

## CSFER, Allahabad Van Mahotsav Celebration, 2015

Van Mahotsav, 2015 was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 in association with Director, Allahabad museum (An Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture Govt. of India). Allahabad Museum, located in the picturesque Chandra Shekhar Azad Park (Company Garden), is amongst the National level museums of India. Chandrasekhar Azad Park (British colonial era's Alfred Park, informally known as Company Garden) is a public park in Allahabad built in 1870 to mark Prince Alfred's visit to the city, spread over an area of 133 acres, which is also the biggest park in Allahabad. It was renamed after the great freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad, who sacrificed his life here, during the Indian independence struggle in the year 1931. Being the biggest park, it attracts a large amount of people. According to an estimate, approx 5000 people visit this park everyday in a time period of 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr Rajesh Purohit, Director, Allahabad museum was the chief guest on the occasion. The programme started with the ceremonial planting of seedlings of various tree species viz. *Melia composita*, *Emblica officinalis*, *Artocarpus lakoocha*, *Spondias pinnata* etc. in the periphery of Allahabad Museum by the chief guest Mr. Rajesh Purohit, Director, Allahabad Museum, Dr. Kumud Dubey, Director, CSFER along with the officers and staff of CSFER and Allahabad museum. Women and Children also participated in the plantation programme . Dr. Anita Tomar, Senior Scientist, CSFER organized the event.



Planting and watering of *Emblica officinalis* sapling by Mr Rajesh Purohit, Director, Allahabad Museum , with Director CSFER Dr. Kumud Dubey



Participation by CSFER and Allahabad Museum Staff



Involvement of women & Children in planting



Director CSFER, Dr. Kumud Dubey highlighting the importance of planted saplings to Director, Allahabad Museum & other staff.



Dr. Anita Tomar, Scientist highlighting the medicinal uses of *Stereospermum suaveolens*

## Celebration of 69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at CSFER, Allahabad. The celebration was attended by officials, staff & research scholars of CSFER .



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