

## **Project Update: May 2015**

1. Seeds from 20 wild edibles species were finally stored in air tight jars in a wooden almirah at Village-Surainthota, Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, Uttarakhand, India.
2. Two training workshops were also carried out in the final phase of project on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 and 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. In these workshops, awareness was generated and capacity was built among locals regarding importance of wild edible seed banks for conserving germplasm of traditional variety of seeds.
3. Besides, the technical knowhow for local value addition of wild edibles for livelihood enhancement was also shared. Wild edible plants species those were available in and around the village periphery were selected to demonstrate the local value products. The experts from fruit processing institute were engaged for developing and demonstrating the products before the villagers so that they could early adopt it for their own consumption or as to earn economy for their livelihood.
4. An informative booklet on studied wild edible plants has been prepared and distributed to the local people of the region. This small book is covered with comprehensive information of wild edibles, ethno-botany and other nutritional properties.
5. The impact of the project has started in the valley as people not only from the studied places but also from nearby villages have started taking interest in seed bank idea. Besides, we are also going to keep this project activities and its seed bank idea for future.
6. In next few months we are planning to use seeds stored by us in seed bank for domestication so that they can be used for their nutritional properties.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

1. An article highlighting the project activities was also published in E-magazine of the World's Farmers plant breeding and Biodiversity. Issue n°28. Published by World Farmers' Organization "Let us understand and conserve lesser known wild edible Diversity" F@rmletter. Rome. Pp 16 (copy enclosed).
2. D. Dhyan 2015, Community Seed Bank: Conserving Wild Edible Diversity of Himalayas. In Ecowhisper Magazine, Vol. 2. Issue 1. Page 39-43 (copy enclosed).

### **AWARD/ PRIZE:**

1. 1<sup>ST</sup> prize in #IUFRO2014 Blog Competition organised by The International Union of Forest Research Organizations, 10 October 2014.

2. 2nd Prize: “Wild edibles fight poverty and provide food security” by Dr. Deepak Dhyani (Entry #6) <http://dialogues.cgiar.org/blog/wild-edibles-fight-poverty-and-provide-food-security/>. The entry received a voting score of 8,900 points.

**PHOTOGRAPHS RELATED TO PROJECT UPDATE**



Wild edible seeds drying



Discussion in workshop



Local People seeing the seed bank



A view of wooden Almirah used for seed bank

