

**Training on “Quality Seed Production and Nursery Technology” for Frontline staff of Seed Range of Uttarakhand FD at Uttarakhand Forestry Research Institute (UFRI), Haldwani on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

The Forest Tree Seed Laboratory, Silviculture and Forest Management Division, ICFRE-Forest Research Institute, organized a one-day training programme on “Quality Seed Production and Nursery Technology” for frontline staff of the Seed and Research Ranges of Uttarakhand FD at the Uttarakhand Forestry Research Institute, Haldwani, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This training programme focused on the Extension and Capacity Building of Stakeholders under All India Coordinated Research Project 10, “Developing Seed Testing and Seed-Storage Protocols of Selected Forestry Species from Diverse Forest Types” funded by National CAMPA, MoEF&CC." The training programme was attended by 30 Seed Range staff (Research Circle) at UFRI, Haldwani.

During the training programme, Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist G and training coordinator, welcomed the gathering and outlined the main activities of the training program. Mr. Kundan Kumar, DCF (Research), Haldwani briefed about the afforestation efforts by UK State Forest Department. He highlighted the need for seed and nursery training programme among Seed Range staffs to achieve successful plantation outcomes. Dr. Namitha N.K. Senior Technical Officer proposed a vote of thanks.

This training program was designed for forest staff to develop skills in seed and nursery techniques through theory and practical sessions. The training covered topics on Seed Quality Evaluation-Collection, processing, handling and testing; Basic nursery practices of important plantation species; seed ball technology; Demonstration cum practicals on essential tests for evaluating seed quality; nursery techniques; and seed storage methods.

During the wrap up session, participants also interacted with resource persons and filled out a feedback form. Participants unanimously mentioned all the topics covered in the training program were very useful and recommended for extending the duration of training program and organizing training programs frequently for Forest Department staff. During the valedictory session, Dr. Manisha Thapliyal expressed thanks to all the participants and team members for the successful conduction of the training program and distributed certificates to participants.

## Training Photographs



Group Photograph



Photograph during Inaugural speech



Photograph during theory session on Seed quality evaluation



Photograph during practical session on seed quality testing



Photographs during practical session on nursery techniques



Photographs during interactive session



Certificate distribution to participants