

Two day training program on the topic “Integrated orchard management” organized in Nichar Block of Kinnaur District (H.P.)

ICAR-IARI Regional Station (CHC), Amartara Cottage, Shimla 171004 (H.P.) had organized a training program at Yangpa Panchayat of Nichar Block, Kinnaur District (HP) w.e.f. 10-05-2018 to 11-05-2018 (2 days) in which scientist from ICAR-NBPGR, Regional Station, Phagli Shimla 171004 also participated. Mr Santosh Watpade (Scientist) briefed farmers regarding important diseases and pests of apple and their integrated management. Dr Narender Negi (Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR Regional Station, Shimla) explained importance of conservation as well as use of wild relatives of apple and other temperate fruits. Mr Rakesh Kumar described nutrient deficiency and their management to the farmers. Mr Kishan Singh, Technical staff demonstrated procedure of grafting and budding to the group of farmers. The event was organized in the Panchayat Bhawan in the presence of Pradhan and farmers. Field visits was organised on next day and problems of farmers were addressed. The training program was organized by Mr Santosh Watpade, Scientist under the guidance of Dr K K Pramanick, Head, ICAR-IARI Regional Station (CHC), Amartara Cottage, Shimla. He chalked out the program and extension folder finalized for this occasion. This 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”.

