



Centre of Excellence on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand-
(CoE)
Uttarakhand State Council For Science & Technology (UCOST)
Vigyan Dham Jhajra Premnagar Dehradun,
Uttarakhand



ACTIVITY PROFILE (2016-17) -

1. In- house Meetings and discussions with experts –

- A Departmental Advisory Committee Meeting was held on 21st March, 2016 at the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand to discuss the objectives of the project and the strategies to be followed with the members of COE. The meeting was chaired by the Dr. B.P. Purohit, Joint Director, UCOST.
- An Expert Committee Meeting was held on 31st March, 2016 at the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand to discuss the work plan and to formulate various project strategies. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ram Prasad, Ex. PCCF, Bhopal and Former DG, MPCOST
- A meeting with Dr. P. S. Bhalla, Scientific Officer, MPCOST, Bhopal was held on 18th April, 2016 at the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand to discuss potential sources of data like governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- A Departmental Advisory Committee meeting chaired by Dr. B. P. Purohit (Joint Director) was held on 29th April, 2016 at Centre of Excellence to discuss the questionnaires for villagers, traders and organizations and to accelerate the process of constitution of Project Advisory Committee (PAC).
- A review meeting of Centre of Excellence on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand with Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Director General, UCOST was held on 7th May, 2016 to discuss the criteria for site selection for sample survey to collect primary data regarding forest based livelihood.
- A meeting with Dr. V. P. Bhatt, Scientist, HRDI, Gopeshwar was held on 9th may, 2016 at the Centre of Excellence (COE) , UCOST to discuss the role of Bhesaj sangh, KMVN, GMVN in collection and marketing of medicinal plants and also the potential sources of data like governmental and non-governmental organizations.

- A meeting with Dr. V.P Bhatt, Scientist, HRDI, Gopeshwar was held on 6th June, 2016 at the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand to discuss the site selection for sample survey to collect primary data regarding forest based livelihood in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand.
- First Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of Centre of Excellence was held on 1st August, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rajendra Dobhal (Director General, Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology). Mentor of Centre of Excellence on Forest Based Livelihood in Uttarakhand Dr. Ram Prasad, Ex PCCF & former DG, MPCOST, Expert members of CoE (Shri S.T.S. Lepcha, PCCF & MD Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation, Dr. B. P. Tamta, Scientist- E, Non Wood Forest Product Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Shri Mahendra Singh Kunwar, Secretary, Himalayan Action Research Centre) and CoE team members were present in the meeting. Activities of Centre and future roadmap of project was discussed in the meeting. Brochure of Centre of Excellence was also released in the meeting.
- Meeting was held at the Centre of Excellence on 3rd August, 2016 with Shri M. S. Kunwar, Secretary, HARC to discuss the questionnaires of CoE and to learn about PRA technique.
- Internal Project Advisory meeting of CoE was held on 12th August, 2016 with Dr. B. P. Purohit, Joint Director, UCOST to chalk out monthly plans for project and to discuss the activities of Centre.
- Departmental Advisory Committee meeting of CoE was held at UCOST on 10th November 2016 with Dr. B. P. Purohit, Joint Director, UCOST and Head of Departmental Advisory Committee of project. Dr. Purohit suggested the team to visit the Technical Resource Centre (TRC) running in the area to get more information on wild harvest and livelihood dependency. Team was informed about proper sampling strategies and advised to conduct survey in selected villages.
- On 20th December 2016, meeting of CoE was held with Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Director General (UCOST) at DG office. Team gives presentation of trial survey conducted in Chamoli district from 14th – 18th December 2016.
- Meeting was held with Dr. Ram Prasad (Former DG, MPCOST & Ex. PCCF Madhya Pradesh and Mentor of Centre of Excellence) on 1st March 2017 to discuss the rough draft of Annual report of CoE.

- Departmental Advisory Committee meeting of CoE was held at UCOST on 21st March 2017, in which the progress of the CoE was revised and future objectives for the quarter were discussed.
- Meeting with GIS and Socio economic expert Prof. Dr. S. P. S. Kushwaha, Scientist-F and Former Dean, Academics, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun, on 29th March, 2017 to finalise the strategy of sampling plan of CoE.

2. Visits

- State Medicinal Plant Board (SMPB), Dehradun
- Uttarakhand Bamboo & Fibre Development Board (UBFDB), Dehradun
- Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC), Dehradun
- Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun
- Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation (UAFDC) mandi, Bibiwala, Rishikesh
- Indian Council of Forestry, Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun
- Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Dehradun
- Directorate of Census, Dehradun
- Villages of Chamoli district (Sainthi, Saintoli and Sunilgaon)
- Mixed forest at Village Kot-malla, Rudraprayag District
- Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Kaleshwar , Karnprayag (Chamoli)
- Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun
- Centre for Aromatic Plants (CAP), Selaqui, Dehradun

3. Workshops attended-

- Workshop on “Agro Technology and Profit Enhancing Marketing Strategy for Medicinal Plants” held on 2nd June 2016 at Doon University.
- 86th NASI Annual Session and Symposium on “Science Technology and Entrepreneurship for Human Welfare in the Himalayan Region” from 2nd to 4th December, 2016 held at UCOST
- 11th Uttarakhand State Science & Technology Congress (USSTC-11) held on 2nd –4th March, 2017 at UCOST.