

# **A Training Programme on “Economic Importance of Insect-pests Especially Lepidoptera Diversity in Chirpine Forest of Jammu Province”: A Report March 03, 2018**

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized a one day training programme on **‘Economic Importance of Insect-pests Especially Lepidoptera Diversity in Chirpine Forest of Jammu Province’** for various stakeholders at Samba (Jammu) in collaboration with KVK, Samba on March 03, 2018. This training programme was organized under GBPNIHESD, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India funded project titled “Biodiversity, Habitat Association and GIS Mapping of Noctuid moths (Noctuidae: Lepidoptera) of Chirpine forest of Jammu Province (Jammu & Kashmir) India”. About 40 participants including progressive farmers and frontline staff of SFD participated in this training programme.

Dr. R. K. Arora, Associate Director and In charge KVKs (SKUAST, Jammu) was the Chief guest of the programme underlined the importance of such scientific programmes and also emphasized upon future collaborative programmes between HFRI and SKUAST, Jammu. Sh. Abhijeet Joshi, DFO Samba was the special invitee for the programme who laid stress on the needs of research interventions on protection of nurseries and plantations of the region from various threats and highlighted his expectations from HFRI to sort out these basic and important issues. Besides, he also appreciated the efforts of HFRI, Shimla and desired to work in close association for cause of forestry development of the region. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Head, Agro-forestry SKUAST, Jammu while delivering his talk also stressed upon the need of collaborative research to manage the incidences of important insect-pests in various nursery and plantation problems including conifers and agroforestry species.

Dr. Pawan Kumar, Scientist-D and Training Coordinator briefed about the training programme and highlighted the activities of Himalayan Forest Research Institute. He informed the gathering that habitat is very important requisite for proliferation and conservation of any living entity including lepidopteron species. Dr. Pawan Kumar further told that this training is an attempt to sensitize the stakeholders with the role of the Noctuid moths in Chirpine forest of Jammu Province (J&K) and conservation of the biodiversity. He further elaborated the importance of correct identification, true host plants and the exact dispersal limits of the species is important for both for developing control measures of these pest species. The work on biodiversity of the moths of Chirpine forest especially of Jammu province of J&K forest will add new biodiversity data and species status so as develop the conservation strategy for the Lepidoptera species. Dr. Deepak Patahania Prof. and Head, Dept. of environment Science, Central University Jammu delivered his talk on climatic impacts on biodiversity. Dr. Sanjeev Khajuria Scientist KVK Samba delivered his talk on Issues and challenges of forestry in Jammu and Dr. Brijnandan, Associate Professor, SKUAST, Jammu delivered his talk on Community involvement in Forestry.

Dr. R. K. Arora, also chaired the closing session which was Co-chaired by Dr. S.K. Gupta, and Sh. Abhijeet Joshi along with Dr. Pawan Kumar. Dr. Deepak Patahania, Dr. Sanjeev Khajuria and Dr. Brijnandan also interacted with the participants during the session. In the interactive session farmers and SFD officials felt that more such trainings needs to be imparted and they are witnessing first of its kind in Samba region. The relevant queries of the participants were duly addressed through expert opinion of all the resource persons. Training participants found this training programme very useful. The training programme ended with a vote of thanks by Course Coordinator, Dr. Pawan Kumar.

## Glimpses of the Training











# किसानों को राज्य के वनों की रक्षा के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया

साम्बा, 3 मार्च (संजीव): एच.एफ.आर.आई. शिमला द्वारा स्कॉट्स-जम्मू के कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्र के सहयोग से लो.नि.वि. गैस्ट हाऊस में कीटों के आर्थिक महत्व पर प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। जम्मू प्रांत के चिरपाइन वन में विशेष रूप से लेपिडोप्टेरा विविधता कीटनाशक के आर्थिक महत्व के लिए हालिया प्रौद्योगिकियों के बारे में साम्बा के किसानों व वन अधिकारियों को शिक्षित करने के लिए कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया।

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हिमालय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक और प्रशिक्षण समन्वयक डॉ. पवन कुमार ने अधिकारियों व प्रदेश के किसानों को राज्य के वनों

की रक्षा के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया। डॉ. संजय खजूरिया ने पर्यावरण अनुकूल प्रबंधन के बारे में बताया।

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