

HIMALAYAN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SHIMLA

VISIT OF FOREST RANGER TRAINEES OF RANGERS COLLEGE, BALAGHAT, M.P. TO THE WESTERN HIMALAYAN TEMPERATE ARBORETUM, SHIMLA

As a part of their North India Tour, the Forest Ranger Officer Trainees of 2014 – 16 SFS Course, Dehradun along with its faculty visited the upcoming arboretum at Potters Hill, Shimla on 30.04.2014. The trainees were accompanied by the Divisional Forest Officer, Shimla, Range Officer and his field staff. Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, Scientist Incharge briefed all the activities for setting up this arboretum.

Trainees interacted with Dr. Jishtu on various queries of the North West Himalayan flora and their conservation efforts. Sh. Vinod Sharma, DFO Shimla briefed the trainees on the topic of ecotourism, with specific example of their unit at Potters Hill.

Afterwards, the trainees were taken around the arboretum, showcasing its thematic layout and also explained about the importance of native species of the region and the need for their *ex situ* conservation. Sh. Dharam Dev Negi, SRF and Caretaker of the arboretum guided the visitors around the arboretum. Below are given picture plates of the visit;



AMPHITHEATRE



ACERACEAE BLOCK







DFO, Shimla & his Field Staff



PERGOLA TRAIL