

# **Celebration of Van Mahotsav, 2011**

**by**

## **AFRI Jodhpur (Raj)**

**Van Mahotsav 2011** - was celebrated on 28th July, 2011 with involvement of Salawas gram panchyat and SFD Jodhpur. **Sh. Malakhan Singh Bisnoi MLA Luni** was invited as the chief guest of function. Sh. I. A. Mugal CF, Jodhpur and Akanksha Choudhry DFO wildlife Jodhpur were invited as special guests. The whole programme was celebrated at **demo-village site, Salawas** for sensitizing people about demo village and activities carried out or running by AFRI at Salawas panchyat. Following activities were carried out in this programme:-

- (1) **Shri. M. R. Baloch, CF & Head AFED** welcomed the dignitaries and introduced the farmers about Demo village activities carried out by AFRI. Total of more than **300 persons** (AFRI employees, Farmers, Panchayat members, students etc) participated in function.
- (2) Two banner depicting the theme were designed, prepared and displayed at stage. Four nos . of big flax banners and six nos of laminated display boards depicting various activities of AFRI were also displayed at celebration site.
- (3) The programme started with the ceremonial planting of various tree species seedlings (35 nos) at demo-village site by chief guest **Sh. Malakhan Singh Bisnoi MLA Luni, Sh. I. A. Mugal CF, Jodhpur and Akanksha Choudhry DFO wildlife Jodhpur, Sh. Omaram Patel Sarpanch Salawas, Sh. Hazari Singh, a social worker** and AFRI officials and other villagers.
- (4) All the invited guests delivered their views about Van Mahotsav and AFRI's Demo-village activities. **Dr. T. S. Rathore Director AFRI, Sh. Ashok Kumar GCR & Dr. S.I.Ahmed HOD/FP** informed to audience about the purpose of Demo village/VVK and various activities carried out by AFRI under these activities.
- (5) **Pamphlet in Hindi** about Van Mahotsav and **Information Booklet AFRI** (Hindi) were also released on the occasion by the chief guest Sh. Malakhan Singh Bisnoi MLA Luni, Director, AFRI and the dignitaries for people's awareness.
- (6) During this programme approximate **150 plants** (Khejri, Rohida, Sissoo & ,Karange etc) were distributed to farmers free of cost by Nursery, Silva AFRI..

- (7) The programme ended with vote of thanks to chief guest Sh. Malakhan Singh Bisnoi, MLA Luni, Sh. I. A. Mugal, CF, Jodhpur and Akanksha Choudhry, DFO wildlife Jodhpur, Sh. Omaram Patel Sarpanch, Salawas, Sh. Hazari Singh and other villagers, Dr. T. S. Rathore Director AFRI, Scientists and all the staff of AFRI, Jodhpur The news was covered in local daily Hindi newspapers Rajasthan Patrika and Dainik Bhaskar etc.
- (8) **Smt. Bhawana Sharma Sc. B, Extension officer, AFED** compeered the programme and **Dr. Bilas Singh R.O. AF&ED** offered vote of thanks to all.

### Some Photographs of the Celebration



**Planting of the Seedling of Khezri by the Chief Guest Shri Malkhan Singh Bishnoi**



**Release of the Pamphlet of the Van Mohotsava 2011**



**Distribution of the Seedlings to the Villagers**





**Villagers and Farmers attending the Van Mahotsav 2011 Function at Demo Village**