

## RFRI CELEBRATES VAN MAHOTSAVA

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat celebrated Van Mahotsava from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 with various programmes. The Mahotsava started with plantation of saplings at the premises of the Institute. The plantation programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director of the Institute. Scientists, Officers, staff members, students, family members and local people were present and planted saplings.

Plantation programme was followed by drawing competition among children and adults. All of them participated in the competition very enthusiastically.

Results of drawing competition are as follows:

Children Category:

Class IV and below:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Henritta Kangabam

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Tonmoyee Saikia

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner: Pragya Kaushik

Class V to Class VIII:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Madhumita Gogoi

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Mouborasha Das

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner: Rishabh Rajdeep Kalita

Adults Category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Ms. Jeshminwara Begum

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Dr. Kamini Kanta Verma

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner: Ms. Ankita Goswami & Ms. Adrita Borkotoky

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Slogan writing competition was also organized among children and adults. Results are also follows:

## Adults Category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Sri Debojit Neog

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Dr. Dhrubajyoti Das

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner: Ms. Mahua Das

## Children Category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Astha Kaushik

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Pragya Kaushik

A popular talk was organized in the valedictory session. Dr. M. J. Bordoloi, Senior Principal Scientist of CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat delivered a talk on current issues of environment and relevance of Van Mahotsava. He delivered an excellent presentation on various burning issues such as Global Warming, Climate Change, rise of sea level, deforestation, erosion and how to mitigate these challenges. He put emphasis on sustainable utilization of resources.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division planned and organized entire programme, briefed about the programme in august gathering and offered vote of thanks.

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