

## **DIRECT TO CONSUMER SCHEME: A BOON TO THE FARMERS OF THE STATE**

**(16.03.2013)**

Under ‘**Direct to Consumer Scheme**’ of the council, **Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla** motivated farmers from Khatnol (Shimla) and Nichar (Kinnaur) villages of Himachal Pradesh for which a one day ‘**Exposure Visit**’ on **16.03.2013** was organized to practically demonstrate various techniques for raising temperate medicinal plants. The Exposure visit in-fact was organized and undertaken at Field Research Station, Shillaru of this Institute with a view to demonstrate techniques to farmers and also show results already achieved by the institute in the field.

**Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F and Coordinator** of this Exposure Visit welcomed the participants (20 no.) from Khatnol (Shimla), Nichar (Kinnaur) and some local progressive farmers on their arrival to Shillaru research station. He also briefed about the day’s event and subsequently made detailed presentation on Nursery techniques for raising Atish (*Aconitum heterophyllum*), Chora (*Angelica glauca*), Kukti (*Picrorhiza kurroa*) and Mushakbala (*Valeriana jatamasi*). **Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-E** gave a presentation on the identification of medicinal plants and inter-cultivation of medicinal plants in orchards. **Sh. PS Negi, Research Officer** through his presentation highlighted the importance of seed and other propagation material particularly for producing nursery stock of temperate medicinal plants. To benefit the participants fully after lunch complete session was organized for demonstrating various techniques for raising medicinal plants in the nursery. All the resource persons were involved for demonstrating techniques to visiting farmers.

In the end all the participants during discussions expressed their opinion about this ‘Exposure Visit’ and freely interacted with the resource persons. Relevant queries of the participants pertaining to various techniques demonstrated to them in the field were duly addressed through expert opinion of the resource persons.

In the end, a special Vote of Thanks was extended by **Sh. Jagdish Singh, HFRI, Shimla**.

### **SOME CLIPS OF THE EXPOSURE VISIT**



