

**Forest Pathology Section, Forest Protection Division, FRI, Dehradun celebrates '*Janaushadhi Day*' on March 7, 2022, under the '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*'**

Forest Pathology Branch, Forest Protection Division, FRI, Dehradun celebrated '*Janaushadhi Day*' on March 7, 2022, under the '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*', . On this occasion, a special lecture on '**Chemical constituents of Medicinal Mushrooms**' was organized through virtual mode. The lecture was started with the inaugural speech by Dr. Amit Pandey, Head, Forest Protection Division. The keynote speaker of this special lecture was Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemical & Bio-Prospecting Division, FRI, Dehradun. He gave detailed information about the naturally occurring nutrients and aromatic compounds in different types of Mushrooms. He also told that Mushrooms can be used for livelihood option and also to mitigate poverty in the country. Apart from this, he gave detailed information about the different types of alkaloids along with their medicinal uses found in Mushrooms. Apart from this, he told that Mushrooms can also be used as anti-viral, anti-malarial and for lowering blood cholesterol level in human beings. This whole lecture was conducted by Dr. Vipin Parkash, Scientist-F. Apart from this, other scientists of the Division, Dr. Shailesh Pandey, and Mrs. Ranjana Juwantha, were also present on this occasion. In this event, about 85-90 students from Forest Pathology Section and Forest Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Dehradun had participated with great enthusiasm. The event ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Shailesh Pandey, Sc.-D.

### Some glimpses of the event

