

JUNGLE BOOK

A COMMUNIQUE FROM FORESTS DEPTT, CHANDIGARH

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The Festival of Forest

वन महोत्सव चण्डीगढ़ 2022

Van Mahotsav is a yearly celebration which was begun by Kulapati Kanaiyalal Munshi Ji popularly known by his pen name Ghanshyam Vyas, the Union Minister for Agriculture to make excitement among the majority for woods preservation and planting trees. It is presently a seven days length celebration.

During this celebration, a large number of trees are planted all over India. It was begun to make mindfulness in the psyche of the individuals for the protection of timberlands and the planting of new trees. Van Mahotsava is commended as a celebration of life. In India, it was begun as a campaign to save mother earth.

The name Van Mahotsava signifies 'the celebration of trees'. It started in July 1947 after a thriving tree planting drive was embraced in Delhi, in which public pioneers like Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Jawaharlal Nehru took an interest. The celebration was all the while celebrated in various states in India. From that point forward, a great many saplings of assorted species are planted with the vivacious investment of local people and different organizations like the Department of Forests & Wildlife.

By urging Indians to help tree planting and tending, celebration coordinators want to make a greener nation. It would give elective energies, expand the creation of food assets, make cover belts around fields to build profitability, give food and shade to steers, offer shade and ornamental scenes, diminishing dry spell, and assisting with forestalling soil disintegration.

The principal seven day stretch of July is the perfect time for planting trees in many parts of India since it matches with the storm. Founder of Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan Sh. K.M Munshi is known as the father of Van Mahotsav as indicated by 'Duat lai lawmlai Lalduhawma' of Chhing Veng.



Inauguration of Amrit Van at Colony No. 4, Industrial Area-I

13th July, 2022

The Forests & Wildlife Department, UT Chandigarh celebrated Van Mahotsav with the launch of MAGIC (Mega Afforestation & Greening Initiative in Chandigarh) Mela this year. On the occasion of 75 years of Independence, Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated nationwide. Under this, the initiative of MAGIC Mela proposes the plantation of 75,000 number saplings within city area.

Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh honoured the inauguration with his benign presence as the Chief Guest. Sh. Debendra Dalai, CCF informed that the department has planned to plant 75 different tree species of medicinal value of 75 numbers each and this Amrit Van has been designed in such a way that it will bloom all throughout the year as per flowering season of the particular plant.

The vehicles of free distribution of saplings titled "forest department at your doorstep" were flagged off by the Hon'ble Administrator. Hundreds of School children participated in the plantation programme.

The occasion also witnessed the release of 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2022-23' and a booklet on 'AMRUT VAN, Chandigarh' done by the Hon'ble Administrator.

All the Dignitaries such as Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Forests, Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur, Mayor (MC), Sh. Praveer Ranjan, IPS, Director General of Police, Sh. Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, IAS, F.S, Mr. Arulrajan P., IFS, CF, Sh. Kuldeep Chahl, IPS, SSP, Dr. Abdul Qayum, IFS, DCF and other officers of Chandigarh Administration.



Plantation by Home Secretary (Forests)

15th July, 2022

Under the series of Tree Plantation Celebrations, Home Secretary (Forests) Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav did the honors of planting Tree in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary. His presence and contribution in Mega Afforestation & Greening Initiative in Chandigarh Mela is much appreciated. Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary is a reserved forest area located near the lake which is home to large variety of native animals and wide range of flora. This forest is not only going to be one of the most sustainable features of the city, but it shall also inspire coming generation to make best of efforts in order to retain the natural essence of city beautiful.

Students from St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School also joined in the plantation drive wherein around 20 kids also planted native species of plants.



Plantation Drive with Chandigarh Police

20th July, 2022

In the series of plantation drive during Van Mahotsav, the Forest Department, UT Chandigarh organized a Plantation Programme at Police Complex, Dhanas where Sh. Praveer Ranjan, IPS, Director General of Police, UT Chandigarh graced the occasion as Chief Guest and planted a 'Sita Ashok' sapling.

Sh. Praveer Ranjan, IPS, DGP applauded the effort of the Department in maintaining the greenery of City. He further stated that Police Department is committed to whole heartedly participate in the plantation drive and contribute towards enhancing the greenery. Along with him, the function also witnessed gracious attendance by Sh. Raj Kumar Singh, IPS, IGP, Sh. Deepak Purohit, IPS, DIGP, Ms. Manisha Choudhary, IPS, SSP, Sh. Kuldeep Singh Chahal, IPS, SSP, Sh. Manoj Kumar Meena, IPS, Sh. Ketan Bansal, IPS, Ms. Shruti Arora, IPS, who also planted saplings of trees in the premises of Police Residential Complex.



Plantation by Smt. Sarabjit Kaur

Mayor in Botanical Garden, Sarangpur

20th July, 2022

In this series, the Forest Department, UT Chandigarh organized a Plantation Programme at Botanical Garden, Sarangpur. Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh graced the occasion as Chief Guest and planted a 'Amaltas' sapling. On this occasion, Sh. Sunil Bhanwar, Second in Commandant, 51 Battalion, CRPF also planted an 'Amaltas' sapling alongwith other CRPF personnel.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh informed that Chandigarh is blessed to have beautiful greenery all around. It is our collective responsibility to protect it for posterity. The function was attended by Sh. Debendra Dalai, IFS, CCF, Sh. Arulrajan P., IFS, DCF (Botanical Garden & Nature Reserve), Dr. Abdul Qayum, IFS, DCF (Wildlife) and other officers of the department, Gram Panchayat members, CRPF personnel etc.





Plantation by Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, IAS

Finance Secretary, UT Chandigarh

22th July, 2022



In this series, the Forest Department, UT Chandigarh organized a Plantation Programme in Lake Beat behind Sukhna Lake. Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, IAS, Finance Secretary, UT Chandigarh graced the occasion as Chief Guest and planted a 'Kachnar' sapling.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, IAS, FS told that Chandigarh is blessed to have beautiful greenery all around. We should hand over the healthy environment to the next generation.

500 saplings of different species were planted by the department officers and frontline staff of Forest Department, UT Chandigarh.

Plantation by Sh. Dharam Pal, IAS



Adviser to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Patiala-ki-Rao Forest area
22th July, 2022

In this series, the Forest Department, UT Chandigarh organized a Plantation Programme at Patiala-ki-Rao Forest area, Sh. Dharam Pal, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh graced the occasion as Chief Guest and planted 'Triveni' sapling i.e. Banyan, Peepal and Neem together. The department has planted 1500 saplings of 18 different species using a new crescent pit planting technique.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Dharam Pal, IAS, Adviser informed that all the partners in the current "Mega Afforestation & Greening Initiative in Chandigarh (MAGIC) Mela – 2022" should make sure that the entire plantation is done in time and proper care of the plants be taken thereafter. He applauded the effort of the department in the endeavour.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Forests, UT Chandigarh informed that department is making constant and sincere efforts in enhancing the green cover of the city.

Sh. Debendra Dalai, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh said that new planting technique adopted on a Pilot basis shall help not only for good growth of plant but also shall help in increasing the moisture regime of the area.

The function was attended by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and department officers/officials and frontline staff of Forest Department, UT Chandigarh.

