











**Government of Puducherry** 

**Department of Science, Technology & Environment** 

**Puducherry Pollution Control Committee** 

## **Puducherry EIACP HUB**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi

Celebration of

Van Mahotsav (1st - 7th July 2024)

# **COMPREHENSIVE REPORT**



#Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam

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#### Introduction

Every year, the first week of July is set aside for Van Mahotsav Week. This important day marks the majority of tree planting campaigns, in which several stakeholders, including governmental agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions, and private citizens, participate. The message of the day is to plant trees in order to improve the sustainability and health of the planet.

The main aim of this Mahotsav is to create enthusiasm and awareness amongst the masses. During this festival, each and every citizen of India is expected to plant a sapling during the entire Van Mahotsav week and pass it on to the next generation.

As a part of the "Van Mahotsav" celebration, Puducherry EIACP Hub of Puducherry Pollution Control Committee organized the following activities from 02.07.2022 to 05.07.2022:

## Details of the activities undertaken during the event:

Date	Name of the School
00.05.004	Government High School, Dharmapuri, Puducherry.
02.07.2024	
	Government High School, Mettupalayam, Puducherry.
03.07.2024	Vallalar Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Lawspet, Puducherry.
	Thiru Vi Ka Government High School, Arumparthapuram, Puducherry.
04.07.2024	Saint Antony High School, Attupatti, Puducherry.
	Government High School, Manaveli, Nallavadu, Puducherry.
05.07.2024	Government High School, Kanuvapet, Puducherry.
	Government High School, Kombakkam, Puducherry.

**Date of the event:** 02.07.2024

School Name: Government High School, Dharmapuri, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 122

#### **Key Activities:**

1. **Awareness Lecture:** Mrs. J. Nithiya, the Programme Officer, delivered an awareness talk on the importance of forests and their conservation. The lecture aimed to educate the students and teachers about the ecological significance of forests and the need for conservation efforts.

- 2. Drawing Competition: A drawing competition on the theme Forest conservation was organized for the students. The competition served as a platform for creative expression and awareness among the students. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the drawing competition. This recognition was a way to motivate students and acknowledge their efforts in promoting environmental awareness through art.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were distributed to the students. This initiative aimed to involve the students actively in the conservation efforts by encouraging them to plant and nurture trees.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students and teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment. This commitment symbolized their dedication to contributing to environmental sustainability and conservation.









**Date of the event:** 02.07.2024

School Name: Viduthalai Veerar R. Seenuvasan Government High School, Mettupalayam,

Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 91

- 1. **Awareness Lecture:** An awareness lecture on the topic Forest conservation was delivered by Mrs. J. Nithiya, Programme Officer of Puducherry EIACP Hub. The lecture aimed to educate the students and teachers about the ecological significance of forests and the need for conservation efforts.
- 2. **Drawing Competition:** Conducted drawing competition on the theme Forest conservation. The competition served as a platform for creative expression and awareness among the students. Prizes were awarded to the winners.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were planted by the students and teachers in the school premises. This initiative aimed to involve the students actively in the conservation efforts by encouraging them to plant and nurture trees.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students and teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment.









**Date of the event:** 03.07.2024

School Name: Thiru. Vi. Ka. Government High School, Arumbarthapuram, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 90

- 1. **Awareness Lecture:** Mrs. J. Nithiya, Programme Officer of Puducherry EIACP Hub delivered awareness talk on Importance of Forest and its conservation. Awareness campaign to raise awareness and educate the students and teachers about the ecological significance of forests and the need for conservation efforts.
- 2. **Quiz Competition:** Conducted quiz competition on the theme Forest conservation. The competition served a forum for awareness-raising and enrich knowledge for the students. Prizes were awarded to the winners.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were planted by the students and teachers in the school premises. The plantation programme generate a lot of stir and enthusiasm among the students and staff.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students along with the teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment.









**Date of the event:** 03.07.2024

School Name: Vallalar Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Lawspet, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 175

- 1. **Awareness Lecture:** Mrs. J. Nithiya, the Puducherry EIACP Hub's programme officer, gave an awareness talk on the subject of forest conservation. The purpose of the talk was to inform educators and students about the importance of forests to the environment and the necessity of conservation efforts.
- 2. **Quiz Competition:** Organized quiz competition on the theme Forest conservation. The competition served as a platform for gaining knowledge and awareness among the students. Prizes were awarded to the winners.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were planted by the students and teachers in the school premises. Students and staff get significant information about plants and the environment through the plantation drive.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The Students and Teachers swore to preserve the environment and plant more trees. This pledge represented their commitment to have a positive impact on environmental protection and sustainability.









**Date of the event:** 04.07.2024

School Name: St Antony's Government Aided High School, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 172

- Awareness Lecture: The programme officer of the Puducherry EIACP Hub, Mrs. J.
   Nithiya, delivered an awareness session about the preservation of forests. The talk's objectives were to educate teachers and students about the value of forests to the ecosystem and the need of conservation initiatives.
- 2. **Elocution Competition:** Organized Elocution competition on the theme Forest conservation. The students in their speeches expressed the value of forests and their significance to the planet. Prizes were awarded to the winners.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** To raise knowledge and understanding about the environment, staff members and students planted seedlings on school premises.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students along with the teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment.









