

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY WEEK – 2017 BY HFRI, SHIMLA

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla celebrated **National Productivity Week** from 12th to 18th February 2017. The theme for this year is, “**From waste to profits through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.**”



Shri Pradeep Bhardwaj, DCF and Extension Officer, HFRI gave a detailed presentation on the theme, “From waste to profits through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.” Highlighting the issue of reduction in use and re-use of certain items at home, workplace and garden etc., he said that recyclable materials include many kinds of glass, paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, textiles and electronic items.

Materials to be recycled are either brought to a collection centre or picked up from the curbside, then sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed into new materials destined for manufacturing. In the sense, recycling of a material would produce a fresh supply of the same material, for example, used office paper would be converted into new paper or used polystyrene foam into new polystyrene. He stressed that it is the need of the hour to follow the theme, “From Waste to Profits through Reduce, Recycle, Reuse,” in its true letter and spirit.

Dr. V.P. Tewari, Director, HFRI, Shimla said that instead of generic suggestions, specific efforts required to enhance productivity in few priority sectors need to be undertaken. Highlighting the issue of recycling, he said that **Recycling** is the process of converting waste materials into new materials and objects. It is an alternative to "conventional" waste disposal that can save material and help lower greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling can prevent the waste of potentially useful materials and reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, thereby reducing: energy usage, air pollution and water pollution. Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction and is the third component of the "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" waste hierarchy. He emphasized that HFRI should promote the theme in real sense and the scientific community can play a vital role in sensitizing the issue amongst the general public in a more effective and scientific way.



During this one week's celebrations various competitions viz., Essay Writing, Painting and Slogan Writing were organized by the Institute. The following are the winners of these competitions:

Competition	First Position	Second Position	Third Position
Essay Writing	Mr. Krishan Dev, LDC	Mrs. Drishti Sharma Technical Assistant	Mr. Vishav Deepak Purohit, JRF
Painting	Mr. Harish Chauhan Project Assistant	Mr. Narender Kumar Project Assistant	Mrs. Sonika Sharma Technical Assistant
Slogan Writing	Mrs. Drishti Sharma Technical Assistant	Mr. Dushyant Kumar, Research Assistant	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Project Assistant

In the end, Director, HFRI, gave away the prizes to the winners of various competitions.

Glimpses of the Competitions



Essay Writing



Painting



Slogan Writing



Painting

Glimpses of the Celebration





Prize Distribution



Essay Writing - First



Essay Writing - Second



Essay Writing - Third



Painting - First



Painting - Second



Painting - Third



Slogan Writing - First



Slogan Writing - Second



Slogan Writing - Third



Consolation Prizes

