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36th Foundation Day of Indian Institute of Management Lucknow

36 years back, the foundation stone was laid on 27th July 1984 and IIM Lucknow has gone strength to strength since then. Ranked 4th in NIRF rankings, IIM Lucknow is now an AACSB and AMBA accredited school, well known for its excellence in teaching, research, executive education, interventions in practice and meaningful contribution to public policy and society in general.

Gratitude, perspective for a new vision and sustainability are the themes as IIM Lucknow celebrates its 36th Foundation Day. As the pandemic disrupts some traditional models, IIM Lucknow is quickly adapting itself to emerge as a change leader for the students, faculty, and all stakeholders.

With this in mind, IIM Lucknow celebrated its foundation day with a massive tree plantation drive but given the current focus on health and immunity - with a difference.

The institute decided to develop and nurture a **Medicinal Plant Garden**. Maintaining adequate social distancing and protocols, the Director, Faculty, Officers and staff participated in the drive as the Director formally inaugurated the Medicinal Plant Garden on 27th July 2020. The plan is to bring in around 1 hectare of land under the Medicinal Plant garden in a year's time span. More than 200 medicinal plants including different varieties of Holy Basil or Tulsi (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*), Long pepper or Pipli (*Piper longum*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Aloe Vera (*Aloe barbadensis miller*), Star Fruit or Kamrakh (*Averrhoa carambola*), Wood Apple or Kaitha (*Limonia acidissima*), Bael (*Aegle marmelos*), Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*), Shatavari (*Asparagus racemosus*) Turmeric (*Curcuma longa L.*) Lemon Grass or Jarakush (*Cymbopogon*) Citronella (*Cymbopogon nardus*), Ajwain or Carom Seed (*Trachyspermum ammi*) have been planted.

Speaking about the drive, Dr. Archana Shukla, Director, IIM Lucknow said that Sustainable practices along with health and immunity is the most important agenda today globally. This medicinal plant garden is just a step in this direction. It is a way of creating awareness about the medicinal plant species and also a way of conserving Rare, Endangered and Threatened (RET) species of Medicinal Plants.

On every foundation day, the employees who complete 25 years with the institute are felicitated. Prof. B. K. Mohanty who had served as an acting Director of the institute in 2019 was felicitated with 25 year's service award. The felicitation ceremony held in Director's office (COVID 19 protocol followed) was streamed live for the benefit of IIML community members.

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