

A TRAINING PROGRAMME AND EXPOSURE VISIT ON "CONSERVATION, REVIVAL, HYGIENE AND TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES "FOR THE FARMERS OF LANABANKA VILLAGE ON 20th AND 21st NOVEMBER, 2015

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized one day training programme and exposure visit for the farmers of Lanabanka village district Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh on 20th and 21st November, 2015. The training programme and exposure visits are the components of the project on ECO-WASH funded by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, Govt. of India. The project envisages creating awareness amongst the farmers for conservation of their natural water resources, making efforts for their revival, maintaining hygiene and promoting cultivation of agricultural crops through traditional systems (organic farming). This training programme was organized in the Panchayat Bhawan of Lanabanka village on 20th November 2015 and more than 25 farmers attended the training. During the training programme Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Scientist informed the farmers about various activities of the institute. He further enlisted various activities carried out under the project and the participation of the farmers in rejuvenating natural water resources, maintaining their hygiene, rain water harvesting and organic farming. There after Dr. Sandeep Sharma Scientist & Head Silviculture & Tree Improvement delivered a talk on Kisan nursery and Vermi-compost and importance of planting trees around natural water resources. Dr. Vaneet Jishtu Scientist HFRI, Shimla delivered his talk on Use of bamboos and medicinal plants and how cultivation of medicinal plants can be helpful in augmenting their farm income. After the deliberations open discussion with the farmers was held and their questions with regard to organic farming, revival of natural water sources, organic and medicinal plants were addressed.

Exposure Visit

On 21st November the farmers were taken to award winning Nauni Panchayat. The Panchayat Secretary Kanwar apprised the farmers about various activities carried out in the panchayat like rain water harvesting, conservation and recharging of natural water resources, sanitation and hygiene. The farmers were shown how kitchen waste water is being channelized from the households of the panchayat down to the treatment plant where it is treated and being used for irrigation purpose in the university. The farmers were also shown different water storage tanks constructed in the panchayat. After that the farmers were taken to the university campus where Dr. Vimal Chauhan Principal Scientist addressed the farmers and showed them various farm related activities and products. In the afternoon the farmers were also taken to Kiwi orchard and nursery where farmers were demonstrated the planting technique of Kiwi and the return a farmer can generate by adopting Kiwi cultivation on their farms.

Some Glimpses of the Training Programme



Some Glimpses of Exposure Visit



