

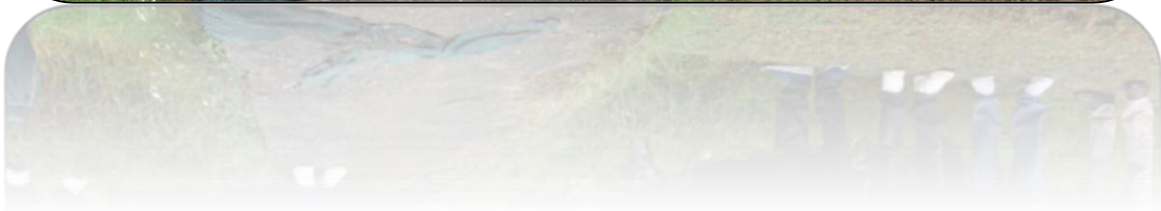
EVENT REPORT

Training and Demonstration Programme for Other Stakeholders

on Diversity, Conservation, Utilization, and Marketing of Medicinal Plants of North Western Himalayan Region

Venue: ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla

Duration: 6th–8th October 2025 (3 Days)



1. Introduction

✚ A three-day training and demonstration programme was organized at the ICFRE–Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla, from 6th to 8th October 2025. The programme focused on the diversity, conservation, utilization, and marketing of medicinal plants of the North Western Himalayan region.

The event brought together experts, scientists, and participants from various sectors to promote awareness, build technical knowledge, and encourage community-level participation in medicinal plant cultivation and utilization.

Four students from Government Degree College, Sanjauli participated in this training programme:



- **Anmol Sharma**
- **Ankit Dogra**
- **Sanjeevani Garg**
- **Vibhuti Singh**



2. Objectives of the Programme

- To impart knowledge on the diversity and conservation of medicinal plants in the Himalayan region.
- To demonstrate nursery and plantation techniques for quality medicinal plant production.
- To discuss marketing strategies and demand-supply chains for medicinal plants.
- To promote community-level cultivation for sustainable income generation.
- To provide hands-on training through field visits and practical demonstrations.

3. Schedule Overview

Day 1 (6 October 2025) – Technical Sessions and Lab Visit

The programme began with registration and an inaugural session. Topics covered on Day 1 included:

- Diversity, Identification, Conservation and Utilization of Medicinal Plants – Dr. Vaneet Jisthu
- Nursery Techniques for Production of Quality Planting Material – Sandeep Sharma
- Medicinal Plants as Intercrop for Income Diversification – Dr. Jagdish Singh
- Cultivation through Common Interest Groups and Marketing – Rajesh Chauhan
- Demand and Supply of Medicinal Plants – Dr. Vaneet Jisthu

The day concluded with a lab visit focusing on nursery and plantation techniques and the uses of *Juniperus polycarpus*.



Day 2 (7 October 2025) – Field Visit

A full-day field visit was conducted at FRS Shillaru, Narkanda. Activities included:

- Identification of key medicinal plant species
- Demonstration of nursery techniques for important medicinal plants
- Interaction with field staff and technical experts for practical learning.



Day 3 (8 October 2025) – Policy, Legal, and Practical Demonstrations

The final day included sessions on:

- Bio-fertilizers and Bio-fungicides for organic cultivation – Dr. Ashwani Tapwal
- Growing Medicinal Plants through Cooperative Societies – Ram Gopal
- Transit Rules and Legal Issues – Dinesh Paul (DCF)
- Invasive Plant Species and Management – Dr. Kuldeep Dogra
- Use of Temperate Medicinal Plants for Rural Health – Dr. Joginder S. Chauhan

The participants also visited the TDC for practical demonstrations on seed sample identification and displayed technologies. The event concluded with a Feedback and Valedictory Session.



4. Key Learnings

- Gained practical knowledge about medicinal plant cultivation and nursery techniques.
- Understood the legal and marketing aspects associated with medicinal plants.
- Learned about conservation strategies and sustainable use of Himalayan flora.
- Field experience provided hands-on understanding of identification and management of species.

5. Conclusion

The three-day training programme was highly informative and practical, enabling students to gain valuable insights into the potential of medicinal plants for livelihood generation and environmental conservation.

The participation of students from Government Degree College Sanjauli helped bridge academic knowledge with real-world applications, encouraging future initiatives in plant conservation and sustainable use.

6. Participants from GDC Sanjauli

- *Anmol Sharma*
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- *Sanjeevani Garg*
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