

## TRAINING: REACHING THE END USERS

Organization of the training programmes certainly enable the institute to broad-base its presence in the mandated states thereby, enabling the council in general and the institute in particular to come upto the expectations of the related stakeholders of client states to a considerable extent.

In the process, **Himalayan Forest Research Institute** (HFRI), Shimla in consultation with Sh. SK Guleria, Director, Forest Training Institute (FTI), Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi, HP organized a one day training on “**Sustainable utilization, conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants**” at **Van Vigyan Kendra, Sundernagar** on **28.03.2012**, which was attended by about 50 No. field functionaries of the State Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh and local farmers.

During the training programme the participants were made aware of the sustainable utilization and conservation of important medicinal plants. A special emphasis was also given to the inter-cultivation techniques of valuable high temperate medicinal plants like *Aconitum heterophyllum* (Patish), *Angelica glauca* (Chora), *Picrorhiza kurroa* (Karu), *Polygonatum verticillatum* (Salam misri) and *Podophyllum hexandrum* (Bankakri) etc. for augmentation of the rural income.

During training, lectures were also delivered on the various topics viz. **Nursery Techniques for Raising Quality Planting Stock of Medicinal Plants** including **Establishment of Low Cost Kissan Nursery; Establishment and Preparation of Vermin-composting, Green Manuring and Insect-Pest and Disease Management** etc.

An open session was also organized during which the trainees took keen interest and their each queries were satisfactorily replied by the resource persons from the Institute those included Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-E, Dr. Sumit Chakraborti, Scientist-E and Mr. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-E. In the end, the Course Coordinator extended special thanks to the Director, FTI and the trainees for their support throughout the programme.

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**Address by the Course Coordinator during Inaugural Session**



**Participants from the State Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh Present during the Training**



**Resource Persons Delivering the Lecture during the Training and Interactions thereof**