

**Celebration of International Day of Biological Diversity 2015
Dehradun, Nainital, Chamoli, Uttarkashi**



The state level programme has been organized at Dehradun (Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) Auditorium, Forest Research Institute (FRI) Campus, Dehradun.

Mr. Harish Rawat, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand will be the Chief Guest of the function. The function will also be attended by Mr. Dinesh Aggarwal, Minister of Environment and Forests, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun & Dr. Ranbir Singh, Principal Secretary Forest,.

The key-note address will be given by Dr. L.M.S. Palni, former Director, Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora.

The participants will be various departments of state and central government, researchers, students, members of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC), Civil Society Organizations etc.

The highlights of the programme are the release of a bilingual book in Hindi and English on Operationalization of BMC by the Chief Guest, giving away cheques to BMCs for preparing Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBR) and felicitating Habib Cosmetics Ltd. Dehradun for signing Access Benefit Sharing agreement with the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board. This ABS agreement is the first by any State Biodiversity Board in India.