

## **Project Update: May 2011**

You will be glad to note that State Forest Department is coming up with publication of 'Forestry Journal' so as to boost cultivation of rare medicinal plants. They had requested for the article and our effort related to development of nursery techniques will feature in that. Being a govt. publication this has a wider reach in forestry and agriculture sector.

Also, it's heartening to note that at our primary field site (village Shilim), because of our experimentation and success thereafter for last 3-4 years, more than 25 farmer families showed their willingness and kindly agreed to extend their support for promotion of rare medicinal plants. We had a preliminary site visit and all of them agreed to raise captive plantation plots in their fields. I am feeling really happy and satisfied for the stake and interest the local community had developed. Now this component will go in the 'continuation grant proposal' that we are developing.

We are developing a methodology manual on mass multiplication techniques of threatened medicinal plant species as a post project activity. It will include 10 species that we focused on. Draft design is ready and now going through corrections in text, editing and proof reading etc etc. Simultaneously the 'next phase proposal' is taking shape and it will get boost once this 'nursery technique manual' task gets completed.