## Crusaders of green ENVIRONMENT

o promote and instill culture of Environment conservation among children, DAV Public School, Nerul celebrate Van Mahotsav week. Several creative activities were arranged for students of pre-primary section on the 'Van Suraksha Diwas'. On this occasion, teachers wanted to inculcate in Verma stated, "Plants are the gift of nature and our existence depends on them. We can save our planet by planting more trees. We should stop wasting paper and start recycling them.

Alochya Mohanty, another student of class III said, "Trees are great friends of ours. They give us innumerable things, oxy-



Snapshots of the Van mahotsav week in school

children the need to plant trees and care for the environment. Students were taught that supporting greenery was one of the best ways to prevent global warming and reduce pollution.

Nearly 250 saplings were planted in the corners of the play ground by the class 1 students alongwith their teachers. Native saplings that can readily adapt to local climate, integrate into ecosystem and have a high survival rate were planted. Class II students were thrilled as they enjoyed the activity of making greeting cards, decorating them with dried leaves, petals and flowers. Students also wrote motivating messages to create awareness about Mother Earth in the card. Some of the messages were: 'The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth', 'Trees are the lungs of the Earth, if we destroy them we destroy ourselves'.

Class III students shared their thoughts and view on 'Nature, an invaluable gift'. Abhinav

gen, food to eat and shelter to live.So if someone gives us so many gifts without asking for returns, we owe a lot to them. Hence we should save them rather than cutting them for our own greed.We are humans and we should act like humans."

To make the celebration of Van Mahotsav more meaningful and realistic teachers and tiny tots of nursery section were all dressed in green colour. Since Mother Earth and the environment is green this initiative also helped the tiny tots understand the significance of the colour green. They were immersed in the world of green colour surrounded by vegetables, fruits etc. Badges creating environment awareness were made and distributed to all the children and teachers who enthusiastically wore the same.

Indeed this day was celebrated with zeal, great enthusiasm and would remain a memorable event for the teachers and students alike.