**Van Mahotsav Celebrated on 09-08-24 at ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur**

Van Mahotsav was celebrated at ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur on August 9, 2024 with full fervor and enthusiasm under the chairmanship of Dr. G. P. Dixit, honorable Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur. Initially, Dr. Narendra Kumar, Chairman, Farm Advisory Committee, and coordinator of the programme welcomed the dignitaries. He elaborated the importance of the forest and community planting in the sustainable development of the society. He stated that the level of forest coverage in the country is around 22% which need to be increased up to 33% to mitigate the adversaries of climate change. Dr. G. P. Dixit, Director, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur emphasized that all should plant the tree with their families at their living premises/societies to create awareness and increase the plantation in community approach. Everyone should involve their children also in these activities, as they are the future of this country. He further elaborated that forest attracts clouds and play an important role in rainfall, and affects agriculture production and productivity. Therefore, all should plant trees. He stated that if we have to ensure better future for current generation then plantation has to play an important role in it. All the HoDs, scientific staffs, technical, financial and administrative staffs of ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur participated in the tree plantation. At last, the programme ended with formal vote of thanks by the coordinator.

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