Tree Plantation Drive was launched by Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India at KVK, Palghar on 17th September, 2019. Neem plant was planted at the campus by auspicious hands of the minister. He appreciated the efforts of KVK for transforming life of tribal people in the district through capacity building, promoting income generating activities, demonstrating latest farm technologies, poultry, bee keeping and biodiversity conservation. At this occasion, a Kisan Goshti was also organized. The Minister said that I got golden opportunity to celebrate the birth day of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India in the farming community. He mentioned several flagship programmes launched by the Prime Minister of India for benefiting poor farm families. He gave focus on getting benefit through PM Kisan Mandhan Yojana, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana, Ujjwala Gas Yojana, PM Krishi Bima Fasal Yojana, etc. He realized that cleanliness drive has changed mindset of all the people for making surroundings and villages neat and clean. He urged all the farmers to adopt different ways and means to double their farm income. Shri Rupala also educated the farmers to plant more multi-purpose trees as they give food, fodder, fuel and more important pure oxygen for our survival. He said that Sapota Research Station should be established in Dahanu (Palghar) in future. Before addressing the farmers, the Minister visited ATIC of KVK, Palghar where latest farm technologies displayed were observed.

At this occasion, Shri Paskal Dhanare, MLA, Dahanu; Dr. Gppal Krishna, Director and Vice Chancellor, ICAR- CIFE, Mumbai; Chairman, Shri Vijay Kharpade, Zilla Parishad; Shri Ramadas, Chairman of Panchayat Samiti; Shri K. T. Tarkase, DSAO, Plaghar; Shri P.M. Chandavade, Director, ATMA Palghar and Shri Prabhakar Raut, Zonal Secretary of Gokhale Education Society. In this programme, more that 300 farmers were participated and about 1500 tree plants of different species were distributed among farmers.
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