

## **Nature's Revival: Forest Week Celebration at Army Public School Barrackpore**

In a bid to celebrate Forest Week and promote environmental awareness and sustainability, Army Public School Barrackpore organized a tree plantation programme in collaboration with the Prokreeti Welfare Trust. The event, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, saw an enthusiastic participation from students across different grades, teachers, members of the Prokreeti Welfare Trust including the youngest members of our school community from Baalvatika. The involvement of Baalvatika students was a highlight of the event. These young learners not only participated in the tree planting activities but also showcased their creativity and understanding of environmental conservation through vibrant posters. These posters displayed a variety of themes, including the importance of trees, the benefits of planting trees, and messages encouraging the protection of forests. The school coordinated with the Prokreeti Welfare Trust to arrange for the saplings and expert guidance on plantation techniques. Various species of trees suitable for the local climate and soil were selected. These included fruit-bearing trees, flowering plants, and indigenous species. The school grounds were surveyed to identify suitable locations for planting. Soil preparation and marking of planting spots were done prior to the event. Students, under the guidance of teachers and Prokreeti Foundation members, planted the saplings. They were taught proper planting techniques and the significance of each tree species. The participation of Baalvatika students in the tree plantation event was a significant learning experience for them. It provided an opportunity for the young students to connect with nature and understand the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance.

The Involvement of students in the Forest Week celebration was a testament to the importance of instilling environmental values at a young age. The event was successful in fostering a sense of environmental stewardship among the youngest members of our school community. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the Baalvatika students were truly inspiring and set a positive example for their peers.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Prokreeti Welfare Trust for their collaboration and support in organizing this event. We also appreciate the efforts of the teachers who guided and encouraged the students throughout the preparation and participation in the event.