



FOREST UPDATE

A WALK ON WORLD FOREST DAY

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PUNJAB FOREST DEPARTMENT



Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, planting tree

In November 1971, at the request of the European Confederation of Agriculture, FAO's member governments supported the annual observance of 21 March as World Forestry Day. Since then many nations have adopted this practice. In schools and public buildings in Nigeria, World Forestry Day posters appeared calling attention to "Our Forest Heritage." In the United States, a presidential proclamation marked World Forestry Day as part of a week of activities and ceremonies about the role of the forest and forestry in every man's life. In Australia, a national committee representing states, territories, universities and timber producers launched a campaign which included distribution of free booklets (*Forests are forever; Forestry, the environmentally compatible industry*) and a 15-minute television film. In multilingual Switzerland, the press, radio and television, encouraged and assisted by the information services of the state forest service, described in French, German and Italian the important role played by forests and forestry in the economy, in the protection and conservation of the environment, and in the mountain heritage and culture of the Swiss people.

Punjab Forest Department celebrated World Forest Day at Jallo Forest Park, Lahore, where stalls were established by Forests, Wildlife & Fisheries Departments for the awareness of the general public and students. Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary Forests, Wildlife & Fisheries Department was the chief guest. Mr. Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore, Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, Director General, Wildlife and Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf, Director General, Fisheries also participated. The students of Horticulture Society and Botany Department, Govt. College University, Lahore, joined the ceremony under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Zaheer-u-Din Khan and Dr. Mamoonah Ghafoor. Besides, this students of Botany Department and Environment Science Department of Lahore College for Women University participated alongwith NGO Caritas and students of Local Schools, also participated in the ceremony. Thus more than 300 persons were gathered with great efforts of Publicity & Extension Division of Forest Department.



Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Deptt., chairing the occasion with Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, D.G. Wildlife, Muhammad Ashraf, D.G. Fisheries, Prof. Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Khan, Botany Department, G.C. University, Tariq Mahmood, CF, Extension & Publicity Circle

Mr. Muhammad Yusuf, Conservator of Forests, Lahore, Dr. Raja Omar, Divisional Forest Officer, Lahore/Sheikhupura, and Mr. Mukhtar Raza, SDFO, Jallo Forest Park, arranged Mass Planting by students of Government College University (GCU), Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) and schools students alongwith persons how all walks of life. Publicity & Extension Forest Division also arranged a walk lead by Dr. Aamer Ahmed, Secretary Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Chief Conservator of Forests, Director General, Wildlife and all concerned officers, professors, Teacher, students, etc.



Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Lhr planting a tree



Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, D.G. Wildlife, planting a tree

Mr. Tariq Mahmood, Conservator of Forests, Extension & Publicity Circle, acted as stage secretary who described the importance of the World Forest Day alongwith its history. The welcome address was delivered by Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, Lahore, welcome the honorable Chief Guest, Professors from GCU and LCWU alongwith their male and female students of Post Graduation classes, students from the School. He also informed the audience that due to continuous efforts of the Punjab Forest Department, there is no famine of the firewood in the country since its independence (1947), where 4.8% forest cover was for the population of the 40 Million, only; whereas how the population is about 200 Million and the forest cover is the same 4.8%. As such it is a big achievement of the Punjab Forest Department, which could sustain the supply of the wood till to date.



Teachers and Students of Government College University (GCU), Lahore



Teachers and Students of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), Lahore



Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Department, at Fisheries Stall



Dr. M. Akmal Rahim Syed, DFO, Publicity & Extension Division explaining about the Forest stall



Interview with Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department



Deep interest of Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary FW&F Deptt., at stall of Sericulture



Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, D.G. Wildlife Department, discussing about the Wildlife publications



