



AKAM, Celebration

Awareness Program on “Importance of Pollinators in Forest Ecosystem”

At

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

In the series of *AzadiKaAmritMahotsav*, a one day awareness program was organized by Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla on “Importance of Pollinators in Forest Ecosystem” on 11th May, 2022 at the institute. Fifty participants including students from Himachal Pradesh University and villagers of Rajhana Gram Panchayat participated in the programme. Dr. SS Samant, Director, HFRI presided over the program and told about the importance of pollinators in the field of forestry, the adverse effects of their absence on crops and their contribution in increasing livelihood. Dr. Jagdish Singh, Head – Extension Division, briefed about the background of *AmritMahotsav*. Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Group Coordinator (Research) apprised about the importance of beekeeping, honey and livelihood generation from it. Dr. Mahendra Thakur, Associate Professor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, while highlighting the role of pollinators in the field of forestry, said that 87% of pollination is done by insects. He also told about the adverse effects of climate change on bees. Dr. Pawan Kumar, Head, Forest Protection Division gave presentation on important pollinators and insects of nursery and forests. He also briefed about the effects of pesticides on pollinators. Dr. Ashwani Tapwal, Scientist-F, shared information on Mycorrhiza: Potential catalyst for plant growth. The program ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. A. Tapwal.