## A report on Celebration of Amrit Mahotsav on Theme "Jal Hi Jeevan"

As part of Amrit Mahotsav, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized a programme on the theme "Jal Hi Jeevan" in the conference hall of the Institute on March 11, 2022. Scientists, Officers, research staff and research scholars of the institute participated in this programme. At the outset, Dr. Joginder Singh, Chief Technical Officer, Extension Division, welcomed the Director, all the scientists, officers and research staff of the Institute and briefed about the programme. Dr. S.S. Samant, Director of the institute during his inaugural address briefed about the importance of water conservation for sustainable development. He told that in last few years, human sources of water have been polluted and ground water over-exploited. Today the level of groundwater is falling, which is also manifested in the vegetation. He also told about the method of preserving the water released from the ice. On this occasion, Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G and Group Coordinator Research stressed about water conservation. He told that if rain water is collected by making pits in the catchment area, then the groundwater level will improve and water will be available throughout the year in natural wells. On this occasion, painting and declamation competitions were also organized on this subject to create awareness about water conservation. Miss. Anukreethy, Miss. Preetika and Miss. Tamanna got first, second and third prize, respectively in painting competition. In the declamation competition, Mr. Gaurav Swaroop Verma, Mr. Kulwant Rai Gulshan and Mr. Gopal Negi secured first, second and third place, respectively. Director of the institute distributed prizes to the winner. At the end, Dr. Joginder Chauhan, CTO, thanked Director, scientists, officers, staff and research scholars for their active participation and making this programme a success.

## **Glimpses of the Occasion**