Interview with Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central, Zone

Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the Punjab Forest Department regarding arrangement of ceremony, at a glance scale and thanked Dr. Zaheer-u-Din and his team for their participation. He also conveyed his deep appreciation to the professors, teachers and students of Lahore College for Women University and GCU, Lahore for their participation in mass planting as well as in walk. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries visited the various stall established by Forest, Wildlife, Fisheries & Sericulture, NGO (Caritas), Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity & Extension Forest Division, briefed the guests about the importance of Forest and it's various products and manufactures thereof. He also briefed about various Forest operations and showed the publication of the Punjab Forest Department. Dr. Amer Ahmed showed his keen interest in the Monthly publication Forest Updates, and stalls of Sericulture, where Mr. Ghulam Sabir, Deputy Director and Shakeel Ahmad Khan, Senior Research Officer, explained the various procedures of Sericulture and the steps involved in the preparation of silk clothes. Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf, Director General Fisheries, briefed the activities of the Fisheries Department, especially their efforts in eradication of Dengue fever. Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, Director General, Wildlife and Mr. Khalid Azhar briefed the honorable guest about the various activities and publication of the Wildlife Department. Mr. Nadeem Yousaf from NGO Caritas explained their activities throughout Punjab. Mr. Muhammad Sharif, Designer and Haji Muhammad Amjad prepared display cards/posters for the students and guests who participated in the walk. These were appreciated by everyone. The staff of Publicity & Extension Division distributed the sun shades and publicity material among the students and participants. They also made the event colorful by hoisting beautiful banners and streamers in the entire Jallo Forest Park, and its surroundings.

Mr. Abdul Basit, Conservator of Forests, Development & Working Plan Circle, Lahore and Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity & Extension Division distributed the certificates of participation among the students as well as other participants.

While taking/addressing to the print and electronic media, Dr. Amir Ahmad informed them about the efforts of the Punjab Forest Department in increasing the tree cover in Punjab Province. He also informed them about the future activities of the Forest Department and various goals to be achieved.



Muhammad Yusuf, CF Lahore Circle and Dr. Omar Raja, DFO, Lahore/Sheikhupura



Kamran Babar, DFO Planning, Shakeel Ahmad Khan, SRO, Sericulture, Rai Rafique, SRO, Ext. & Training



Encouragement to young planter by Dr. Amer Ahmed



Prof. Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Khan



Group photo of Lahore College for Women University, Lahore with Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary, FW&F Deptt.



Group photo of NGO (Caritas) & Students with Dr. Amer Ahmed, Secretary, FW&F Deptt.



Teachers of Lahore College for Women University, Lahore



Mass Planting at Jallo Forest Park, Lahore



Distribution of Certificates by Muhammad Abdul Basit, Conservator of Forests, D&WP Circle, Lahore





ACTIVITIES OF PUBLICITY & EXTENSION DIVISION

To celebrate current spring tree planting campaign 2013 the Publicity & Extension Wing organized various ceremonies for planting of trees in the grounds of various organizations and delivered lectures to create awareness among the participants about the role of trees in the economy of the country by Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed DFO Publicity & Extension Division. This is briefly description in the ensuring paragraphs:

GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN WAPDA TOWN, LAHORE

A lecture was delivered by Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, Divisional Forest Officer, Extension & Publicity Forest Division, Lahore, on the importance of the Forest and its role in the economy and biodiversity. The Publicity material was distributed among the students and teachers. A mass planting was carried out by the students and teachers. The Chief Guest was the principal Mrs. Farzana Faiz Gillani and Mrs. Khadija Zia. The selection of best planters among the students was carried out and prize given.



Mrs. Farzana Gillani, Principal Govt. Degree College for Women, Wapda Town, Lahore, planting a sapling



Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, DFO Publicity & Extension Division delivering lecture

GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN MARGHZAR COLONY, LAHORE

Mrs. Shahida Khan, Principal alongwith his staff and students took part in the mass planting in the cottage. This was followed by a lecture by Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, Divisional Forest Officer, Publicity & Extension Forest Division, Lahore, who briefed the students and teachers as to how as a Nation, we could play Vital Role in enhancing tree cover in the country.



