

## Training programme for Forest Range Officers organized

A one-week training programme for Forest Range Officer trainees of Forest Training Institute and Ranger's College, Sundernagar was organized by the Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni.

The main objective of this training was to impart knowledge related to Tree Seed Technology, Propagation Methods, Forest Entomology, Wood identification techniques and yield assessment in forests. This training



focused on the practical aspects of Forestry and the trainees were exposed to laboratory experiments as well as field exercises. A total of 31 trainees underwent the training. They were accompanied by Parul Sood, Assistant Conservator of Forests.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr P K Mahajan, Dean, College of Forestry.

He apprised the trainees about the historical background and achievements of the College of Forestry and encouraged the trainees to make the most out of the programme. Dr Mahajan also thanked the Himachal Forest Department for their extending their support and cooperation to B Sc (Hons) Forestry students of the College who are attached with the Forest Department for RAW training during their final year.

He also emphasized the need for strong coordination between the scientists and Forest Department so that the various technologies that are developed at the University can be transferred and implemented by the department on a large scale for the welfare of the state. Dr Sanjeev Thakur, Professor and Head, Department of Tree Improvement and Genetic Resources also briefed the trainees.