

## **ICAR-IVRI, Mukteshwar campus organized Forest Plantation Drive Week at the Reserve Forest**

**Mukteswar, 25.07.2024:** ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Mukteshwar campus commenced forest plantation drive week at the fallow patches of the oak circle of the reserve forest of ICAR-IVRI, Mukteshwar campus near Experimental Cattle Herd area. Every year, ICAR-IVRI, Mukteshwar organizes Forest plantation drive in its reserve forest to support national and international initiatives to enhance green cover, protect environment, conserve biodiversity and mitigate climate change. This plantation drive is in conjunction with the initiatives by the state of Uttarakhand to plant 1.64 crore tree saplings this year.

In this plantation drive, around 350 Ban oak (*Quercus leucotrichophora*) saplings were planted at the fallow patches of the oak circle of the Mukteshwar campus. Oaks are very important tree species of the moist temperate forests of the Indian Himalayan region as oak forest are great source of fuel wood, fodder and correlated with natural springs and wildlife providing many tangible and intangible services. During this event, Dr. Y.S.P. Malik, Joint Director took keen interest in plantation and encouraged such endeavours in future. He also enlightened IVRI Mukteshwar campus about green campaign “EK PED MAA KE NAAM”, initiative adopted by Government of India this year to enhance green cover of the country and achieve UN sustainable developmental goals (SDG’S).



### **TREE PLANTATION AT THE RESERVE FOREST OF ICAR-IVRI, MUKTESHWAR**

This event was attended by the scientists, staff and students of IVRI, including Dr. Sher Singh, Dr. Karam Chand Negi, Dr. Ashutosh Fular, Dr. Nidhi Sharma. The whole plantation event was organized by the Forest section of ICAR-IVRI, Mukteshwar under the supervision of Sh. B. S. Parihar (Deputy Ranger).