



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 (2017-18) -

1. In- house Meetings and discussions with experts –

- A consultative meeting of CoE team with Prof. (Dr.) S.P.S. Kushwaha, Scientist- F, Former Group Director and Dean (Acad.), IIRS, ISRO (Expert, NRAA Project, FRI, Dehradun), Mr. Manoj Kumar, (Scientist-B, Forest Informatics Division, FRI) and Mr. Afaq Ahmad Khan, (Senior Socio-economist, NRAA Project) was held on 12th April, 2017 at UCOST. Strategies for selection of sample forest fringe villages of Uttarakhand for conducting Household survey and Focused Group Discussion (FGDs) in order to assess the forest-based livelihood in state was discussed in the meeting.
- Departmental Advisory Committee meeting of CoE was held at UCOST on 20th April 2017, in which the progress and activities of the CoE was revised and future objectives and visits of team were discussed.
- Review meeting of CoE was held on 1st June, 2017 at Centre of Excellence with Dr. Ram Prasad, Ex PCCF and Former DG, MPCOST (Mentor of CoE), Dr. Rajendra Dobhal (Director General, UCOST) and Dr. N.P. Shukla (Former Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Madhya Pradesh).
- CoE team conducted an expert lecture on ‘Statistical Sampling Strategies’ which was delivered by Shri Rajesh Kumar, Joint Director, Forest Survey of India and Deputy Director General, NSSO, Regional Office, Dehradun on 18th August, 2017.
- Departmental Advisory Committee meetings of CoE were held at UCOST on 11th July and 28th September, 2017, in which the progress and activities of the CoE were revised and future objectives and visits of team for the next quarter were discussed.
- Meeting of CoE was held on 24th August, 2017 at Centre of Excellence with Shri M. S. Kunwar, Secretary, Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC) and expert member of PAC, CoE.

- A meeting of CoE team was held at Forest Research Institute (FRI) on 2nd November, 2017 with Dr. Ram Prasad (Ex- PCCF Madhya Pradesh, Former DG MPCOST and Mentor of CoE).
- On 7th November, 2017 CoE team attended meeting held for review of project activities at Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi.
- Internal Project Advisory Committee meeting of Centre was held on 14th November, 2017 and 15th December, 2017 at UCOST to discuss the ATR of previous meetings and activities of the CoE. Future objectives and visits of team for the next quarter were discussed in the meetings.
- Project Advisory Committee meeting of Centre was held on 15th January, 2018 at UCOST in which expert members of PAC, CoE team and Experts from UCOST participated. Mentor of CoE, Dr. Ram Prasad (IFS, Former D. G. MPCOST and Director IIFM Bhopal, M. P.) advised to motivate local people for SHG preparation and entrepreneurship. It was emphasized to document existing innovations in the field in Uttarakhand. It was also suggested by experts to select relevant knowledge and entrepreneurship development partners. Revised proposal of CoE was also approved in PAC meeting which is to be submitted in ministry.
- Review Meeting was attended by CoE team at Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), New Delhi on 18th January, 2018 in which activities of CoE were discussed.
- On 23rd February, 2018 meeting was held at Centre with Shri Dinesh Joshi, Manager Livelihood, Uttarakhand Bamboo and Fibre Development Board (UBFDB), Dehradun. It was discussed that CoE and UBFDB should organise some production cum design workshop for ringal artisans in different cluster of Uttarakhand. Internal advisory committee meetings were held at the Centre to review project activities.
- Non Timber Forest Product (NTFP) gallery was set up at Centre of Excellence (CoE), UCSOT. Different NTFPs, which are found in forest of Uttarakhand like seeds, fibres (hemp, nettle etc.), leaves, ringal items, high altitude medicinal plant parts (choru, faran) etc are displayed in NTFP gallery at Centre of Excellence (CoE).

2. Visits

- Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation (UAFDC) mandi at Aamdanda (Ramnagar)
- Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation (UAFDC) mandi at Bibiwala (Rishikesh)
- Pangot, Chakbhediya and Hediya village Nainital district
- ‘Centre of Excellence on Oak’ at Vinayak in Nainital
- Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA), Nainital
- Forest Training Academy (FTA), Haldwani
- G. K. Traders, Dehradun (Forest produce based company), Dehradun
- Bhartiya Gramothan Sanstha, Dhalwala, Rishikesh, (Tehri Garhwal)
- Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Dehradun
- Bhesaj Sangh, Muni ki reti, Rishikesh, Tehri Garhwal
- Uttarakhand Bamboo and Fibre Development Board (UBFDB)
- Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun
- Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Dehradun
- Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), Dehradun
- Himmothan (NGO) in Dehradun on 15th December, 2017
- Department of Biostatistics, Shri Ram Himalayan University (SRHU), Dehradun

3. Workshops attended-

- 19th Commonwealth Forestry Conference 2017 held at Forest Research Institute Dehradun from 3rd to 7th April 2017
- Valley of Words conducted by RST Forum in Dehradun on 18 November, 2017
- 2nd Himachal Pradesh Science Congress held on 20th and 21st November 2017 at Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE)
- 12th Uttarakhand State Science & Technology Congress (USSTC-12) held on 7th to 9th March, 2018
- One day workshop on ‘IIRS User Interaction Meet-2018’ held at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun on 27th February, 2018.