

## **Search on for Mythological ‘Sanjeevni’**

The Uttarakhand Government is undertaking a project to find the miracle herb, ‘Sanjeevni Booti’ in the mountains of Himalayas. The legend had it that Lord Hanuman brought the miracle herb from Himalayas to save the life of a grievously injured Laxman in war with Meghnad, son of demon king Ravana.

The state government has directed the Director AYUSH to chart out a blue print for the project. On Friday the Health and AYUSH minister of Uttarakhand Surendra Singh Negi took a meeting of with the members of the Sanjeevni research project and AYUSH officials at Vidhan Sabha auditorium.

Exhorting the officials to find the miracle herb the minister said that 65 per cent geographical area of the state is covered with forests and somewhere in these forests the Sanjeevni could be present.

“In ancient texts there is a mention of Drongiri Mountain where the Sanjeevni is found. This mountain is located in Chamoli district and our mission to trace this herb. The members of the project should consult the ancient texts and take the help of the local people to find the herbs of Sanjeevni family,” Negi said.

Undertaking the need to take up Ayurveda as a mission in the State, he opined that many problems of the State would be solved by this. He said that employment generation could take place from Ayurveda and the dream of Herbal state could be realised.

The minister suggested that a conference of all those involved in AYUSH should be convened on the issue. He said that the state government has put up the proposal for funding the project Sanjeevni before the Union Science and Technology minister in the month of February and their response is awaited.

Negi clearly told the officials that elaborate work on ground level should be done to trace Sanjeevni and the state government is committed to provide all possible help to the experts engaged in its hunt.

The meeting was attended by Director AYUSH Dr. A.K. Tripathi, former consultant herbs and aromatic plants Dr. Mayaram Uniyal, Ayurveda Pharmacologist Dr. Vinod Uppadhyay, Director General UCOST Rajendra Dobhal, Professor D.C. Singh and others.