**Date of the event:** 04.07.2024

School Name: Government Middle School, Nallavadu, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 150

- Awareness Lecture: Mrs. J. Nithiya, the Programme Officer, delivered an awareness
  talk on the importance of forests and their conservation. The purpose of the talk was to
  inform the students about the importance of forests to the environment and the necessity
  of conservation efforts.
- 2. **Elocution Competition:** Students participated in an elocution competition with the topic of forest protection. The competition gave the students a forum for awareness-raising. The winners of the elocution competition received prizes.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were planted by the students and teachers in the school premises. This program encouraged children to plant and care for trees in an effort to get them actively involved in conservation efforts.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students and teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment. This pledge represented their commitment to have a positive impact on environmental protection and sustainability.









**Date of the event:** 05.07.2024

School Name: Government High School, Kombakkam, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 146

- 1. **Awareness Lecture:** Mrs. J. Nithiya, the Puducherry EIACP Hub's programme officer, gave an awareness lecture on the subject of forest conservation. The purpose of the talk was to inform educators and students about the importance of forests to the environment and the necessity of conservation efforts.
- 2. **Essay Writing Competition:** Conducted Essay writing competition on the topic of forest conservation. The competition created more awareness and helped the students to express their thought on the topic. The winners received their prizes.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Tree saplings were planted by the students and teachers in the school premises. This initiative aimed to involve the students actively in the conservation efforts by encouraging them to plant and nurture trees.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students and teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment. This pledge represented their commitment to have a positive impact on environmental protection and sustainability.







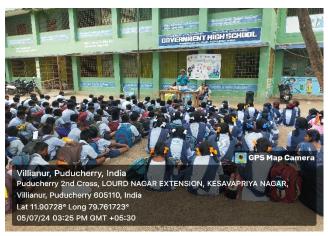


**Date of the event:** 05.07.2024

School Name: Government High School, Kanuvapet, Puducherry.

No. of Students participated: 170

- 1. **Awareness Lecture:** The Puducherry EIACP Hub's program officer, Mrs. J. Nithiya, delivered an awareness lecture on the topic of forest conservation. The talk's objectives were to educate teachers and students about the value of forests to the ecosystem and the need of conservation initiatives.
- 2. **Essay Writing Competition:** Essay writing competition was conducted on the topic of forest conservation. The competition created more awareness among the students and expressed the thought on the topic. The winners received their prizes.
- 3. **Tree Plantation Drive:** Students and staff planted tree seedlings on the school grounds. The goal of this campaign was to give individuals a sense of accountability for protecting forests and planting new trees.
- 4. **Oath Taking:** The students and teachers took an oath to plant more trees and protect the environment. This pledge represented their commitment to have a positive impact on environmental protection and sustainability.



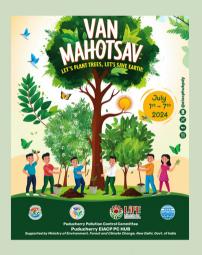
















#### What is Van Mahotsav?

Every year, India celebrates Van Hahotsav during the first week of July, in India, people commercrate Van Hahotsav by planting tieses. The Ministry of Agriculture started this festival in the year 1950 to emphasize the value of trees and forests in maintaining ecological bilance and guaranteeing ecological integrity. Promoting environmental conservation and increasing ecological integrity. Promoting environmental conservation and increasing cellipse of the promotion of the experimental experime

#### listory of Van Mahotsav

Dr. K.M. Munshi, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Food planned and launched Van Mahotsav, as a national event in 1950. The origin of the concept of Van Mahotsav is credited to M.S. Randhawa, a botanist from Punjab who, in 1947, arranged a week-long tree planting event that drew several well-known individuals from July 20-27.

India celebrates Van Mahotsav, a tree-planting holiday, to emphasize the cultural and environmental value of its woods, which are revered in many regions of the country rather than being only a resource. Van Mahotsav has been observed yearly since 9500 with the goals of increasing India's forest cover, planting more trees, and raising awareness of the value of planting trees for the future.



#### Objectives of Van Mahotsav

Promoting the preservation and protection of forests, as well as raising awareness of the value of trees in preserving ecological balance and guaranteeing environmental stability, are the principal goals of Van Alhotsav. The event hopes to raise awareness of the advantages of trees are the principal goals of Van part in tree-planting initiatives. Following are some of the important objectives of the Van Mohatsav ewek/day:



#### Van Mahotsav Day

Van Mahotsav Day is particularly celebrated on July 1<sup>st</sup>, marking it the most important day of the Van Mahotsav Week. Van Mahotsav Jose yas eves as a significant day that sees Vast majority of tree plantation drives with the participation of many stakeholders such as government bodies, non profit organizations, educational institutions and many individuals as well. This day particularly gives the message of planting trees to make the earth sustainable and healthy.

#### Van Mahotsav Week

Van Hahotsaw week (2024 is a nationwide celebration of tree planting activities Jun Hahotsaw week is celebrated from July "tio July". This week is chosen because of the fact that in many parts of hold this period experiences the habotsaw week is celebrated not only with afforestation but also with a variety of activities such as cultural programs, awareness campalayn, educations seminars etc. The primary goal behind the Van Hahotsaw week is to premote the seminars etc. The primary goal behind the Van Hahotsaw week is to premote the seminars etc. The variety of the variety of the variety of the primary goal behind the Van Hahotsaw week is to premote the seminars etc. The variety of the variety of the variety of the primary goal behind the Van Hahotsaw week is to premote the seminars etc. The variety of the variety of the primary properties of the variety of the primary goal to the variety of the primary properties of the variety of the primary properties of the primary primary properties of primary properties of primary properties of primary primary primary properties primary primary properties primary prima

#### Significance of Van Mahotsa

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Van Mahotsav 2024 is significant to achieve the objectives set in the National Mission for a Green India. India has been witnessing a shrink in its forest cover The success of Van Mahotsav 2024 is going to be a boost to maintain ecological stability.