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Van Mahotsava (July 1-7) Information For Students



“If a tree is saved even at cost of one’s head, it’s worth it” said the noted activist Amrita Devi Bishnoi. This is the reason why India has so many festivals related to trees. One of them is the **Van Mahotsava**, day or the Forest Day. It was started as a crusade with the lofty purpose of saving the mother earth.

Van Mahotsava was started in 1950 by K.M. Munshi, the then Union Minister for Agriculture and Food to create enthusiasm among masses for forest conservation and planting trees. It is a week-long festival, celebrated on different days in different parts of India.

In its original aim, every citizen of India is expected to plant a sapling during the **Van Mahotsava** Week. Also, awareness campaigns about benefits and protection of trees and the harm caused by cutting down of trees are held. It is the festival of life.

As a part of Van Mahotsav celebrations throughout the country, afforestation drives are launched in a bid to retain the vanishing forest covers of the country. Humans with their greedy needs have cut down a large part of the forest cover. In the name of urbanization and globalization of cities, trees were considered as the major stumbling block. They came in the way of flyovers, roads, hoardings and pavements and hence the easiest solution was to get rid of them altogether. This declining number of trees has brought a major change in climate too. So there is a dire necessity of festivals such as **Van Mahotsava**, to restore the forest cover in the country.

❖ Answer the following questions

❖ What is Van Mahotsav when and why it is celebrated?

❖ WHO has started Van Mahotsav?

❖ What is the aim of Van Mahotsav?

❖ What is the theme of Van Mahotsav 2019?

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