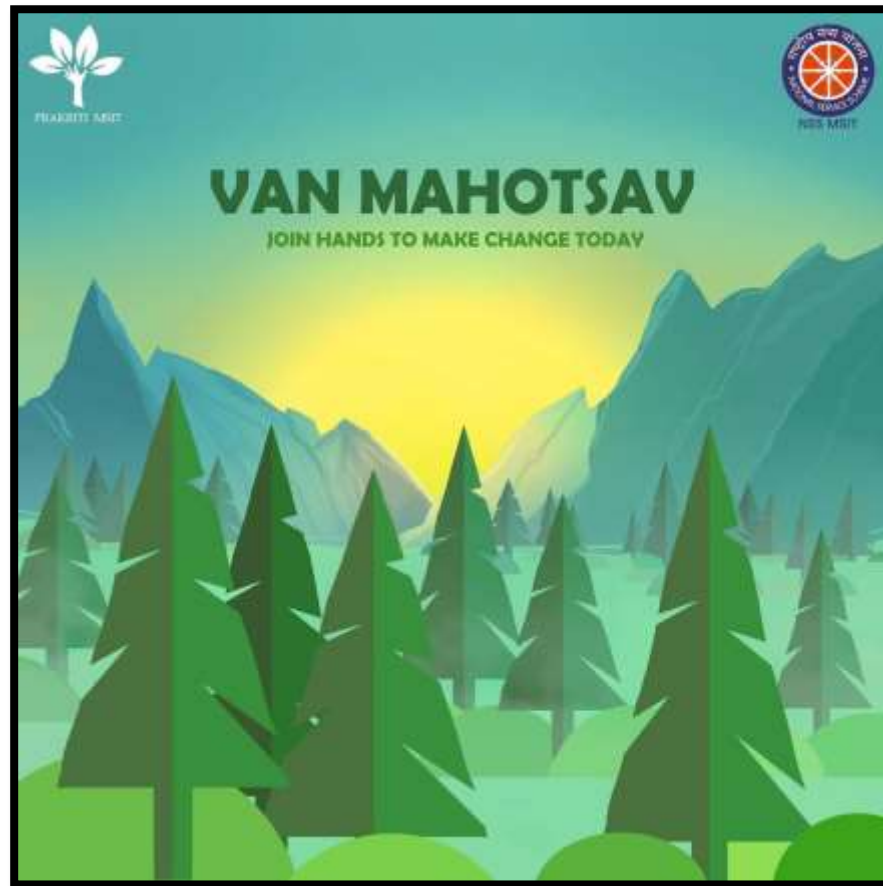




NSS MSIT



NSS MSIT in collaboration with Prakriti MSIT organized a week-long Plantation Drive, celebrating The Tree Festival, popularly known as Van Mahotsav from 1st to 7th July 2021. The celebration was an ideal opportunity to instill the value of social responsibility towards safeguarding trees, forests and various other activities for the green environment.



## Optimal Conditions for House plant growth

### Temperature:

Most houseplants are tropical and prefer temperatures between 65-75°F during the day and about 10 degrees cooler at night.

### Humidity:

Homes may offer only 5-10% relative humidity. Houseplants like 40-50%. Signs of low humidity stress on plants include brown leaf tips and appearance of pests like Spider Mites.



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### Water:

The most common problem houseplants suffer from is overwatering. About 95% of houseplants need soil to dry out almost completely before watering.

### Fertilizer:

In mild climates, continue to fertilize plants through winter. In coldest climates where natural light levels are low, do not fertilize houseplants in winter. Resume fertilizing when outdoor plants wake up in spring.



## Types of Indoor plants

If you are a plant lover or just want to add some greenery to your dull home walls, the best way is to invest into good indoor plants. They will provide you with fresh oxygen and will be your tiny companions.

### Some ideal plants are:

- Money plant (for that extra luck and positivity)
- Fiddle Leaf Fig (for some quirkiness)
- Madagascar dragon tree (for low maintenance)
- Aloe Vera (for that glowing skin)



## Advantages of Indoor Plants

With the pandemic hitting hard, it has been difficult to go out in the garden and absorb that fresh breath of air. Indoor plants are perfect for staying connected to the nature while being at your home's comfort.

### Some of their major advantages are:

- Relieves stress.
- Improves air quality of the surroundings.
- Boosts healing.
- Helps in the cure of respiratory ailments.

Also, it is one of the best ways to contribute towards the ailing environment.



An awareness campaign was held on Prakriti's Instagram handle to promote and make people aware of different plant species, their uses, optimal conditions for growth and how to look after them. A fun activity for revamping indoor plants and giving them a modern look was also held by posting a Reel- a short video format on popular social media platform, Instagram. Student community shared stories supporting the notion on different social media platforms.



The society incentivized a home plantation drive in which many students participated. A number of indoor plants like Money Plant- for prosperity and good luck, Fiddle Leaf Fig- for better concentration, Madagascar Dragon Tree, Snake

Plant- a great oxygen producer and Aloe Vera-for everything healthy, were planted acknowledging the benefits of each.

The event's objectives were to do the best with the minimal number of resources while staying indoors, encourage others to plant and realize how important this is for the antecedent and the posterity alike and to support small businesses & local nurseries by purchasing pots or saplings from them.



With a motive to help nature to heal in such a way that one can contribute by taking the lead themselves and encouraging others to join hands on occasions like these. It was a start to a never-ending cycle of nature-caring.



**Check out the list of Nurseries offering free plants in and around Delhi:**

- Kamla Nehru nursery (near DU North Campus)
- ITO Nursery (Bhairon Marg, Near Pragati maidan ring road)
- Anand Vihar nursery (Behind I.S.B.T.)
- Kondli Nursery (near Hindon cut)
- Rewla Khan Nursery (Panwala Village road, Rewla village)
- Kharkhari Jatmal (near Kharkhari village)
- Birla Mandir Nursery (Office of DCF West)



- Brar Square Nursery (near war cemetery, opposite Delhi Cantt ring road)
- Mamurpur Nursery (near Sindhu Border)
- Hauz Rani City Forest, (M.B. Road, Saket)
- Allpur Nursery, (Old government Seed Farm, Allpur)
- Pooth Kalan (Near Sultanpur Bus terminal)
- Tughlaqabad Nursery (DCF Office South Delhi)





**Not sold on the idea of House Plants yet? We can change your mind!**

They provide a focal point to your hidden beautiful corners. Moreover, you can grow your own Parsley, Basil and other herbs that act as a great addition to your food all from your own house.

Additionally, having something to take care of can make you feel less lonely - Plants can be great friends in times of isolation.



Having Indoor plants is also a great way of contributing to protecting the environment. However, buying fake plants/ buying plants from corporations such as Amazon isn't a sustainable option. Contrary to the popular belief, artificial plants do not last forever and deteriorate over time.

Hence, it's best to support small businesses and nurseries around your house.

