

## Van Mahotsav – Celebrated at CSFER Campus

Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting festival in India. People celebrate Van Mahotsava by planting trees or saplings in homes, offices, schools, colleges, etc. It was celebrated at CSFER on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Students from Different Universities viz. Allahabad University, B.H.U, SHIATS, CSJM, Rajrishi Tandon etc. participated.

The Chief Guest for the occasion were Shri Manoj Khare, DFO, Allahabad who planted the sapling of *Stereospermum suaveolens* commonly known as Padal, one of the endangered plant of this region.

On the Occasion Director, CSFER Dr. Kumud Dubey spread awareness that planting of trees serves various purposes like providing alternative fuel, increase production of food resources, helps create shelter-belts around fields to increase productivity, provide fodder, offers shade and decorative landscapes, helps conserves soil deterioration, etc. She emphasized the students from different universities to create awareness of planting of more and more trees. The programme was organized by Dr Anita Tomar, Scientist-D, CSFER, Allahabad.

Dr. Anubha Srivastava, Shri A. K. Srivastava and other staff and Scholars of CSFER also participated in the first plantation programme of the season.







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