

Training program on “Integrated orchard management of apple” organized at Kalpa block, Kinnaur district

ICAR-IARI Regional Station (CHC), Amartara Cottage, Shimla 171004 (H.P.) had organized a training program at Kalpa and Koti Panchayat of Nichar Block, Kinnaur District (HP) 24/05/2018 and 25/05/2018 respectively. Mr Santosh Watpade (Scientist) welcomed all the farmers and gave brief introduction of institute. Then Dr A. K. Shukla, Principal Scientist explained to the farmers regarding good orchard management practices including selection of site, pit preparation, fertilizer application, planting, training, pruning, basin preparation etc. Mr Santosh Watpade described method of identification and integrated management of important insect and pest of apple. Dr Jitender Kumar, T-3 illustrated propagation techniques of temperate fruit crops and stressed on conservation of biodiversity of wild species to the farmers. Mr Rakesh Kumar and Mr Molak Ram helped in the organization of event. The event was organized in the Panchayat Bhawan in the presence of Pradhan and farmers. During field visits problems of farmers regarding apple cultivation were addressed by scientists. The training program was organized under the guidance of Dr K K Pramanick, Head, ICAR-IARI Regional Station (CHC), Amartara Cottage, Shimla who took the initiative for tribal development. 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”.



