

## **Training on Agroforestry and land management begins at FRI**

Agroforestry is a dire need of today to improve the economy of farmers and balance the ecosystem in nature. It also increases tree cover outside forests. There is a wide scope for establishment of plantation on farmland with enhancement of ecological and economic value. Effective adoption of agroforestry for land management can be made possible through dissemination of knowledge through different awareness programmes, and training is one. Keeping this in view, Forest Research Institute (FRI) is conducting a 5 day training programme from 8 to 12 August on Agroforestry and Land Management for the farmers of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. It is being conducted at the 'Shatabdi Van Vigyan Kendra', City Centre (Rangers' College), Dehradun.

There are 28 farmers from different places of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand participating in the training. Dr. Savita, Director Forest Research Institute (FRI), inaugurated the training, here today. In her inaugural address, she emphasized that there is a wide scope of agroforestry in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand as both the states are rich in basic resources required for agroforestry practices.

She said that today, there is need of conservation and propagation of many important species outside forest areas through agroforestry. She asserted that after getting training, farmers should use the technical knowhow given by experts for improving their livelihood and act as a role model for others.

Sandeep Kujur, Head, Extension Division presented the welcome address. He said that the participants should not only learn or improve their skills with our subject experts but also apply in their respective areas and teach others.

He also emphasised on promotion of agroforestry in plains and hills. The anchoring of the inaugural programme was done and Rambir Singh, Scientist-C, expressed vote of thanks.

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