



A Report on Training Programme on ‘Forest Technologies for Productivity enhancement and Livelihood’

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, under VVK, Leh organized a one-day training program on ‘Forest Technologies for Productivity enhancement and Livelihood’ for the farmers, NGO’s and frontline line staff of Ladakh Forest Division, at the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) Leh, UT Ladakh on 18th August 2022. About 40 participants took active part in the training program. At the outset, Dr. Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F, thanked all resource persons and participants for sparing their valuable time for this training program. He further detailed about the training program and briefed about the activities of Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla. Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Director, HFRI, Shimla welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants and told that the institute has developed the nursery and plantation technology of *Juniperus polycarpus* for the first time and raised more than 15000 quality planting materials of the same for distribution amongst different stakeholders. Sh. Sajjad Hussain Mufti, IFS CCF, Ladakh, UT as chief guest, inaugurated the training program and told that the Ladakh region has been bestowed with rich medicinal plants wealth and has tremendous scope to make it as a sustainable income generation activity by taking up commercial cultivation of high valued medicinal plants. He expressed concerns that owing to various biotic and abiotic factors these high valued medicinal plants are under constant threat and if adequate attention is not paid in time there is every possibility that these may become extinct in the near future. He further added that *Juniperus polycarpus* is very important tree species for cold desert region of Ladakh and emphasized that plants of the same may be raised in nursery condition of Cold Desert.

Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director, NISR, Leh, UT as a Guest of Honor, highlighted the Traditional medicinal plants for healthcare and livelihood. Dr. Jagdish Singh, Scientist, gave detailed presentation on “Cultivation of high value temperate medicinal plants for diversification and sustainable income generation” Dr. P.S. Negi, Scientist delivered a lecture on “Nursery and Plantation technology of Shukpa (*Juniperus polycarpus*)”. Dr. Sandeep Sharma talked about

Modern nursery and plantation techniques for productivity enhancement and better survival under cold desert conditions. Ms Stanzin Landol, Technical Officer, CAZRI, Leh, delivered a talk on different Agroforestry practices prevalent in the Cold desert region of Ladakh. Sh. Zuber Ahmed, CEO, of Ladakh Organic Farmers Foundation, delivered a lecture on Organic farming for sustainable development. During the closing session, all the queries of the participants were satisfactorily replied by experts.

Glimpses of the Training Programme





