

**Three Days Trainings programme on**  
**“Agroforestry and land management”**  
**(18-9-2017 to 20-9-2017)**  
**at**  
**Van Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur**

Punjab is an agriculture rich state in Northern region of India and represents a large portion in agriculture based economy in the country. The state is also a pioneer state in adoption of agroforestry and gives a real sense to the concept of Tree outside forests. Farmers of Punjab are always eager to learn something new and adopt on their farmland. Likewise the technical education on modern agroforestry is a subject of public interest in Punjab as farmers seek more improved quality of planting material with specialized agroforestry models for a maximum benefit in short time.

Keeping in view, Extension Division of Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun conducted 3 days training programme from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 on “Agroforestry and Land management” for the farmers and other stakeholders of Punjab including frontline staff of Punjab Forest Department. The training programme was conducted at Van Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur. 35 farmers and Frontline staff of Punjab Forest Department participated in the training. Shri S. S. Sahota, Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur and Shri Anjan Singh, Divisional Officer, Training, Hoshiarpur jointly inaugurated the training programme on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Shri Sahota addressed participants and asserted that latest technical knowledge in the field of agroforestry given by the subject specialists of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun will certainly be beneficial to our farmers and frontline staff of our forest department as well. Shri Anjan Singh also expressed his views and mentioned that this training programme will be useful for our staff in an effective way for dissemination of technologies in the field of agroforestry. Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist-D delivered vote of thanks and the hosting of inaugural session was done by Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E.

A team of scientists comprising Dr. A. K. Pandey, Dr. Charan Singh, Dr. Devendra Kumar, Dr. D. M. Dimri, Dr. Shailesh Pandey and Shri P. K. Gupta of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun contributed in the training programme. During technical session a comprehensive knowledge on agroforestry and land

management was imparted to participants by subject specialists. As practical demonstration, a field visit to agroforestry areas was also arranged for all participants.

The three days training was concluded on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 with distribution of certificates to all participants. In closing ceremony Dr. A. K. Pandey, Head Extension Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun welcomed Shri N. S. Randhawa, Conservator of Forests, Hoshiarpur. Dr. Pandey said that the aim of the training programme is to disseminate recent technologies to different user groups. He thanked Forest Officers and their team for providing assistance in organizing training programme. He assured that Forest Research Institute, Dehradun will be always ready to solve the problems faced by farmers. In his concluding remarks, Shri Randhawa said that such type of more trainings should be organized in future so that farmers may come to know about new technologies and advancements, specially growing of tree species and their suitable combination with agriculture crops.

### **Glimpses of the training programme**









