

Training programme on “Cultivation of Non –Timber Forest Produces (NTFPs) in Jammu Region: A Step Towards Enhancing Farmer’s Income and Livelihood” for the farmers of Jammu region”

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, in collaboration with JK Forest Research Institute, Jammu, J&K organized one day training programme on “**Cultivation of Non – Timber Forest Produces (NTFPs) in Jammu Region: A Step Towards Enhancing Farmer’s Income and Livelihood” for the farmers of Jammu region**” on 26.02.2020 at State Forest Research Institute, Janipur, Jammu, J&K.

About forty (40) progressive farmers of the Jammu region participated in the training programme.



While welcoming the Chief Guest, guests and the participants of the occasion, **Dr. Jitender Kumar Singh, IFS, Conservator of Forests, SFRI, Jammu** thanked HFRI, Shimla for organizing this important training programme which will go long way in enhancing farmers’ income.

Sh. Asaf Mahmood, IFS, Director, SFRI, Jammu in his address talked on potential of different medicinal and aromatic plants in Jammu region and hoped that farmers will adopt new research techniques developed by HFRI and SFRI to gain economic benefits.



Dr. S.S. Samant, Director, HFRI, Shimla gave brief background of the HFRI, Shimla and its mandate. He thanked the authorities of JK Forest Research Institute for making necessary



arrangements for organizing this training and hoped that this training programme will encourage and enlighten the farmers towards cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants, which can result into additional income generation by providing alternate livelihood options to the farmers. He highlighted the important research carried out by HFRI in Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Ladakh region.

In his inaugural address **Chief Guest, Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS, PCCF, Wildlife J&K Forest Department, Jammu, J&K** appreciated the effort of HFRI, Shimla and SFRI,



Jammu in ongoing important training programme for farmers of Jammu region. He talked about important Non-Timber Forest Produces of Jammu region which has immense potential for enhancing farmers income. He stressed that farmers should adopt utilization of NTFPs in a scientific way so as to gain higher productivity per unit area. Shri Gupta encouraged farmers to grow NTFPs in

clusters or groups so that there will be no problem for marketing the raw materials produced by them.



During technical session, **Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta, Professor, SKUAST, Jammu** talked about important **Non-Timber Forest Produces** of Jammu region especially talked about bamboo and bamboo products which will boost farmers income.

Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F, HFRI, Shimla apprised the farmers regarding the activities undertaken by HFRI, Shimla in Himachal Pradesh as well as Jammu & Kashmir. He also talked on **Cultivation of Medicinal Plants for Diversification and Augmentation of Rural Income** of Jammu region and also presented success stories of the institute to the farmers. He hoped that farmers will also adopt new research techniques developed by institute to gain economic benefits.



Dr. Lalit Mohan Gupta, Professor, SKUAST, Jammu apprised the farmers regarding **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of Jammu region** that will enhance rural prosperity in Jammu region.



Dr. Punit Chaudhary, Senior Scientist, KVK, Jammu talked on **Medicinal Trees that will augment Rural Prosperity in Jammu Region of J&K.**

Sh. Satya Prakash Negi, Conservator of Forests and Head, Extension Division thanked the participants for showing interest in this training programme. He hoped that the collaboration between HFRI, Shimla and JK Forest Research Institute will further be strengthened in the future also.



Training ended with the vote of thanks presented by **Sh. Ashwani Kumar**, Assistant Chief Technical Officer, Extension Division HFRI, Shimla.

Some Glimpses of the Training Programme


