

Training Workshop on ‘Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Livelihood in Watershed Management’ for district level officers of line Department of Uttarakhand State

The **Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) Dehra Dun** is organizing a two days training workshop for the District level officers of line Department of Uttarakhand State from 12-13 September 2013 on “**Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Livelihood in Watershed Management**”. 20 district officers from different parts of Uttarakhand are participating in the training workshop. The training workshop is **sponsored by Watershed Management Directorate, Dehradun. Shri Vivek Khandekar, Director, Biodiversity Conservation** at ICFRE is the Course-Director of this training workshop.

Speaking on the occasion of the inaugural session of the training workshop on “**Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Livelihood in Watershed Management**” for district level officers of line Department of Uttarakhand State, **Dr. S.P, Singh, Deputy Director General, Administration, ICFRE** said that Biodiversity Conservation is important for livelihood for the vulnerable section of the society. Dr. Singh further added that the State have been undertaken various conservation measures for biodiversity conservation. The district level officers of the line department must come up with different innovation for sustainable livelihood for ecosystem management. **Ms. Neena Grewal, Additional Director (M&E), Watershed Management Directorate, Dehradun** mentioned that in India there are good numbers of best practices being undertaken within the watershed management programme which will help the line department officers in implementing watershed programme in consonance with the ecosystem management. The district level officers must conduct awareness programme and trainings to the larger population of the state for better understanding of biodiversity conservation for sustainable livelihood.

Shri Saibal Dasgupta, DDG (Extension), ICFRE while welcoming the participants informed that ICFRE is proactive in Forest and Biodiversity related issues at the national and international level and is engaged in the capacity building programmes for the officers, scientists and technologists working in the government sector. He said that biodiversity rich forests are very good source for livelihood and biodiversity conservation programmes must be linked with the climate change.

. **Dr. Anita Srivastava, Addl. Director, Biodiversity Conservation** at ICFRE coordinated the Inaugural session.