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Van Mahotsav Week



Van Mahotsav Week Notice and Report



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NOTICE

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All Students, faculty members, and staff are hereby informed that Van Mahotsav Week is being organized by the Children Welfare Center, High School, and Junior College, in collaboration with Clara's College of Education. Also we are conducting activities Slogan Competition, Poetry Competition, Drama Presentation and Competition, Dance Competition (Solo & Group), Essay Competition, Extempore Competition.

It is mandatory to all students to participate all activities. **Event Details:**

Date: 1st July to 5th July, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM to 1.00 PM

Venue: Lecture Hall

Objectives:

- To create environmental awareness and conservation, love for nature.
- To develop leadership and competition spirit.
- Promote a forestation and reforestation
- Create environmental awareness
- Combat deforestation and its effect
- Improve the quality of the environment
- Promote biodiversity
- Provide economic and social benefits:
- Foster a culture of environmental responsibility

Your active participation is expected to make this imitative meaningful and impactful.

Report

Van Mahotsav, which literally means "Forest Festival," is an annual tree-planting festival celebrated in India, typically during the first week of July. It holds immense importance for several reasons:

Environmental Significance:

- * **Combating Climate Change:** Trees act as natural carbon sinks, absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and releasing oxygen. Mass tree planting during Van Mahotsav helps mitigate the greenhouse effect and combat global warming.
- * **Preventing Deforestation and Increasing Green Cover:** The festival is a national movement to promote forestation and reforestation, directly tackling the challenges of deforestation and restoring degraded lands.
- * **Soil and Water Conservation:** Tree roots bind the soil, preventing erosion, especially during the monsoon season when the festival is celebrated. They also aid in water conservation by helping in groundwater recharge.
- * **Preserving Biodiversity:** Planting native trees supports local ecosystems, providing habitats, food, and shelter for various species of birds, insects, and other wildlife.
- * **Improving Air Quality:** Trees absorb pollutants and dust, helping to purify the air, which is crucial in combating increasing pollution levels.

Social and Cultural Significance:

- * **Raising Environmental Awareness:** The festival is a key occasion to educate the public, especially students and communities, about the critical role of trees and forests in ecological balance and sustainable development.
- * **Community Involvement:** It brings people from all walks of life—schools, government bodies, NGOs, and citizens—together to participate in plantation drives, fostering a collective sense of responsibility towards the environment.

* **Promoting Ecological Balance:** It instills the value of preserving vegetation and nurturing a healthy, pollution-free environment as a fundamental duty of every individual.

* **Providing Socio-Economic Benefits:** The original objectives included goals like increasing fruit production, furnishing fodder for cattle, and providing timber and minor forest produce for local communities.

* **Aesthetic Improvement:** Planting trees contributes to the beauty of the landscape and creates urban green spaces, which are also linked to improved mental well-being.

The objectives of Van Mahotsav, an annual tree-planting festival in India, are broadly focused on environmental conservation and community welfare. Key objectives include:

* **Promoting Forestation and Reforestation:** Encouraging the mass planting of trees and saplings to increase the country's green cover and combat deforestation.

* **Creating Environmental Awareness:** Educating people about the vital role of trees in maintaining ecological balance, providing oxygen, purifying air, and supporting biodiversity.

* **Combating Climate Change:** Mitigating the adverse effects of climate change by encouraging tree planting, which helps in absorbing carbon dioxide.

* **Soil and Water Conservation:** Promoting tree planting to prevent soil erosion, conserve moisture, and help in the recharging of groundwater.

* **Providing Economic and Social Benefits:** Planting trees to provide:

* Food resources (fruits).

* Fodder for cattle.

* Small timber and fuel wood.

* Shelter-belts around fields to increase agricultural productivity.

* Shade and decorative landscapes.

Van Mahotsav Week is being organized by the Clara's College of Education. In the Vanmotsav program we have conducted lots of activities like Slogan making , Poetry , Drama Presentation and Dance (Solo & Group), Essay , Extempore speaking .

Van Mahotsav (The Festival of Forests) is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and promote environmental conservation. Activities for the week-long festival can be adapted for students.

Here is a list creative activities done by students:

I. Planting and Direct Action

- * Mass Tree Plantation Drives: Organized drive to plant native saplings in public parks, school grounds, roadsides, or degraded land.

- * Tip: Encourage participants to "Adopt a Tree" by naming their sapling and taking responsibility for its care for the first year.

- * Seed Ball Making: Conduct workshops to make seed balls using local, native seeds, clay, and compost. These can later be dispersed in open or barren areas.

- * Herbal/Medicinal Garden: Start a small garden in a communal space or school to plant native medicinal herbs and teach participants about their uses.

- * Clean-Up Drives: Organize a drive to clean up a local park, forest area, or water body, focusing on removing non-biodegradable waste like plastic.

II. Awareness and Education

- * Seminars and Workshops: Host sessions with forest officials, environmental experts, or local farmers to educate people on:

- * The importance of trees and forests.

- * The impact of climate change.

- * Composting and waste management.

- * Nature Walks/Eco-Walks: Organize guided walks to local natural areas. Participants can:

- * Identify different types of trees, flowers, and birds.

- * Learn about the local ecosystem and biodiversity.

- * "Tree Talks" or Storytelling: Gather under a large tree for a storytelling session featuring:

- * Folk tales about nature and forest life.

- * Personal stories about a favorite tree.

- * Pledge Ceremony: Organize an event where participants take a "Green Oath" or "Nature Pledge" to commit to protecting the environment and planting a tree every year.
- * Awareness Campaigns: Organize a street play (nukkad natak), rally, or distribution of informative pamphlets to spread the message of conservation in the local community.

III. Creative Competitions

- * Poster and Slogan Competition: Ask participants to create posters and slogans on themes like "Save Trees," "Go Green," or "Trees are Life."
- * Essay/Poetry Competition: Host a writing contest on topics such as "My Role in a Greener Future" or "If Trees Could Talk."
- * Leaf Art & Nature Crafts: Conduct a workshop or competition where participants create art using only natural materials like fallen leaves, bark, twigs, and seeds.
- * Examples: Leaf bookmarks, tree collages, or creating paper from recycled materials.
- * Model Making: Encourage students to build models depicting forests, sustainable cities, or water harvesting systems using recycled or waste materials.
- * Photography Contest: A nature-themed photography competition focusing on the beauty and biodiversity of local trees and plants.

In essence, Van Mahotsav is not just a week-long celebration but a crucial effort to transform India into a greener nation, emphasizing that environmental conservation is a collective commitment.



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Photos



Van Mohotsav With Junior college



Corn plants Cultivation in the college Garden



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