

## **Extension activities of Forest Research Institute in Mela and Exhibitions**

As a part of extension activities, Extension Division of Forest Research Institute participated in different events with the aim of showcasing technologies for different categories of stakeholders.

The stall for dissemination of different technologies and other scientific interventions was displayed in following Mela and exhibitions:

1. ITBP Basant Mela-2016 (07<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016)
2. Science and Technology Exhibition (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016)
3. Doon Valley Spring Bird Festival, Asan Bairaj (11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016)

The exhibition stall of FRI aimed at dissemination of technologies through displays on agroforestry and its products including herbal material extracted from medicinal plants. The processed wood of *Lantana* weed and its product like stool and board developed by the institute were also the attraction of the people. Likewise, herb based Gulal, Agarbatti and Dyes were also the centre of attraction. Seeds of different tree species of forest origin were also displayed. Bamboo based articles reflected a traditional utilization of the bamboo. Important innovations of FRI were also shown to visitors through digital display. Many visitors comprising of farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, faculty, students and other stakeholders visited the exhibition of FRI to look at the posters and other displays on forestry, agroforestry, medicinal plants and other research & extension activities of the institute. All categories of visitors showed keen interest in forestry, agroforestry and medicinal plants.

Different species of birds were also shown through photographs with courtesy of Dr. Arun Pratap Singh, Scientist-F, Entomology Division of FRI in the stall stalled at Asan Bairaj.

Most of the visitors asked about complete details of cultivation of medicinal plants. The production and marketing issues of some medicinal species like Ashwagandha, Satavar, Safed musli, Stevia, Sarpgandha, etc. were raised by the visitors. They were seen desirous to know the economic returns from medicinal plants.

A majority of visitors showed the interest in knowledge of utilization of medicinal plants in relation to different diseases like Arthritis, diabetics, Blood Pressure, Cold, General vitality of body etc. They also marked their views in visitor diary.

The work of exhibition was performed under the guidance of Director FRI Dr. Savita, by a team of Sh. S. Kujur, Head Extension Division, Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E, Shri Rambir Singh, Scientist-C, Shri Ajay Gulati, RA-1 and Shri K. D. Uniyal, RA-1 with help of Shri R. B. Singh, Scientist-B, Entomology Division and Shri Praveen Oniyal, Research Officer Gr-II, Chemistry Division and Photography of the exhibition in Basant Mela was done by Shri Virendra Singh Rawat RA-II of Public Liaison Office.

## 1. Glimpses of the ITBP Basant Mela-2016



**FRI Stall**



**FRI Team in Stall**



**Display through posters and digital technology**



**A visitor in FRI Stall**



**Display of items**



**Police personnel on visit of Stall**

## 2. Glimpses of the Exhibition at UCOST, Jhajhra



**Fascia of Exhibition**



**Visit of Shri Surendra Singh Negi, Hon'ble Minister of Science & Technology, Uttarakhand**



**FRI Stall**



**Inside Exhibition**



A visitor at stall



Demonstration

### 3. Glimpses of the Exhibition at Asan Bairaj



Visit of Shri Dinesh Agrawal, Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Forests & Wildlife, Uttarkhand



A view of FRI Stall



**FRI Team in Stall**



**Visitors at FRI stall**



**Visitors at stall**



**Students visiting pictures of birds**

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