

‘Conservation and Uses of Forest Genetic Resources’

28th to 30th August 2024

A three days training programme on **‘Conservation and uses of Forest Genetic Resources’** was organized by Forest Botany Division, ICFRE-Forest Research Institute, Dehradun from 28th to 30th August 2024, sponsored by CAMPA extension to impart knowledge regarding conservation and uses of Forest Genetic Resources. The training imparted to 19 Forest Rangers, Deputy Rangers and Foresters of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi Forest Departments.

The training started with the welcome address and overview of the training programme by Dr. Ranjana Negi, Head Forest Botany Division. She emphasized that the training programme was aimed at equipping forest officials with knowledge of forest genetic resources and to enhance their ability to protect and manage forest effectively. Director Richa Mishra, ICFRE-FRI in her address, emphasized the rapid declining of Forest Genetic Resources due to continues increase of anthropogenic activities like encroaching, over-exploitation, forest fire, illicit trading etc. She further highlighted the significance of the training to improve forest official’s ability to enforce laws related to genetic resource conservation and combat illegal activities like logging of genetically valuable species.

On the first day of training the Technical Session was organized where the lecture on various topic delivered by the subject experts. It includes the Diversity and Documentation related to Forest Genetic Resources of the respective state including their threatened status this followed by demonstration of DD Herbarium and Botanical garden was conducted .

On the second day of the training one day field visit to Mussoorie and adjoining forest areas was also conducted for the participants.

On the last day of the training the participants were oriented towards establishment and conservation of ‘Forest Genetic Resource’ (FGR) though Seed preservation and management of insect-pest and fungal diseases, current status of bamboo diversity in India, etc. Various subject experts shared their experience during this training programme. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Dr. Anup Chandra, Dr. B. P. Tamta, Dr. Ranjana Negi, Dr. Ramakant, Dr. Shailesh Pandey, Dr. H. B. Naithani, Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Dr. Dhiraj Kumar, Dr. Shruti, Laxmikant Panda and Dr. Dharendra were present and delivered lectures on different aspects of Forest Genetic Resources.

Glimpse of the Training....

