

## World Environment Day

5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

### ***'Every Indian Citizen to Plant a Tree' – a call given by ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi***

ICAR-CAFRI celebrated the World Environment Day by planting over 250 tree seedlings/saplings in the Institute premises by involving all employees, resident families, and children. About 250 plants of different multipurpose tree species like Sandal, Malabar neem, Eucalyptus, Paradise tree, and Ficus were planted. Nowadays, farmers of Bundelkhand region are showing keen interest in the species like Sandal and Malabar neem, as these are the industrially important tree species and having great potential to increase the farmers' income. Eucalyptus, Paradise tree, and Ficus are most suitable trees for avenue plantations as they are easy to establish and are drought tolerant. On this count, the Institute did celebrate the World Tree Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 with the theme 'Trees for Eco-restoration'. On this auspicious day, we do remember the contributions of Shri Sundar Lal Bahuguna, the Chief Architect of Chipko Movement



who preached the mutual Tree-Human relationships and gave the slogan of 'Hug the Tree' to the world that transformed the landscape of the Indian Himalayan Region. Commemorating his contributions, Padam Bhushan Dr. Anil P. Joshi dedicated his public lecture on Ecosystem Restoration presented yesterday on the eve of World Environment Day to Shri Sundar Lal Bahuguna ji, whom we lost on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021, a day before the World Biodiversity Day (22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021).





The 5<sup>th</sup> June of 2021 is so very important as it also marks the beginning of the new UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration where the tree-based solutions would expectedly play a key role. Trees are known for their tangible and intangible trees. Most importantly in the era of climate change, trees are significantly contributing to the carbon sequestration apart from its mundane hydrological regulation. So,

the Institute appeals to all countrymen that every Indian citizen should plant a tree and take care of it till its establishment to help ameliorate optimal microcosm in an ecosystem and continue to provide all necessary ecological services for the sustainable livelihoods and environmental security in this green planet.