

THREE DAYS TRAINING
on
Cultivation, Sustainable Harvesting and Utilization of Medicinal Plants
[23 to 25 January 2018]

Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun, Uttarakhand has conducted a three days training on “Cultivation, Sustainable Harvesting and Utilization of Medicinal Plants” for the farmers, frontline staff of Haryana State Forest Department, NGOs and other stake holders at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Village Damla, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana from 23 to 25 January, 2018. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. B.R. Kamboj, OIC, KVK, Damla, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana. 35 trainees participated in the above training programme.

Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division welcomed Chief Guest by presenting a bouquet of flower. In his welcome address, he said that demand of medicinal plants is increasing globally and forests alone are not able to meet ever increasing demand of medicinal plants. There is urgent need to start cultivation of important medicinal plants to meet the increasing demand and conserve the resources in their natural habitat. New scientific knowledge/technologies for cultivation and sustainable harvesting of medicinal plants should be adopted by farmers so that farmers may able to obtain maximum economic benefit from cultivation. Cultivation of any medicinal species should be done according to their demand. He also mentioned that cluster approach should be followed while cultivating medicinal and aromatic plants. He further added that a scientific cultivation, harvesting, storage and processing will lead to quality produce vis a vis higher economic returns.

In his inaugural address Dr. B.R. Kamboj stated that, there is a wide scope of medicinal plants based farming in Haryana. He told that the farmers purchase goods in retail & sell in wholesale, while it should be reverse. He emphasized that farmers must sell their products directly to the consumers at remunerative price for that proper market mechanism should be developed. He reiterated that Self Help Groups (SHGs) may also come forward to get knowledge on cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants at village levels. He further mentioned that Cooperatives might be helpful in marketing of medicinal plants.

During technical sessions, interactive talks were carried out on following topics:

- Utilization of medicinal plants
- Cultivation and harvesting of medicinal and aromatic plants
- Medicinal plants under agroforestry system
- Resource conservation of medicinal plants in Haryana.
- Post harvest processing of medicinal plants
- Cultivation and management of medicinal plants in nursery and plantation area in waste land
- Suitability of soil for cultivation of medicinal plants
- Diseases and their management in medicinal and aromatic plants
- Harvesting of Medicinal plants
- Value addition of medicinal and aromatic plants
- Marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants

A field visit was also conducted to Chaudhary Devi Lal Herbal Garden, Khizarabad, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) to get acquaintance with the medicinal plants and a processing unit of medicinal products run by National Innovation Foundation, Damla, Yamuna Nagar (Haryana).

The training was completed successfully on 25th January, 2018. Miss Niveditha B., DFO, Yamuna Nagar was Chief Guest at the valedictory session. DFO, Yamuna Nagar and Dr A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI distributed certificates to the trainees. In her valedictory address, she suggested to submit a pilot project on market linkages and promised to help as much as she can for funding from Haryana Govt. State Forest Department. Dr. A.K. Pandey appealed trainees to start cultivation of medicinal plants as non-traditional crops (cash crops) to obtain maximum returns. He congratulated team of Extension Division, all resources persons, KVK officers & staff and other associated members for a successful completion of training. In closing ceremony of training programme, trainees appreciated the training programme and requested that such type of more training programmes need to be conducted in their areas.

On behalf of Director, FRI, Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E delivered the vote of thanks to all the participants, KVK administration for logistic support and cooperation rendered during the programme.

Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist-D, Mr. Rambir Singh, Scientist-D, Mr. Ajay Gulati, STO, Mr. Vijay Kumar, ACF, Mr. Sachin Kumar, FG and other team members were also present and contributed a lot for successful organization of training programme.

Glimpses of the training



Welcome of Chief Guest Dr B. R. Kamboj, OIC, KVK, Yamuna Nagar



Welcome addressed by Dr A. K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI



Inauguration Training and addressed by Chief Guest Dr. B. R. Kamboj, OIC, KVK, Yamuna Nagar



Subject Expert on Talk



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Interaction with Farmers & Frontline officials of SFD by FRI Scientist, on visit of Chaudhary Devi Lal Herbal Garden, Khazirabad



Certificates distribution



Faculty members and trainees altogether