

**A Report on the Training Programme under NMPB Funded project on  
"Cultivation of High Valued Temperate Medicinal Plants and related  
Issues" held at Kishtwar, Jammu Province (J& K)  
(20.03.2014)**

Under 'National Medicinal Plants Board' funded project, the Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla conducted one day training programme on '**Cultivation of High Valued Temperate Medicinal Plants and related Issues**' at Kishtwar, Jammu Province (J&K) on 20.03.2014. About 40 progressive farmers of Chenab Valley of Jammu region and frontline staff of Kishtwar Forest Division took active participation in the training programme. The training programme was conducted with a view to sensitize farmers and field functionaries of JK SFD towards medicinal plants cultivation and conservation.

**Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F and Coordinator** of this training programme welcomed the participants (40 no.) on their arrival to Training Hall at FRH, Kishtwar. He also briefed about the day's event to the participants. **Sh. Sunil Singh, Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar** in his inaugural address stressed upon the importance of such training programme for especially for initiating commercial cultivation of medicinal plants in Chenab valley region of Jammu and Kashmir and also conserving these valuable wealth in their natural habitat. He also told that Kishtwar division is full of high altitude medicinal plants and farmers can be benefited by adopting medicinal plants cultivation owing to suitable climatic conditions of the region. The day's proceedings started with **Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-E** by highlighting the activities of the institute. He also spoke about the importance of medicinal plants, livelihood issues and proper identification of temperate medicinal plants. Thereafter, **Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F** presented his work on nursery techniques for raising Atish (*Aconitum heterophyllum*), Chora (*Angelica glauca*), Kukti (*Picrorhiza kurroa*) and Mushakbala (*Valeriana jatamasi*) and also detailed about the NMPB funded project recently launched at HFRI, Shimla. He also made detailed presentation on marketing issues pertaining to medicinal plants, composting and vermin-composting techniques, organic farming etc.

**Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-E** gave a presentation on the agro-forestry and inter-cultivation of medicinal plants in orchards of temperate areas of Himachal Pradesh. Then in the afternoon, **Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist –F** subsequently made detailed presentation on Modern Nursery Techniques for the benefit of frontline staff of JK SFD. Sh. Sewa Ram award winning farmer in the field of medicinal plants cultivation shared his valuable experiences with delegates pertaining to various problems while dealing with temperate medicinal plants. To benefit the participants fully in the evening, a complete session was conducted as interaction among participants and experts. During this session participants expressed their opinion about medicinal plants cultivation & conservation and freely interacted with the resource persons. Relevant queries of the participants pertaining to various issues regarding cultivation of medicinal plants in the field were duly addressed through expert opinion of the resource persons.

In the end, a special Vote of Thanks was also extended by **Sh. Jagdish Singh** to the participants.

## SOME CLIPS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

