A Report about Training Programme on
“Cultivation of important high value temperate medicinal plants”
held at Ropa Sainj, Kullu (H.P.) on 19th February, 2019

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized one day training programme on ‘CULTIVATION OF IMPORTANT HIGH VALUE TEMPERATE MEDICINAL PLANTS’ for various stakeholders at Ropa Sainj, Kullu (H.P.) on 19th February, 2019. This training programme was organized under National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi funded project titled “Evaluation of genetic superiority and stability of identified high active ingredient content accessions of Picrorhiza kurroa Royle ex Benth., Valeriana jatamansi Jones and Podophyllum hexandrum Royle through multi-location trials and promotion of their cultivation amongst rural communities”. A total of 45 participants, including members of NGOs, Panchayats, progressive farmers and frontline staff of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department of Kullu district, actively participated in this training programme.

At the outset, Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F and programme coordinator briefed about the training programme and highlighted the activities of Himalayan Forest Research Institute and delivered a lecture on ‘Identification and uses of important high altitude medicinal plants, Inter-cultivation of temperate medicinal plants with horticulture crops: an option for augmenting rural income, and Cultivation of Podophyllum hexandrum (Bankakdi)’. Thereafter, Dr. Saurabh Sharma, Deputy Director RCFC (NR-I) RIISM, Jogindernagar talked about the process of cluster formation of farmers for seeking financial help from NMPB to take up cultivation of medicinal plants. He informed that farmers can sell their produce through e-charak, a portal developed by NMPB. After that, Dr Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G, HFRI gave a presentation on ‘Commercial cultivation of important high altitude medicinal plants species, Modern nursery techniques and production of compost and vermi-compost for organic cultivation of medicinal plants, and Marketing of medicinal plants’. Dr Madan Lal, Botanist from IISM, Jogindernagar talked about the various activities of SMPB and production of quality planting stock of medicinal plants for distribution amongst the various stakeholders. Sh. Lal Chand, CEO, Shri Rishi Prasher Cooperative Society, Bhunter Kullu (H.P.) shared his valuable experience about the group formation of farmers and raising of quality planting stock of Aconitum heterophyllum (Patish) and Saussurea costus (Kuth) at Varsheni, Manikaran Valley. He informed that he is ready to distribute the planting stock of the same amongst farmers for taking up cultivation of these medicinal plant species. Sh. Tej Singh, R.O., Sainj talked about the medicinal wealth of GHNP and potential of their cultivation in the farmer’s field.

The participants were also taken to the Ropa, Sainj nursery for demonstration of macro-proliferation techniques of Picrorhiza kurroa (Karu) and Valeriana jatamansi (Mushkbala).

In the closing session, the relevant queries of the participants were duly addressed through expert opinion of all the resource persons and certificates were distributed to the participants. While expressing their opinion, participants said that they found this training programme very useful. The training programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Sh. Jagdish Singh.
Glimpses of Training Programme
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हिमालय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान शिमला द्वारा पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार नई दिल्ली के सीजन से रोप रैंग जिला कुल्लू हिमालय प्रेस संघ आयोजन में उष्णपाया पौधों की चेतावनी पर विबार निरीक्षण द्वारा प्रकाशित किया गया। प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ अनिल शर्मा अर्थमंत्री कुल्लू वन कूट द्वारा किया गया।

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