

**WORKSHOP CUM VILLAGER'S MEETING OF DEMO VILLAGE, LANABANKA
HELD AT RAJGARH, DISTT. SIRMOUR (HP) : A REPORT**

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For keeping the front line staff of the State Forest Departments and other end users abreast of the underlying concepts of research, technological developments in forestry and for facilitating the transfer of technologies from laboratory to the land, the institute keeps on organizing trainings, workshops etc. In order to further broad base its presence and coming up to the expectation of related stakeholders, **Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI)**, Shimla in collaboration with the state forest department of Himachal Pradesh organized a one day **Workshop-cum-Villager's Meeting** at Rajgarh on **31.01.2013** for the benefit of villagers of the Demonstration Village, Lana Banka, situated in Pachhad Tehsil of Distt. Sirmour. This workshop was also attended by the frontline staff of Himachal Pradesh State Forest Department.

Dr. VRR Singh, IFS, Director, HFRI, Shimla inaugurated the workshop and was the Chief Guest during the function. During his inaugural address, Dr. Singh emphasized upon the need for the conservation of nature & natural resources through participatory approach for sustainable development. He added that the nature has bestowed the region with rich medicinal plants resource and it is now prudent upon our part to preserve and conserve these resources so as to maintain ecological biodiversity through judicious use and also for maintaining the same future generations. He also emphasized the need for conserving and preserving these valuable medicinal plants through *in-situ* and *ex-situ* cultivation. He apprised the stakeholders about the agro-techniques of important medicinal plants as standardized by the institute and inform that these techniques are being extended to the various stakeholders from time to time so as to augment the rural income.

Sh. Rajesh Shukla DFO, Rajgarh, during his address emphasized upon the importance of organizing such programmes and appreciated HFRI, Shimla for this collaborative approach for the ultimate benefit of stakeholders. He informed that there are about 1100 medicinal plants species in the state and urged the Scientists to develop agro-techniques of these species on priority basis. While developing the agro-techniques, different agro-climatic zones of the state should be kept in mind which will add towards equal development of the stakeholder all across the state with special reference to the medicinal plant sector.

Sh. SS Kataik, IFS presented the activities and salient achievements of HFRI, Shimla, whereas, **Sh. Jagdish Singh**, highlighted the activities as carried out in the **Demo Village, Lanbanka**. Later, Mr. Singh also made his presentation on the identification and inter-cropping of important medicinal plants. **Dr. Sandeep Sharma**, discussed about the cultivation techniques of medicinal plants, Modern trends in nursery management and vermin-composting etc. followed by **Dr. VP Panwar**, who talked about the soil and nutrient management for productivity enhancement.

During the **interactive session** the participants shared their views about the possible interventions by the Institute in the field of forestry in general and medicinal plants sector in particular.

In the end, Dr. VP Panwar on behalf of the Director of the institute extended a special Vote of Thanks to the forest department and also to other stakeholders present in the workshop.



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Participants from Demo Village, Lanbanka & frontline staff of HPSFD



Resource persons and the Stakeholders



Participants enjoying Community Lunch (Dham) in the traditional style