

VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATED AT RAJ BHAVAN

Panaji, July 21, 2022

Raj Bhavan in association with the Forest Department celebrated Van Mahotsav at Raj Bhavan by planting medicinal saplings and fruit bearing trees at the premises [today](#).

Governor, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai and First Lady, Adv. Reetha Sreedharan led the Van Mahotsav celebrations by planting the first saplings. Present was Minister for Forests, Shri Vishwajit Rane; Chief Secretary, Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, IAS; Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Rajiv Kumar Gupta, IFS; Joint Secretary to Governor, Shri Gaurish Shankhwalkar; and officials from forest department, among others.

Secretary to Governor, Shri Mihir Vardhan, IAS, spoke of the various collaborations the Raj Bhavan had with the forest department in the past and said that this partnership will continue with several projects lined up such as the bird watching tower and educational centre that is being planned. Efforts to maintain our commitment towards the environment will continue through these activities, he added.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, IFS, Shri Santosh Kumar, spoke of the sensitization and awareness programs they have been holding across Goa which includes debates, bird trails, tree plantation drives etc. He further assured Raj Bhavan of their continued support towards activities which protect the environment.

Earlier, dignitaries distributed saplings to students of Government primary school students.

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