

Report of Van Mahotsav Program organized by ICFRE, Livelihood Extension Centre, Agartala, at Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park, Bamutia on 27th August, 2026.

A Van Mahotsav Programme was organized by ICFRE – Livelihood Extension Centre, Agartala, at Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park, Bamutia, on 27th August, 2026. The programme was organized with the objectives of promoting environmental awareness, conserving medicinal plant species, enhancing green cover, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities through plantation activities.

The programme witnessed active participation from the official staff and volunteers associated with Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park. As part of the programme, 115 nos. medicinal tree saplings were planted within the premises of the Eco-Livelihood Park. The plantation was undertaken with due care to ensure the proper establishment and long-term survival of the saplings.

The medicinal and economically important species planted during the programme included:

- Tejapata (*Cinnamomum tamala*)
- Yangchak (*Parkia javanica*)
- Ashoka (*Saraca asoca*)
- Neem (*Azadirachta indica*)
- Amalaki/Amlaki (*Phyllanthus emblica*, syn. *Emblica officinalis*)
- Chaulmoogra (*Hydnocarpus kurzii*)

The major objectives of the plantation programme were:

1. To promote environmental conservation and increase green cover through plantation activities.
2. To establish and conserve medicinal plant species within the premises of the Eco-Livelihood Park.
3. To create awareness regarding the ecological, medicinal and economic importance of medicinal plants.
4. To encourage local communities to participate in nature conservation and sustainable livelihood activities.
5. To highlight the importance of maintaining greenery and biodiversity within the Eco-Livelihood Park.
6. To ensure the long-term survival and healthy growth of the planted saplings through regular protection, monitoring and maintenance.

Plantation activities:

A total of 115 nos. medicinal tree saplings were planted at suitable locations within the premises of Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park. The species were selected considering their medicinal, ecological and economic importance, as well as their suitability to the local environmental conditions.

Proper planting practices were followed during the plantation programme. Tree guards were installed around the planted saplings by using agricultural shade nets to protect them from grazing animals, accidental damage and other external disturbances.

The plantation sites were selected carefully to facilitate the healthy establishment and growth of the saplings. Necessary post-plantation care, including protection and regular monitoring, will be undertaken to improve the survival rate of the planted trees.

Participation and Community Awareness:

The programme provided an opportunity for the staff and volunteers of Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park to actively participate in environmental conservation activities. The plantation of medicinal tree species also helped to generate awareness regarding the importance of medicinal plants and their potential contribution to sustainable livelihoods. Such plantation programmes can play an important role in strengthening community participation in environmental protection while simultaneously promoting the conservation and utilization of valuable medicinal plant resources.

Conclusion:

The Van Mahotsav Programme organized on 27th August, 2026, at Kabiguru Holistic Eco-Livelihood Park, Bamutia, was successfully conducted with the plantation of 115 nos. medicinal tree saplings.

The programme reinforced the importance of environmental conservation, medicinal plant cultivation, biodiversity enhancement and sustainable livelihood development. The plantation activity will contribute to increasing green cover and enriching the ecological value of the Eco-Livelihood Park.

Regular monitoring, protection and maintenance of the plantation will be continued to ensure the healthy growth, establishment and long-term survival of the planted medicinal tree species. The programme thus served as a meaningful initiative towards promoting environmental awareness, conservation of medicinal plant resources and sustainable eco-livelihood development in the local community.



Few glimpses of Van Mahotsav Programme organized by ICFRE, Livelihood Extension Centre, Agartala, at Kabiguru Holistic Eco- Livelihood Park, Bamutia on 27th August, 2026.