

## Forest Research Range, Pithoragarh

### Himalayan arboretum a lesser known of Himalaya plants

An arboretum is an ample area set aside for the growing and effective display of all the different kind of ornamental, medicinal trees, shrubs and herbs which can grown in a given area. Accordingly this, the forest research wing of Uttarakhand established an Himalayan arboretum a lesser known of Himalaya plants in Lohathal 2021. Which was approved by Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) scheme in 2021.

Himalayan arboretum situated in Lohathal (Berinag) at 1897 masl. This area spread in one hectare and main aims to conserve important plant species. In this arboretum plants species are grown with great care and using various nursery technique to produce disease free plant for their healthy life cycle. In Himalayan arboretum more than 45 plant species such as tree ,shrubs and herbs are conserved by Uttarakhand forest research wing.

*Trachycarpus takil* known as kumaon palm ,Threatened species categorized by Uttarakhand biodiversity board and *Berberis lambertii* , Critically endangered ( A checklist of berberidaceae in Uttarakhand) also conserve here.

The tree species include *Betula alnoides*, *Betula utilis*, *Pyrus pashia* etc are also found here with their highly religious value and medicinal as well as ecological value.

The main objective of establishing this Himalayan arboretum was spreading awareness about lesser known plants which is found in Kumaon Himalaya



Fig.1 Entry gate



Fig2. Nursery area