

- **Name of the Activity:** VAN MAHOTSAV WEEK
- **Name of the PROGRAMME OFFICER:** Shri Siba Prasad Mohanty, Ms. Anita Kumari Paraja
- **Date and time of activity:** 04 July 2025/10:00-12:00 am
- **Number of Participants:** 50

Description

The NSS Unit of Government College, Sundargarh, proudly organized Van Mahotsav Week on 4th July 2025 to promote environmental awareness and encourage the spirit of tree plantation among students and staff. The event aimed at spreading the message of environmental conservation, sustainability, and the importance of afforestation in combating climate change. The program commenced at 10:00 AM in the college campus and was graced by the presence of Mr. M.K. Dora, Branch Manager IDBI Bank, who attended the event as the Chief Guest. He was welcomed warmly by the principal(I/C) Shri Alok Kumar Naik Sir, staff members, and NSS volunteers. In his inaugural address, Mr. Dora emphasized the urgent need for ecological balance and urged students to become active participants in protecting the environment. He spoke passionately about the critical role that youth play in shaping a greener future and lauded the efforts of the NSS Unit for organizing such a meaningful initiative. The principal(I/C) Shri A.K Naik of the college also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of celebrating Van Mahotsav and the college's commitment to green practices.

Following the speeches, a plantation drive was conducted within the college and Old Boys hostel premises. A variety of saplings, including fruit-bearing and native species, were planted by the Chief Guest, principal(I/C), NSS PO and NSS volunteers. More than 50 saplings were planted during the drive. The event concluded with a pledge taken by all participants to care for the environment and continue planting trees as a regular practice. The celebration of Van Mahotsav Week not only instilled environmental consciousness among the students but also reflected the commitment of Government College Sundargarh towards a cleaner and greener future.

