

## **International Day for Biological Diversity (22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019)**

**Forest Research Institute, Dehradun**

This year's International Day for Biological Diversity main theme, "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health" focuses on biodiversity as the foundation for our food and health and as a key catalyst to transforming food systems and improving human well-being. Biological diversity is vital for human health and well-being. To commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity, Extension Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun organized an exhibition in the corridors of FRI main building on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 with the aim to create awareness about the importance of biological diversity in our day to day life. The exhibition was a showcase of edible wild fruits, seeds, kernels, plants and plant produces of medicinal importance. Shri A.S. Rawat, Director, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun inaugurated the exhibition. In his inaugural address he emphasised on conservation of biological diversity for future generations. Dr. A.K. Pandey Head, Extension Division explained about the role of food items (wild fruits, seeds, kernels, mushrooms, green leaves/spices etc.) and medicinal plants and their products in our daily life. Many wild fruits, medicinal plant and mushrooms were displayed in the exhibition.

A stall put by social activist associated with "*Beej Bachao Campaign*" Mr. Vijay Jardhari from Tehri, Garhwal, Uttarakhand was centre of attraction where forest and agriculture seeds, cereals, fruits, herbs, pulses and other attractive items were displayed. In exhibition, Botany Division, Entomology, Pathology and Non Wood Forest Produce disciplines have participated and displayed their products, posters forest products and medicinal plants. Scientific interventions carried out by the institute were displayed through posters and other displays. Posters showing edible wild fruits and medicinal plants were also liked by visitors. There are 80 to 90 % bio diversity is being lost since last 20 years which are very important for the health of human being and animals. The exhibition was open to all till 5.30 PM to have awareness about the biological diversity. Teachers, students of different schools and colleges, officer, staff and research scholars of FRI and visitors visited the exhibition and showed keen interest. Scientists of Extension Division, Dr. Charan Singh, Dr. Devendra Kumar and Sh. Rambir Singh and staff of the Division contributed for successful organization of the exhibition.



Shri A.S Rawat, Director, FRI inaugurating the Exhibition



Head, Extension Division explaining about the exhibits to the Director, FRI



Wild Fruits displayed in Exhibition



Director, FRI visiting stall of Mr.Vijay Jardhari



Mr. Vijay Jardhari explaining about the exhibits to the Director, FRI & scientists of FRI



Students visiting stall during exhibition on celebration for biological diversity day -2019



Students & Teacher visiting stall during exhibition on celebration for biological diversity day -2019



Different types of cereals



Different types of pulses



Kafal (*Myrica esculenta*) fruits



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Medicinal Plants



Exhibits of Medicinal Seeds



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