

Report on Plantation Drive Under the Theme 'Green Earth, Clean Earth'

Date: 29th June 2024

Venue: KRMU Campus and Garhi Wazidpur village

Event Type: Plantation Drive

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: NSS volunteers, faculties of KRMU and villagers of Garhi Wazidpur

Coordinators: Neeraj Kumari (NSS Coordinator)

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram with KRMU-KEIC STI Hub and

sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and

Smiling Tree Foundation,

Participants during awareness session: 7 NSS volunteers and approx. 20 plus villagers

Introduction:

Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting festival in India, celebrated in the first week of July to raise awareness about the importance of trees and forest conservation. The festival was started in 1950 by Dr. K.M. Munshi, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Food, to promote the importance of trees and address the issues of deforestation and environmental degradation. Therefore, to observe Van Mahotsav week, NSS, K. R. Mangalam University in collaboration with KRMU-KEIC STI Hub and sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and Smiling Tree Foundation, organized a plantation drive under the theme 'Green Earth, Clean Earth' on 29th June 2024 in K. R. Mangalam

University and Garhi Wazidpur village.

Objectives:

The main objective of organizing the event was

- To raise awareness among students, staff, and the community about the importance of trees and environmental conservation

Content:

Over 100 saplings of various native species like Jatropha, Black Ficus, Guava, Jamun etc. were planted by NSS volunteers. This initiative significantly improved local biodiversity, raised environmental awareness, and promoted green practices within the community. The plantation drive started by planting 50 plus saplings in village Garhi Wazidpur and subsequently in KRMU campus where 50 plus saplings were planted. At KRMU campus, the plantation was done in presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Raghuveer Singh, Registrar, Dr. Rahul Sharma and various other academic council members and faculty members. The drive not only contributed to environmental sustainability but also fostered community engagement and promoted green practices. NSS volunteers took the oath for regular monitoring and future plantation drives to be planned to ensure the continued growth of the saplings and expansion of green cover.

Conclusions:

The participation of students, staff, and community members highlighted the collective effort needed to address environmental challenges. The event not only resulted in the planting of numerous saplings but also instilled a sense of responsibility and awareness about the importance of trees and nature conservation.

Event outcome:

The plantation of hundreds of trees increased the green cover in the institute and surrounding areas. The trees planted during the drive will grow to provide long-term benefits such as cleaner air, better soil quality, and climate regulation.



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Photo 3: The faculties of KRMU during plantation drive



Photo 4: Watering the plant in presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor