

## **TRAINING ON “CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION AND CULTIVATION OF IMPORTANT MEDICINAL PLANTS: A REPORT**

**Kathua, Jammu (J&K)  
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**Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla (HP)** in collaboration with **J&K State Forest Department**, organized one day training programme on “**Conservation, Utilization and Cultivation of Important Medicinal Plants**” at Kathua, Jammu (J&K) under Van Vigyan Kendra activities on **7<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**.

**Sh Khawja Kamerdin**, DFO, Kathua was the Chief Guest. During his inaugural address, he informed that the state of J&K is rich in high valued medicinal plants and accordingly, the farmers and other stakeholders have a vast potential to augment their income. He emphasized the need to create awareness of medicinal plants amongst the different stakeholders and appreciated the efforts of HFRI, Shimla in the direction and hoped that the institute will keep on conducting such programmes in future too.

**Sh. Saleemudin Haque**, DFO Wildlife, Kathua, was the Guest of Honour. In his address, he thanked the institute and urged that the institute should develop package of practices for the important medicinal plants so that different stakeholders could be benefitted by adopting these standardized technologies, which will save upon the time of course, with minimum input.

**Dr. Sumit Chakraborti**, highlighted the activities of Institute and also gave a presentation on the Insect-pests of medicinal and other forestry species, wherein, he discussed the control measures of such incidences with the participants. **Dr. Vaneet Jishtu**, made a presentation on the Medicinal plants of North-West Himalayas with special emphasis on the plants of Jammu and Kashmir besides, providing an appraisal of the medicinal plants scenario in the country as a whole. **Sh. Jagdish Singh**, elaborated upon the Cultivation of important medicinal plants that can be grown under Kathua conditions. He also made presentation on Identification, Inter-cropping and harvesting of medicinal plants.

About 45 No of participants from frontline staff of Kathua Forest Division and progressive farmers took active part in the training programme.

In the end of the training, Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist on behalf of the Director of the institute, proposed a Vote of Thanks.

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