

## SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with CRPF celebrated Van Mahotsava



**Planting of saplings by Vice Chancellor SKUAST- Jammu and DIG, CRPF, Jammu Range**

To celebrate the festival of tree planting, Division of Agroforestry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) with Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Jammu Range celebrated 'Van Mahotsav' at Main Campus, Chatha on 22nd of July, 2021. The plantation drive was initiated by Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Chief guest of the occasion, by planting bottle brush sapling. Sh. Rajendra Prasad, DIG, Central Reserve Police Force, Jammu Range who was Guest of Honour in the function, planted a sapling of Peela Amaltas. Sh K D Joshi, Commandant, CRPF also grace the occasion by planting bottle brush. The chief guest while addressing the officers, faculty members, students and CRPF personals laid emphasis on planting more trees during annual Van Mahotsav festival to mitigate the climate change effects and protection of the environment. He stressed that only planting would not suffice the programme but proper aftercare till establishment should be the norm. Sh. Rajendra Prasad, DIG, informed the gathering that this plantation is a part of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) Nationwide Tree Plantation drive towards Green India under the flag of Ministry of Home affairs, GoI. He further told that about one lakh saplings of different tree species shall be planted during the ensuing monsoon season to make the Jammu region greener. Statutory officers of the University, Officers of the Central Reserve Police Force, Faculty members, Non-teaching staff, CRPF personals, students and residents of university campus planted saplings of Bottle brush, Peela Amaltas, Kaner, Neem, Drek, Senna, Siris, Arjun, Amla etc. on the occasion.

Dr. Jag Pal Sharma, Director Research & Registrar; Dr. S E H Rizvi, Director Education & Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension, Dr. Bikram Singh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Student Welfare and Mr. Rajendra Pal Gupta, Estate Officer also planted saplings of different species on this occasion. The Van Mahotsav is annually organized by the Division of Agroforestry, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Jammu.