ayurvedic Physician, Suraksha Ayurveda Chikitsaly



Photo 11: Plantation by IFB Staff



Photo 8: Plantation by Shri. Pankaj Singh, Sc-B



Photo 10: Plantation by IFB Staff



Photo 12: Group photo with the Chief Guest and IFB Staff

Media Coverage

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సుభాష్నగర్: దూలపల్లిలోని కేంద్ర అటవీ జీవ వైవిధ్య సంస్థ (ఐఎఫ్బీ)లో వన మహోత్సవాలు ఘనంగా జరుగు తున్నాయి. దేశ వ్యాప్తంగా ఏటా జులై 1 నుంచి 7వ తేదీ వరకు ఉత్సవాలను నిర్వహిస్తారు. ఇందులో భాగంగా ఐఎ ఫ్బీలో గత వారం రోజులుగా మొక్కలు నాటే కార్యక్ర మాలు నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. సోమవారం జరిగిన కార్యక్రమా నికి ముఖ్య అతిథిగా హాజరైన ఏపీ జీవ వైవిధ్య సంస్థ మెం బర్ సెక్రటరీ డాక్టర్ నళినీ మోహన్ మొక్కలు నాటారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా వన మహోత్సవం ప్రాధాన్యత, పర్యావరణం , అడవులు, జీవ వైవిధ్యంలో శాస్త్రవేత్తల పాత్ర తదితర అం శాలపై ప్రసంగించారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఐఎఫ్బీ డైరెక్టర్ జయప్రసాద్, డాక్టర్ రత్నాకర్ జవహరి, శాస్త్రవేత్తలు డాక్టర్ జి.ఆర్.ఎస్.రెడ్డి, ప్రవీజ్ చౌహాన్, పంకజ్ సింగ్, ఐఎఫ్బి సాంకేతిక సిబ్బంది మణికంఠ, సాగర్, యశ్వంత్, కిరణ్, కిషోర్, కోటిరెడ్డి పాల్గొన్నారు.

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