

## Field Day organized in Kalpa Block of Kinnaur District

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Regional Station (CHC), Amartara Cottage, Shimla organized a Field Day in Kalpa Block of Kinnaur District. Purpose of program was to create awareness regarding virus free quality planting material of apple among the farmers. Event was organized in eight different panchayats viz., Rogi, Kalpa, Koti, Pangi, Kamroo, Sangla, Themgrang and Batseri w.e.f. 06/09/2016 to 10/09/2016. Program was conducted in panchayat Bhawan of respective Panchayat in the presence of Pradhan and farmers. Team comprising of Mr Santosh Watpade (Scientist), Mr Moulak Ram (T4), Mr Ranjeet Singh (T2) and Swaroop Lal (T1), Mr Vidhya Lal (SSS) along with Mr Parmeshwar Negi (NGO-HARP) participated in this event. Apart from viruses and planting material farmer's problems regarding fungal diseases such as white root rot, cankers etc were also addressed. The program was organized under the DST (TIME-LEARN) funded project entitled "Establishment of virus free elite mother block of apple in the tribal areas of Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti in Himachal Pradesh". Dr K.K.Pramanick, Head, IARI Regional Station, Shimla appreciated the events.

### Venue: Kalpa Panchayat



**Venue: Kamroo Panchayat**



**IARI staff interacting with farmers regarding virus free quality planting material**



**Collecting fruit samples from proposed elite apple tree for laboratory testing**



**Apple tree showing symptoms of soil borne disease: White root rot**

