

## **RFRI celebrates 62<sup>nd</sup> Van Mahotshav**

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) has celebrated 62<sup>nd</sup> *Van Mahotshav* by planting various tree species in its campus on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. At the outset, Sri R. K. Kalita, Scientist 'D' & Training Coordinator who organized the programme welcomed the Director and all other Scientists, Officers and Staff of the Institute attending the function. The plantation programme was inaugurated by the Director of the Institute, Sri N. K. Vasu, IFS by ceremonial planting of a sapling of *Michelia champaca*. Ceremonial plantation of tree sampling was followed by plantation by other members of RFRI.

While speaking to the gathering on the occasion, the Director told that the celebration of *Van Mahotshav* by this Institute is also a part of activities under International Year of Forestry-2011. He appealed to all to plant more and more trees for betterment of entire ecosystem. He is of the opinion that entire RFRI campus should be a prototype of typical rain forest.

He expressed his sincere thanks to Social Forestry Division of Sivasagar District (Assam) for sparing seedlings different species for plantation in this occasion. Following plant species are made available for plantation under this function.

SN	Species
1	Titasopa
2	Mohaneem
3	Bogipoma
4	Silikha
5	Amla
6	Poniol