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FRI celebrates Van Mahotsava



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Forest Research Institute celebrated Van Mahotsava at Scientist Hostel, New Forest Campus, here today. Dr Ashwani Kumar, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

Litchi (*Litchi chinensis*) and Mango (*Mangifera indica*) trees were selected for plantation under celebration of Van Mahotsava in FRI

campus. On the occasion, Director General emphasized that we should plant as many as fruit trees in Dehradun because of the decreasing orchards of litchi and mangoes due to large scales constructions since last two decades.

The production of famous rose scented litchi of Dehradun is on verge of extinction. He also said that Second Forest Policy of India 1952 emphasized on importance of plantations of

trees in gardens, parks, schools, office premises, colonies and on all types of vacant lands of the country in the name of Van Mahotsava.

Dr Savita, Director, FRI alleged that fruit bearing trees in the campus will reduce man-animal conflicts; especially monkey menace can be reduced by planting mango and litchi trees. On the occasion, DDGs, ADGs, senior officers, scientists, staff and workers from ICFRE and FRI were present.

