

## VAN MAHOTSAVA AT IWST, BANGALORE

Van Mahotsava, the annual tree planting festival of India was celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at IWST, Bangalore. Fulfilling the Institute's objective of conserving rare, endangered and threatened species of the Western Ghats, tree species like *Saraca asoca*, *Oroxylum indicum*, *Syzigium canarense*, *Michelia champaca*, *Santalum album* etc were planted in the campus. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Shri.Vinay Luthra, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka Forest Department commended the efforts of the Institute in conserving and protecting rare, endangered and threatened species of the Western Ghats. He stressed on the importance and need for green cover in fast expanding cities like Bangalore and also on the burgeoning problem of man animal conflicts in forest fringe areas of the country. Awareness through such programmes would help sensitize people on the importance of conservation.





