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## **74th Vanmahotsav: Seminar on Sustainability and a Green Planet**

### **in collaboration with Navsari Range Forestry Department Participation Report (2023)**

**Aims and Objectives:** The Vanmahotsav celebration aimed to promote awareness about the importance of trees and forests, encourage community participation in tree planting, and emphasize environmental conservation. Specific objectives included:

- **Educating participants** about the ecological significance of forests and trees in maintaining biodiversity and mitigating climate change.
- **Encouraging community involvement** in tree plantation drives to enhance green cover and combat environmental degradation.
- **Fostering a sense of responsibility** towards sustainable environmental practices among participants.
- **Establishing partnerships** between educational institutions and governmental forestry departments for ongoing environmental initiatives.

**Coordinator:** The event was coordinated by Assistant Professor A. C. Patel, who facilitated the organization and execution of activities. The coordinator ensured effective collaboration between the forestry department, educational institutions, and participants to achieve the event's goals.

#### **Participants:**

- NSS Students and faculty members of our college.
- Representatives from the Navsari Range Forestry Department.
- Community members and local residents interested in environmental conservation.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 300 participants benefited from the Vanmahotsav celebration. They actively participated in tree plantation activities, workshops on environmental conservation, and interactive sessions with forestry department officials. The event provided an opportunity for participants to contribute directly to environmental sustainability efforts and learn practical skills related to tree planting and care.

**Special Recognition:** During the event, the Managing Trustee of Vimal Uchcharar Kelavani Trust, Shri Darshanbhai Desai, was awarded for his significant contributions to a green earth through tree planting initiatives. His efforts have greatly supported the cause of environmental conservation and set an example for the community.

#### **Details :**

The 74th Vanmahotsav celebration, with participation from the Navsari Range Forestry Department, successfully raised awareness about environmental conservation and promoted community engagement in preserving India's natural resources. It reinforced the importance of trees and forests in maintaining ecological balance and highlighted the collective responsibility towards sustainable development. It was held in Somnath auditorium.

### **Detailed Activities:**

#### **1. Tree Plantation Drive:**

- Participants planted saplings in designated areas, contributing to the enhancement of local green cover.
- Forestry department officials provided guidance on the proper techniques for planting and caring for trees.

#### **2. Workshops on Environmental Conservation:**

- Interactive workshops focused on topics such as the role of forests in climate regulation, the importance of biodiversity, and sustainable practices for everyday life.
- Experts from the forestry department shared insights on the latest conservation strategies and technologies.

#### **3. Interactive Sessions:**

- Open discussions between participants and forestry officials allowed for the exchange of ideas and experiences.
- Q&A sessions provided clarity on various environmental issues and the role of individuals and communities in addressing them.

#### **4. Educational Materials:**

- Brochures, pamphlets, and other educational materials were distributed to participants to provide additional information on tree planting and conservation practices.

### **Impact:**

The seminar and associated activities had a significant impact on the participants, instilling a deeper understanding of the importance of trees and forests. The event also strengthened the relationship between educational institutions and the forestry department, paving the way for future collaborations in environmental initiatives.

### **Summing up:**

The *Vanmahotsav* celebration was a resounding success, effectively promoting the themes of sustainability and a green planet. The active participation and enthusiasm of the community underscored the collective commitment to environmental conservation and the pursuit of a sustainable future. **The recognition of Shri Darshanbhai Desai's contributions further highlighted the importance of individual efforts in fostering a greener planet.**



