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Dated 09th July, 2018

To

The Director,
Information & Publicity,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Request for publishing the news item for information of the General Public –reg.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith Press note and relevant photographs of Mass tree planting at 154 Infantry Battalion (TA) Bihar, Brichgunj was organized by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division of the Department of Environment and Forests in connection with the celebration of the “**69th Van Mahotsav**” on 09th July, 2018.

It is requested to publish/ broadcast/telecast the news item in the forth coming issue of leading news papers/All India Radio/Doordarshan for information.

Yours faithfully

Encl: as above

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(Ayyub Hassan)

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (ANI), Van Sadan, Haddo for information.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (R&WP), Haddo for kind information please.
3. The Deputy Director, News section, All India Radio for information with the request to broadcast the contents of the News Item for wider publicity and information of general public.
4. The Director, Doordarshan Kendra, information with the request to telecast the contents of the News Item in the news bulletin, “Dweep Darpan” for wide publicity and information of general public.

Dated the 09th July 2018

PRESS NOTE

As part of month long celebration of 69th Van Mahotsav-2018, a mass tree planting programme was organized by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division in the campus of 154, INFANTRY BATTALION (TA) Bihar, Brijgunj on 09th July 2018. The Officers and jawans of the 154 INF. BN (TA) Bihar and the officers and staff of the Forest Extension and Publicity Division Dept. of Environment and Forests participated in the event by planting fruit bearing, flower bearing, medicinal & shade bearing plants in the Brijgunj defense campus.

Addressing the participants the Chief Guest of the occasion Shri Diganta Gogoi, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration exhorted the importance of preserving the rich biodiversity of these islands and the role of tree cover and forests in mitigating the ill effects of global warming & climate change. He appreciated the efforts taken by the officers & Jawans of the 154 INF. BN. (TA) Bihar to maintain green cover in the defense area and also appreciated the encouragement and enthusiasm of each and every defense personnel participated in the planting programme. He also appreciated the defense personnel for their active role in management of all disasters and urged one & all to inculcate the habit of conserving and protecting the trees and be an ambassador for disseminating the knowledge for a healthy environment. He also emphasized on the ill effects of the polythene and urged to avoid use of polythene bags. He also appreciated the role of K.M. Munshi, the then Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of India who had visualized the value of forest and tree cover for sustenance of life and started this movement of tree planting.

Earlier in his welcome address, Offg. CO.154 (TA), Bihar, Lt. Col. George Charian thanked the Forest Department for taking up the mass tree planting activity and for extending help in maintaining green cover in the campus and also briefed the role of K.M. Munshi, the then Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of India in commencement of Van Mahotsav. Finally, the programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Offg. Dy. Cdr. 108 Mt. Bde. Col Debashish Nyak.

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