

REPORT ON VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS

Van Mahotsav, a week-long festival of tree plantation is organized every year in the first week of July across India when millions of trees are planted. This movement was initiated in the year 1950 by Union Minister for Agriculture, Dr.K M Munshi.

In an earnest attempt to lend a green touch to the school environment and sensitize the students about their role in conserving it, Ahlcon International School celebrated Van Mahotsav week from 3rd July to 7th July 2017 in the school campus. The celebration was an ideal opportunity to instil the value of social responsibility in the students towards safeguarding trees and forests. The focus of the celebration was towards forming a personal connect between the students and trees through a process of experience, reflection and creation, carried out through various activities.

Many students of class VI participated in plantation programme wherein different types of medicinal plants like Neem, Aloe Vera, Basil, Giloy, Lavender etc were planted by the school Principal and other dignitaries. Each student of the group spoke about the medicinal values of the particular plant that was planted. It was an educative and informative session for the students. Some students participated in poster making competition to promote environmental awareness. Every student made a poster on the topic 'GREEN EARTH, CLEAN EARTH'. Each poster had a unique story to tell and spread the message that the green planet they live in must be protected and cared for.

The students of class VII took part in a Quiz competition on Van mahotsav. The topics covered in the quiz were as follows:

- Information regarding Van Mahotsav
- Amazing world of plants
- General questions related to plants

The students of class VIII participated in Bookmark making activity. They brought old pictures, greeting cards, used chart papers, etc to make bookmarks. They also brought different items like mirrors, stars, and stickers etc to decorate the bookmarks. Each bookmark had an eco-friendly message like 'use paper bags', 'save earth', 'save water', 'do not waste electricity' etc. Messages on the book marks left everyone to ponder over and raised awareness about the benefits of plantation.

Van Mahotsav week came up to be a great success. The events helped to bring awareness about the green cover around us. It also helped in strengthening the bond between plants and humans. Students got to learn a lot and will always cherish the memories of this important occasion.

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