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**PRESS NOTE**

As part of month long celebration of 69<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav-2018, a mass tree planting programme was organized by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division in the campus of Govt. Middle School, Kanyapuram, Wimberlygunj on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The students, teachers, staff of the School and Officers from the Dept. of Environment and Forests participated in the event by planting fruit bearing, flower bearing, medicinal & shade bearing plants in the school campus.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Kumar, DEO Wimberlygunj Zone urged the students & teachers to nurture the planted trees and to protect them till it gets established. He emphasized the need to grow more trees to check the ill effects on the environment. He appreciated the Department of Environment and Forests for selecting Kanyapuram School away from Port Blair for celebrations, as the message has to reach far and wide instead of Port Blair centric.

In his welcome address Shri Ayyub Hassan, Divisional Forest Officer, emphasized the need to grow more trees and improve the green cover to minimize the pollution as the vehicular traffic is rapidly increasing in the Islands. He highlighted the need to protect trees since the island territory is more susceptible to the negative impact of global warming and climate change. He urged the principal to sensitize the students about the importance of trees and environment by assigning one plant to each student to take care and after one year the best student will be appreciated with certificate and prize to motivate others. He appealed to all to Plant Trees and Protect Trees for leading a healthy life.

Shri S.K.Roy, Forest Ranger briefed about the importance of Van Mahotsav for creating awareness among the students. He exhorted the students to plant more and more trees and help in checking the effects of global warming and climate change on earth. Finally, the programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Smti. Gita Devi, Headmistress of the Kanyapuram School.

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