A TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “ECO-RESTORATION OF DEGRADED AREAS” ORGANIZED BY THE HFRI, SHIMLA
FROM 14TH TO 16TH MARCH, 2018

A training on "Eco-restoration of Degraded Areas" was organized at the Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla from 14th to 16th March, 2018. Eighteen participants representing the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Rural Development Department and Representatives of Gram Panchayats of Shimla and Kinnaur districts attended this training programme which was, aimed at sensitization and awareness generation amongst the various stakeholders about the problem of degraded areas and their Eco-restoration techniques.

Dr. V.P. Tewari, Director of the Institute inaugurated the training programme on 14th March, 2018. Addressing the participants, he explicitly highlighted the intent behind this training programme. Dr. Tewari said that as per the latest estimates, the country has 120.4 million ha of degraded areas and accordingly Eco-restoration of Degraded area holds the key for productivity enhancement through eco-restoration practices. Hence, efforts needs to be directed for developing suitable technologies for resource conservation and management of the degraded and wasteland and transferring the knowledge to the end users. The scientifically sound afforestation technologies assume immense significance to put these lands for productive use.

He further informed that the institute is working in tune with the National mandate and as per the present day requirements of the general public. In line with the above, this three days training-cum-demonstration programme for the personnel of State Forest Department, Rural Development Department and Representatives of Gram Panchayat Shimla and Kinnaur district will benefit the departments so that they can find ways and the means to orient the process of the policy formulation in this direction and the cause of the humanity can be suitably addressed. He also reiterated the need of transforming the Lab research to the land and common masses.

Dr. R.K. Verma, Coordinator of the training programme informed the participants that during the programme different resource persons and experts will apprise and provide in depth knowledge about the land resources and management & mitigation techniques employed for eco-restoration of degraded areas, apart from the excursion visit to Western Himalayan Temperate Arboretum of the Institute at Potter’s Hills and Model Nursery, Baragaon. Dr. Verma also provided detailed information about the work done by the institute with respect to nursery and plantation techniques for
eco-rehabilitation of limestone mined areas and other degraded areas of Shiwalik Hills. He also elaborated upon trees and shrubs species suitable for eco-rehabilitation of degraded areas of different zones of Himachal Pradesh.

The resource persons Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Sh. P.S. Negi, Dr. Vaneet Jishtu and Sh. Sanjeev Thakur shared the technical knowhow and scientific knowledge about the multiple aspects of the degraded areas and remedial measures for ecorestoration of such degraded lands. The in-house interaction session with the participants covered the issues under the ambit of nursery preparation of prominent and potential bio-engineering plant species, landscaping of the degraded sites with the local shrub species, Plantation techniques of multipurpose tree like Paulownia and management and control of the different insect-pests of nursery and plantation. The wide spectrum of medicinal plants with reference to Himachal Pradesh was specially dwelled upon by the resource persons. The heterogenous group of the trainees showed very keen interest in the interactions and clarified their doubts by putting queries.

On the second day, the participants were taken on a field trip to Western Himalayan Temperate Arboretum, a venture of the institute at Potter’s Hill, Shimla. This outdoor visit was envisaged to provide the participants a tangible and thrilling touch with the nature. All the participants were delighted with this visit and expressed that this sort of realistic interaction with the nature is more concrete and everlasting.
On the last day of the training, Dr. K.S. Kapoor, Dr. Ashwani Tapwal, Dr. Swaran Lata and Dr. Joginder Chauhan from HFRI, Shimla gave elaborate and illustrative presentations on multiple aspects on **Eco-restoration of Degraded Areas**. After that the participants visited the different laboratories and Herbarium of the institutes where useful information about the Ultra Modern Scientific Equipments were given by the concerned Laboratory Incharge.

During the plenary session of the programme, Dr. V.P. Tewari, Director of the Institute shared his views with the participants once again and thanked all the participants for giving their valuable time and making this programme successful. He opined that the issue of the wastelands is so vast and comprehensive that a three day’s programme cannot address all the aspects, but it must have started the thought provoking process in tackling the problem of wastelands. He also distributed the certificates of participation to all the participants. At the end of the closing session of the training, Dr. K.S. Kapoor, Group Coordinator of the institute thanked all the participants for sparing their valuable time to participate in the training programme.

A feedback form was also filled up by the participants of the training programme which provided the valuable and important suggestions in futuristic research training programmes. All the participants opined the worth of this training programme and admired the efforts of the organizers for providing awareness about a very relevant and useful topic.
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शिमला, 14 मार्च (न्यूज़): हिमालय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान शिमला में अपक्षीण क्षेत्रों को पारिस्थितिक पूं: स्थापना विषय पर 3 दिवसीय कार्यशाला लुधियां शुरू हुई।

इसमें विभिन्न विभागों के अर्थार्थियों के अलावा शिमला और किसान जिला के पंचायत प्रतिनिधियों ने भाग लिया। कार्यशाला का शुभारंभ करते हुए संस्थान के निदेशक डा. जी.पी. तिवारी ने कहा कि देश में 23 प्रतिशत भाग पर आच्छादित वन संपदा अपने अंदर कई मूल्यों को समाहित किए हुए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि वन संपदा के अंदर आर्थिक विकास तथा गरीबों उन्मूलन की उद्धृत क्षमता है। इसके लिए संस्थान समस्त समय पर इस तरह के प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित करता रहता है।

एचएफआरआई में तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण शिविर शुरू

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