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**Trees are Friends of Mankind: Prof. Fatima Begum
7th Round of Plantation Drive in MANUU**

Hyderabad:

Since the dawn of civilization man has a close relation with nature. Trees are friends of mankind. Trees are important in maintaining ecological balance of the earth for survival of mankind in the present day world. They provide us many such things which are useful in our daily lives. These are the views expressed by Prof. Fatima Begum, Vice Chancellor I/c, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) while launching plantation drive by the Directorate of Distance education (DDE) on July 2. This is the 7th round of drive organized in the campus during recent years. Prof. Fatima while emphasizing on plantation of trees said that not only it helps to restore quality of life but it also contributes to our salubrious environment. It greatly helps in fighting climate change and for existence of human beings.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. G. Srinivas Rao, Additional Secretary, UGC said that trees are important for our survival. It produces not only oxygen but also absorbs carbondioxide, which is essential for our survival. Apart from calming effect of trees, it provides many other benefits to the society and to the wildlife. They help in preserving our soil from erosion, attract water-laden clouds for rain, provide valuable timber and are responsible for retention of vegetation on earth.

Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, Registrar I/c, stressed on national importance of plantation of trees by state & central Governments and said that trees are not only the natural air conditioner but it helps to save water and vegetation, conservation of nature, environment and purify air.

Prof. Abul Kalam, Director, DDE gave slogan “to remain under the tree not above the tree” on the occasion. He emphasized on plantation of trees around our houses either in villages or in cities as well as around offices and said that these are also renewable source of energy and with our efforts we can re-create eco-friendly environment. Prof. Kalam informed that it is seventh major plantation drive totalling more than 1500 well grown up plants covering entire campus.

Mr. M G Gunasekaran, Finance Officer, Dr. Munawar Hussain, Joint Registrar, teaching faculty, officers and staff participated in the drive with proper physical distancing, masking and sanitising as per the guidelines of Government of India and State Government.

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