

“3RD HIMALAYAN DAY CELEBRATION AT HFRI, SHIMLA”

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized one day workshop to celebrate “3rd Himalayan Day” at Conifer Campus Panthaghathi today dated on 9th September, 2012. **Dr. VRR Singh IFS, Director, HFRI, Shimla and Chief Guest, inaugurated the workshop** and said that the Himalayas has not only been guarding country’s border but also constantly serving its human by enriching soil, air water, etc. Unfortunately importance of Himalayas was always underestimated for its integral role in overall development of the nation. Himalayas deserve attention because of ushering, guarding and catering resources needs of the whole nation. This calls for a serious discussion at national level for ultimate benefit of the society and forthcoming generations.

Dr. KS Kapoor, Group Coordinator, informed that the day is being organized across the Himalayan states, viz., Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Northeastern states by a number of organizations committed towards conservation of Himalayas. Keeping this in view an attempt has been made to draw attention of planners, policy makers

and people at large to promote overall common interests. So to highlight the issues needs to be taken into



account to conserve the Himalayas, HFRI, Shimla has organized a one day workshop to celebrate the 3rd Himalayan day on 9th September, 2012 on the theme New Growth Measures for the Nation and Himalaya.

Dr. Lal Singh, Director Himalayan Research Group, Shimla shared his views directly impinging on the people participation and ecosystem interface in the Himalayan region and suggested new growth measures required for the same.



Further, Mr. Durlabh Singh Puri, Life member-The royal Horticulture Society-London emphasized upon Himalayan Biodiversity and defining measures for its conservation with special reference to Western Himalayas.

Sh. G.S.Thakur DCF, Sh. Vinod Kumar, Ms. Shilpa etc., also shared their views on Himalayan Ecosystem and Biodiversity. Sh. S.S. Kataik IFS, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Sumit Chakarvarti, Dr. Raj Kumar Verma, Sh. Jagdish Singh, Sh. Pradeep Bhardwaj and Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, Dr. Vijender Panwar, Dr. Pawan Rana, participated in the panel discussions and suggested the strategies on conservation of northern Himalayan Ecology. Various concern and issues over Himalayas were discussed for developing effective and suitable measures for conservation of the Himalayas.

The workshop was attended by 60 participants to visualize the problems, suggest necessary measures and safeguards for conservation of Himalayas. Workshop ended with vote of thanks.