

PRESS RELEASE

Month Long Celebration of 72nd Vanmahotsava under Middle Andaman Forest Division Concludes on 30.07.2021

On the occasion of 72nd Vanmahotsava celebration 2021, month long programmes were organized by the Middle Andaman Forest Division, wherein various activities such as planting of ornamental/fruit bearing/Medicinal plant seedlings took place at different places of this entire Division involving general public, PRI's various department/NGO's in their vicinity. Free distribution of seedlings to the villagers were organized, Rallies and awareness creation were also organized on various issues such as importance of planting a tree, Man-animal conflict etc. during the month long programme by the division.

Despite having Covid-19 restriction, division successfully organized various offline competitions such as sketching & painting competition and photography competition.

Competition targeted to sensitize the students studying in Class III to V in the schools within the Jurisdiction of Middle Andaman Forest Division on the theme **“जहाँ है हरियाली वहाँ है खुशहाली”**

An open online photography competition was also organized open for all residents of A& N islands under the theme **“Importance of Forest & Water Conservation-Need of the Hour”**

Division received a good number of entries from all the competitions held, therefore division decided to increase the number of prizes to encourage students/residents of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

A valedictory function was organised at the conference hall of Middle Andaman forest Division on 30th July, 2021 at 1500 hrs whereby Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan, IAS Deputy Commissioner N&M Andaman District was the chief guest on the occasion Shri Satyaprakash Singh, IFS DFO (Middle Andaman Division) welcomed the chief guest, local officers, winners of competitions wherein he thanked all the participants and other line department for extending necessary support during the month long programme . A short video on the month long programme organized in the division was also screened, followed by address of the chief guest wherein the Chief guest emphasizes the need on planting of trees etc. to maintain the greenery around as well the forest cover after the ceremonial planting of “Star Fruit” (Averrhoa carambula) sapling within the DFO Middle Andaman office complex as the chief guest.

Earlier in the forenoon as a part of month long programme a workshop on wetland issues was organized wherein Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Joint Director ZSI, A&N islands (MoEF&CC) delivered a lecture on importance of wetland & its importance followed by a lecture on detection, investigation, filing of complaint & proceedings of Wildlife/Forest offence in preview of Cr.P.C. by Shri C A Majeed, Assistant Conservator of Forests Middle Andaman Division.

The programme ended with vote of Thanks.


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