Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized one day training programme on ‘CULTIVATION OF IMPORTANT TEMPERATE MEDICINAL PLANTS’ for various stakeholders at M/S Nanda Medicinal plants Exports -Mansari, Haripur, Kullu (H.P.) on 21st February, 2018. This training programme was undertaken 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. About 40 no. participants from Panchayat members, NGOs, Mahila Mandal, frontline staff of SFD and progressive farmers of Kullu valley, took active part in the training programme.

At the outset Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F briefed about the training programme and highlighted the activities of Himalayan Forest Research Institute. He told that Himachal Pradesh has been bestowed with rich medicinal plants wealth and has tremendous scope to make it as a sustainable income generation activity by taking up commercial cultivation of high valued temperate medicinal plants. He hoped that representatives of this training programme will act as nodal officers for creating medicinal plants awareness amongst various stakeholders. He also apprised participants about identification and uses of important high temperate medicinal plants. After that, Dr Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G, gave presentation on commercial cultivation of important high altitude medicinal plants species and Modern nursery techniques and production of compost and vermi-compost for organic cultivation of medicinal plants. Again Sh. Jagdish Singh, deliberated a lecture on Inter-cultivation of temperate medicinal plants with horticulture crops: an option for augmenting rural income and identification of superior genetic stock of Karu, Mushkbala and Bankakdi. Dr Joginder S Chauhan, ACTO, gave presentation on importance of ethno-botany and ethno-botanical uses of temperate medicinal plants. Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, CEO Nanda Medicinal Plants exports, apprised participant about marketing of medicinal plants. Closing session was chaired by Dr Suresh Jaswal, HAS, who also stressed upon to cultivate temperate medicinal plants for augmentation of rural income and meet out the ever increasing demand of medicinal plants by pharmaceutical companies. The relevant queries of the participants were duly addressed through expert opinion of all the resource persons. Training participants found this training programme very useful. The training programme ended with a vote of thanks by course coordinator, Sh. Jagdish Singh.

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