

**Training Programme on
“Nursery and propagation techniques of *Trillium govanianum* (Nagchhatri)”
held at Haripur, Kullu (H.P.) on dated 06th August, 2020: A Report**

For organizing this training programme necessary permission was sought from Executive Magistrate, Manali district Kullu, Himachal Pradesh and keeping in view of the COVID-19 pandemic following directions issued by Govt. of India as well as the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh were strictly followed:

- All the persons who had attended the above mentioned training programme were asked to follow social distancing.
- They were provided with face masks and wearing of face cover/mask was made mandatory.
- Frequent sanitization of entire training place, common facilities and all points which come into human contact was ensured. Hand sanitizers and soap were provided in washrooms. Proper cleanliness was maintained.
- Provision for thermal scanning was made, sanitizer was made available at all the entry and exit points of the training programme.
- In the training programme large number of gathering was avoided.

One day training and demonstration programme on ‘**Nursery and propagation techniques of Nagchhatri (*Trillium govanianum*)**’ for progressive farmers and frontline staff of Himachal Pradesh State Forest Department (HPSFD) was organized by Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla at Haripur, Kullu (H.P.) on 06th August, 2020. This training programme was organized under National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi funded project titled “Standardization of nursery and propagation methods of *Trillium govanianum* Wall. ex D. Don (Nag chhatri)”. Thirty five participants from Kullu region participated in the training programme.

At the outset **Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F** and Training Coordinator, briefed about the training programme and highlighted the activities of Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla. Subsequently, he delivered a talk on ‘**Nursery and propagation techniques of Nagchhatri (*Trillium govanianum*)**’ and informed that the Institute has successfully developed the vegetative propagation methods of *T. govanianum* and raised considerable number of plants in the nursery. He also further discussed about the collection pattern of Nagchhatri and income generation thereof in different Valleys of Kullu district.

Dr Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G, deliberated upon ‘**Modern nursery techniques for raising quality planting stock of medicinal plants and forestry species**’ and discussed about organic farming and *in-situ* conservation of medicinal plants for sustainable income generation.

In the afternoon, **Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, M/s Nanda Medicinal Plants Exporters**, apprised participant about marketing, value addition and export of medicinal plants. He discussed the practical problems and solutions in marketing of produce and emphasized that it’s the need of the hour to start commercial cultivation of important high altitude medicinal plants through cluster formation so that bargaining power of the farmers is enhanced to realise better returns of their produce.

After tea break, participants were taken to cultivation field of medicinal plants at Mansari, Haripur Kullu (H.P) to demonstrate cultivation of important medicinal plants on commercial scale.

During the closing session the queries of the participants were duly addressed by the resource persons. Participants found this training programme very informative and urged to conduct such programme from time to time in future too. The training programme ended with a vote of thanks by training coordinator.

Glimpses of Training Programme



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