

## Press Release

### **Celebration of 68<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav**

#### **Tree plantation programme held at ANCOST, NIOT, Port Blair**

As a part of celebration of 68<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav, a tree plantation programme was organized by Andaman and Nicobar Centre for Ocean Science and Technology (ANCOST), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Port Blair. In this occasion the Chief Guest **Shri. P. Naveen Kumar, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Environment and Forests**, Port Blair planted tree along with staff at ANCOST campus. Further, in the meeting organized, Dr. N. V. Vinithkumar, Officer-In-Charge, ANCOST welcomed the gathering; the Chief Guest addressed the function and explains importance of forest, biodiversity and conservation of ecosystem. Staff members of ANCOST, NIOT and their family members are actively participated in the programme by planting tree saplings includes fruit bearing, flower bearing and shade bearing varieties to develop a healthy, eco-friendly environment in the ANCOST, NIOT campus. Dr. B. Meena, Project Scientist coordinated the activities of Van Mahotsav programme.

