

PRESS NOTE

Raj Bhavan, Goa and Forest department, Goa jointly celebrated Van Mahotsava-2020 on 9/7/2020 11.30 AM at Aushadhi Vatika, Raj Bhavan, Goa. Van Mahotsava is an annual tree planting festival celebrated to promote awareness about importance of planting trees and conserving forests.

Honorable Governor of Goa, Shri. Satya Pal Malik graced the occasion and planted *Moringa oleifera* (Drumstick tree) during the celebration. Drumstick tree is an important medicinal/nutritional tree, the leaves, flowers & fruits are traditionally used in our country in day to day cooking. It is rich source of Calcium, Magnesium and Vitamins, with properties of anti-oxidant, and improves immunity. Also present were, Chief Secretary, Shri. Parimal Rai IAS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Shri. Subhash Chandra IFS, Secretary to Governor, Shri. Rupesh Kumar Thakur, IAS along with other officers of Raj Bhavan and Forest Department.

Honorable Governor in his speech, stressed on the importance of living in harmony with nature, conserving forests and keeping the green cover intact. He further made an appeal to public, students to plant more trees and conserve it for future. Altogether 201 plants including medicinal and fruit bearing plants were planted during the celebration.

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(Rupesh Kumar Thakur, IAS)
Secretary to Governor