

**TRAINING ON
NURSERY TECHNIQUES AND INSECT PESTS MANAGEMENT OF COLD
DESERT SPECIES
HELD ON 16.09.2012 AT LEH (J&K)**

Organization of the training programmes certainly enable the institute to broad-base its presence in the mandated states thereby, enabling the council in general and the institute in particular so as to come up to the expectations of the related stakeholders of client states to a considerable extent.

In the process, **Himalayan Forest Research Institute** (HFRI), Shimla in coordination with **Sh. PK Raghav, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Leh** organized a one day training on “**Nursery Techniques and Insect-Pests Management of Cold Desert Species**” on **16.09.2012** at Leh, which was attended by about 23 field functionaries of the State Forest Department, Leh, J&K including local farmers of the area.

The training was organized with a special focus on the important tree species of the Cold Deserts becoming prone to insect-pests and disease incidences. Accordingly, during the training programme problems pertaining to the insect-pests and disease incidences both in nursery and in plantation were highlighted thereby, enabling the end users to maintain their nursery stock in a proper shape. During the training, it was also emphasized that in the last few years such incidences have become common phenomena in the cold deserts eco-system.

During the training programme, **Sh SS Kataik, IFS**, Head Extension Division acquainted the participants with the achievements of HFRI in forestry research, education and extension of research outputs to various stakeholders for their ultimate benefit whereas, **Dr. S Chakarbarti**, Head, Forest Protection Division talked about the current problems of insect pests in the local plantations in and around Leh. He also stressed on eco-friendly management of these problems. **Dr. Pawan Kumar**, Scientist and the Co-ordinator of the training also highlighted the related causes of insect-pests attack with special references to deserts conditions. He also made the participants aware of about the identification of insect species and their harmful and beneficial impacts including related biological control measures developed/ being developed by ICFRE against different problems of insect pests.

The participants took keen interests in the training and their queries were also replied satisfactorily by the Resource Person from the institute.

In the end, special thanks was extended to the DFO, Leh and to the trainees as well for their support throughout the programme.



