

## **Celebration of Himalayan Day**

### **[9<sup>th</sup> September 2012]**

Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun celebrated the Himalayan Day on 9th September 2012. The event was participated by the Officers, Scientists of FRI, ICFRE and students of FRI Deemed University and Kendriya Vidyalaya, and dignitaries of different organizations. The participants were welcomed by Ms. Jayshree Ardey Chauhan, Head, Extension Division, FRI. After the welcome address a pledge (Sankalp) for conservation and sustainable development of Himalayan Ecosystem with participation of local people, was taken by all the participants and dignitaries. The Chief Guest of the function was Shri R. K. Goyal, Director, IGNFA, Dehradun. The panel discussion led by Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE, Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Doon University, Dr. S. P. Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, H. N. B. Garhwal University, Shri D. S. Khati, CCF, Uttarakhand Forest Department, Dr. M. N. Jha, Scientist (Retd.) and Ms. Swati, Student FRI Deemed University. A panel of experts discussed the different issues on degradation of Himalayas and possible sustainable management to protect the Himalayan Ecosystem with people participation. Dr. P. P. Bhojvaid, Director, FRI quoted the realistic picture of Himalayan forests and their existence in nature with relationship of local people. It was also shown that how the people spiritually related with Himalayan ecosystem.

A competition of essay writing on Himalayan environment issue was conducted for the students of FRI Deemed University. There was also a painting competition conducted for Junior and senior categories of students of different Kendrya Vidyalayas of Dehradun. The wining students were encouraged by giving them prizes.

Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, Director General, ICFRE and moderator of the programme expressed his views and emphasized on the participation of people in conservation of Himalayan Ecosystem.

The celebration ended with the vote of thanks given by the Director, FRI.













