

VICE CHANCELLOR, SKUAST-J KICK STARTS PLANTATION DRIVE AT CHATHA CAMPUS



Vanmahotsava, the festival of tree planting was celebrated by the Division of Silviculture & Agroforestry, Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) in collaboration with Central Reserve Police Force-160 BN, and NAHEP-IDP, SKUAST-Jammu at Main Campus, Chatha on 26th of July, 2023. The plantation drive was initiated by Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, the Chief Guest of the occasion, by planting a Rudraksh sapling. Sh. Rakesh Sethi, DIGP Range Jammu, Central Reserve Police Force was the Guest of Honour on the occasion, accompanied by Sh. Hari om Khare, Commandant CRPF 160 BN. The chief guest while addressing the officers, faculty members, students and CRPF personals stressed that trees throughout our existence have helped in sustaining life on earth. Highlighting the importance of tree plantation programmes, he emphasized that Vanmahotasav creates awareness about the importance of trees in our society and portrays the need for planting and tending of trees, as they are one of the best ways to prevent global warming and reduce pollution. Sh. Rakesh Sethi, DIGP Range Jammu, CRPF, the guest of honour, informed the gathering that this plantation is a part of Nationwide Tree Plantation drive and highlighted the importance of trees in the Indian culture. Sh. Hari om Khare, Commandant CRPF 160 BN was also present on the occasion. All the dignitaries, statutory officers of the University, Officers of the Central Reserve Police Force, Faculty members, Non-teaching staff, CRPF personals and students took part in tree plantation. The event was coordinated by Dr Sandeep Sehgal, Professor and Head, Division of Silviculture and Agroforestry, SKUAST-Jammu and Nodal Officer, ESSC, NAHEP-IDP.