## REPORT ON VISIT OF STUDENTS OF M.Sc. (Environmental Science), Allahbad University to HFRI, Shimla

92 students and 7 faculty members of M.Sc. - Environmental Science (I-Semester), Department of Botany, University of Allahbad, Allahbad visited Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.



With a warm welcome to the students from Allahbad University, Dr. K.S. Kapoor, Scientist-G & Group Coordinator Research said the technology diffusion through

exposure visit programme is a method of 'seeing is believing', which hasten the technology dissemination process. He expressed his happiness over the keen interest of students for the technologies developed by the institute. Dr. Kapoor added that getting away from the everyday atmosphere of the classroom gives students an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment. They may be able to connect on more of a personal level without



the structure of the normal study days. Students may be able to spend much of the

educational trip day in small groups, observing, chatting and learning about each other. Educational trips can give students exposure to places they might not otherwise visit.

Many institutions offer educational trips for students to spend several hours or days outside of the classroom. Educational trips range from local visits to civic offices or businesses to international excursions, complete with overnight stays. Whatever their scope, Educational trips can offer many advantages to the students who take them.

The students were exposed to different laboratories of the Institute followed by an interaction with the Scientists of the institute. This programme was coordinated by Dr. Ranjeet Kumar, Scientist-D, Division of Ecology & Biodiversity Conservation. Students were apprised and explained about the various experiments being conducted in the Laboratories of Ecology & Biodiversity, Silviculture & Tree Improvement, Forest Protection and Non-Wood Forest Products and most importantly the Herbarium of the Institute, where various plant samples of Himalayan tree species have been protected.

The students and faculty members of Allahbad University very happy, the way HFRI has welcomed and conducted this knowledgeable visit.