Mrs. Shahida Khan, Principal Govt. Degree College for Women, Marghzar Colony, Lahore planting a sapling



Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, DFO Publicity & Extension Division delivering lecture



Mian Tahir Mahmood, Advocate, Member Anti Corruption Committee Punjab Bar, Principal Al-Khalid Foundation School planting a sapling

FOREMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, LAHORE

On the request of Prof. Dr. Rehan Siddique and Prof. Dr. Wajahat Hassnain (Controller of Examination), the Publicity & Extension Forest Divison arranged tree planting ceremony in the Foreman Christian College compound where Prof. Dr. James A Tebbe, Rector Forman Christian College University, Lahore planted a tree and also showed his deep interest in various publications and brochures of Punjab Forest Department. Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, Divisional Forest Officer, Publicity & Extension Forest Division, Lahore, explained the various activities of the Punjab Forest Department.



Prof. Dr. James A Tebbe, Rector Foreman Christian College University, Lahore, planting a tree



Dr. M. Akmal Rahim, DFO, briefed the Prof. Dr. James A Tebbe, Rector, about Forest Publications

GOVT. LADY MACLAGAN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, LAHORE

A very old traditional and historical School of Lahore City celebrated a mass tree planting ceremony in the compound of the school. Prof Dr. Farkhanda Jabeen, Assistant Professor, University of the Punjab, Lahore, and an ex. Student of this school was the chief guest alongwith Mrs. Nahida Shameem, Head Mistress, Govt. Lady MacLagan Girls High School, Lahore. In her address, Dr. Farkhanda Jabeen, appreciated the efforts of the Punjab Forest Department regarding personal motivation and training private farmers, students, of schools, colleges, Universities, etc. including persons, NGOs and officers. Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, Divisional Forest Officer, Publicity & Extension Forest Division, Lahore, motivated the students to plant the tree in the name of their mothers and also take care the plants, until complete their studies in the school. After this principal and staff, Chief Guest and students planted the sapling in the school.



Mrs. Naheeda Shahmeem, Principal, Govt. Lady MacLagan Girls High School, Lahore, planting a sapling



Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Jabeen, Chief Guest, University of the Punjab, planting a sapling

OLD MEMORIES

Ch. Muhammad Riaz-ul-Hassan joined Punjab Forest Department after completing his B.Sc honor from Agriculture University. He served almost all the regions of the Punjab province as Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Conservator of Forests (CF), Project Director (PD) and Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF). He was one of the most competent Forest Officers of the Department who had full command on all the forest operations for this reason the Govt. of Holland selected him for a year long Post Graduation Study in Forestry at Institute of Aerial Survey and Earth Science (ITC) Enchede Holland. He also carried out study tours of the Forests and Management techniques in Germany, England, Belgium, and Tunis. He was considered an authority on Rules and Regulations. His services for kick starting the dead project of the Punjab Forest Sector Development Project (PFSDP) were particularly appreciated by the World Bank and it also acknowledged his efforts for the project in different International forum. After his retirement (1999), he still guides the junior officers on their request.





GLIMPSES OF SPRING TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN 2013 IN PUNJAB



Ahsan Bhutta, DCO Vehari



Asif Bilal Lodhi, DCO, Lodhran



Khalid Saleem, DCO, Bhakkar



Muhammad Shahid Naiz, DCO, Jhang



Nadeem Mehboob, DCO, Khanewal



Rana Muhammad Arshad, DCO, Chiniot



Mr. Amir Iqbal, DCO, Bahawalnagar



Capt. R. Asad Ullah, Commissioner Bahawalpur



Commissioner Sahiwal



Miss Saba, Assistant Commissioner, Sahiwal



Qazi Faiz Essa, Chief Justice Baluchistan High Court



Sheikh Najam-ul-Hassan, Senior Justice, Lahore High Court,



Shahid Rafique, District & Session Judge



Khaqan Babar, District & Session Judge



Madam Shahida Saeed, Add. Session Judge



Madam Jazeela Aslam, Add. Session Judge



Aga Ifkhar Ahmad, Geo Group



Mrs. Khadija Zia, Vice Principal, Govt. College for Women, Wapda Town, Lahore



Teachers of Govt. Degree for Women, Marghzar Colony, Lahore



Teachers of Govt. Lady Maclagan Girls High School



Pervaiz Iqbal, President Marghzar Colony



Students of Govt. Degree College for Women, Marghzar Colony, Lahore



Students of Govt. Lady Maclagan Girls High School, Lahore



Students of Al-Khalid Foundation School, Lahore