

ONE DAY AWARENESS CUM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

ON

DEVELOPMENT OF AGROFORESTRY MODELS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MELIA, AONLA AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

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The Extension Division of Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun conducted one day awareness cum demonstration programme on “Development of Agroforestry Models with special reference to Melia, Aonla and Medicinal plants” for farmers of village Handesra, district Mohali of Punjab at Handesra on 8th October, 2015 under the project related activities. Thirty nine (39) farmers participated in the awareness cum demonstration programme.

Dr. Paramjit Singh, Scientist-F, Extension Division, FRI has expressed his view on cultivation of medicinal plants with Melia and Aonla and its utilization. He gave the emphasis on formation of self help groups (SHGs) and establishing of linkages with local herbal markets so that produce may be sold there.

Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-D, Extension Division, FRI addressed the farmers and emphasized that there is a lot of scope of agroforestry in the state of Punjab. As the State is rich in basic resources required for agroforestry practices. He mentioned that if agroforestry is promoted in the State as per their specific needs it will fulfill the need of fuel-wood, fodder, timber and medicinal plants and will also reduce pressure on forests. The agroforestry practices in the area will create opportunities for employment generation and farmers will be benefitted accordingly. He also said that the medicinal plants in agroforestry will be more beneficial for the local market, as the products will be made locally from its produce and market will develop in the area.

Shri Rambir Singh, Scientist-C, Extension Division, FRI presented the welcome address. While welcoming the farmers, he said that the participants shall not only learn or improve their skills with our subject experts but they will gain new experience in the field of agroforestry. He also explained the status of degraded lands in Punjab and their utilization through agroforestry based on Melia, Aonla and other medicinal plants. During the programme, a technical know-how on different aspects of agroforestry, nursery and planting techniques of Melia, Aonla with medicinal plants in degraded lands was given to the farmers. A field visit to Handesra experimental area having Melia, Aonla with medicinal plants was also arranged where different technologies related to soil and planting through agroforestry practices were explained.

Shri P.K. Gupta, Scientist-C (Retd.), progressive farmers Shri Sardara Singh and Shri Anil Sharma, resident of Handesra also expressed their views on agroforestry with special reference to Melia, Aonla and its benefits to the farmers. Shri Ajay Gulati, Shri K.D. Uniyal as team members of Extension Division, FRI made the programme successful with their efforts and significant contribution.

Glimpses of the event



Welcome to the farmers and Address on Agroforestry with Melia, Aonla & medicinal plants by R.B. Singh, Scientist, Extension Division



Address on Agroforestry with medicinal plants by Dr. Charan Singh, and Dr. Paramjit Singh Scientists, Extension Division



Address on Agroforestry with medicinal plants by Progressive farmers Shri Anil Sharma, and Shri Sardara Singh, Handesra (Mohali), Punjab



Field Visit of farmers with R.B. Singh and Dr. Paramjit Singh, Scientists, Extension Division, FRI