

**A Report on the Training Programme under NMPB funded project on  
"Cultivation of Atish, Ban Kakri, Chora and other Important High Valued  
Temperate Medicinal Plants" held at Bhadarwah, Jammu (J & K)  
(04.02.2016)**

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized one day training and demonstration programme on ‘**Cultivation of Atish, Ban Kakri, Chora and other important high valued Temperate Medicinal Plants**’ at Krishi Vigyan Kerdra ( KVK, SKUAST–J), Bhadarwah, Jammu (J &K) on **04.02.2016** under the ‘National Medicinal Plants Board’, New Delhi funded project. About 40 participants including progressive farmers of Bhadarwah region of Chenab Valley falling in Doda district of Jammu & Kashmir and frontline officers/ staff of Department of Agriculture (J&K) stationed at Bhadarwah took active participation in the training programme. The training programme was conducted with a view to sensitize farmers and field functionaries of J&K Agriculture Department towards medicinal plants cultivation.

**Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F and Coordinator** of this training programme welcomed the participants on their arrival to Training Hall of KVK at Bhadarwah. Thereafter, he briefed about the day’s events to the participants. The day's proceedings started with **Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F** by highlighting the activities of the institute. Then he spoke about the importance of medicinal plants, livelihood issues and proper identification of temperate medicinal plants. After that **Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F** presented his work on nursery techniques for raising Atish (*Aconitum heterophyllum*), Chora (*Angelica glauca*) and Kukti (*Picrorhiza kurroa*) and also detailed about the NMPB funded project being implemented by HFRI, Shimla. He also made detailed presentation on the marketing issues pertaining to medicinal plants, composting and vermi-composting techniques, organic farming etc. Thereafter, **Sh. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F** gave a presentation on nursery and cultivation techniques of *Podophyllum hexandrum* (Ban Kakri) and Inter-cultivation of medicinal plants in orchards of temperate areas of Himachal Pradesh. **Dr. R. S. Bandral, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Doda** stressed upon the importance of such training programmes, especially for initiating commercial cultivation of medicinal plants in Bhaderwah region of Jammu & Kashmir to diversify local traditional agricultural practices. He also told that Bhadarwah is full of high altitude medicinal plants and farmers can be benefited by adopting medicinal plants cultivation owing to suitable climatic conditions of the region.

After lunch **Dr. Narinder Paul**, SMS, Extension, KVK Doda talked about group formation and requested the farmers for initiating such activities like medicinal plants cultivation, they are advised to move forward in groups to get various govt. schemes. **Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist –F** subsequently made detailed presentation on **Modern Nursery Techniques** for the benefit of frontline progressive farmers and staff of Agriculture department. Thereafter, various field technologies were demonstrated in KVK farm to the trainees by resource persons facilitated by **Dr. Amitesh Sharma**, SMS, PBG KVK Doda. To further benefit the participants, a complete session was conducted in the evening as interactive session among participants and experts from HFRI, Shimla and KVK Doda. During this session participants expressed their opinion about medicinal plants cultivation and freely interacted with the resource persons. Relevant queries of the participants pertaining to various issues regarding cultivation of medicinal plants in the field, marketing etc. were duly addressed through expert opinion of the resource persons. The event was extensively covered by local print media and FM radio Bhaderwah.

In the end, a special **Vote of Thanks** was also extended by Dr. R.S. Bandral to the participants.

## Glimpses of Training Programme









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