



# Forest-based Resources and Livelihood Options



## Background

Nearly 1.6 billion people (25%), including 60 million indigenous people, depend on forests for subsistence, livelihood, employment, and income generation. In India, around 275 million people, coming to around 40% of the country's poor population, live in the forest fringes and depend on the forest for their livelihood. Forest in Uttarakhand spread over 34650 km<sup>2</sup> where indigenous communities gather multiple resources to support their living and livelihoods. Mapping resources and availability are crucial for long-term conservation, sustainable utilization, and community livelihoods.

## Objectives

- To deliberate on the current state of knowledge on forest-based resources in the Indian Himalayan region focusing on Uttarakhand
- To understand the role of forest resources in the income and livelihood
- To develop strategies for harnessing forest resources as a source of sustainable livelihood and for their conservation and management

Date

03 November 2022  
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Venue



**G.B. Pant National  
Institute of Himalayan  
Environment  
Kosi-Katarmal, Almora**



## Deliverables

The envisaged outcome of the workshop will be 'Workshop Proceedings' and key messages, which will form the report on the "current state of knowledge on forest-based resources and their role in providing livelihood to the indigenous communities.

# Programme

9.30- 10.00 hrs

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Registration

10.00–11.00 hrs

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Inaugural function

Welcome remarks – Sunil Nautiyal, Director, GBPNiHE  
About the project – Ashutosh Mishra, Senior Scientific Officer, UCOST  
About the workshop– I. D. Bhatt, Scientist F & Head CBCM, GBPNiHE

## Remarks from the Experts

Special invitee – STS Lepcha, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dehradun  
Guest of honour – Anil Bisht, CO, ITBP Bimola Almora  
Guest of honour – Jeet Ram, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Forestry, KU Nainital  
Chief Guest – R.K. Maikhuri, HNBSU Srinagar

11.00 – 1.00 hrs

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Technical Session I

*Current Status of Knowledge on Forest-based resources*

Chair: Jeet Ram, Professor & Head, Department of Forestry, KU Nainital

11.00 – 1.00 hrs

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Technical Session II

*Forest-based Resources and Livelihood Options*

Chair: R. K. Maikhuri, Professor & Head HNBSU

1.00 – 2.00 hrs

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Technical Session III

*Strategies for Sustainable Harnessing the Potential of NTFPs and way forward*

Chair: STS Lepcha, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dehradun

Closing remarks – R. K. Maikhuri, Professor & Head, Env. Sciences, HNBSU Srinagar

**Patron**



**Prof. Sunil Nautiyal**  
Director  
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**Dr. I. D. Bhatt**  
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