

**Climate Change Awareness Programmes in Ramgad and Kulgad Watersheds, District
Nainital, Uttarakhand
[25 March- 05 April 2019]**

DISSEMINATION REPORT

Objective of the Programme:

The Department of Geography, Kumaun University, Nainital; Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA), Nainital and Department of Geography, Government Post Graduate College, Rudrapur organized Climate Change Awareness Programmes in 11 Villages of Ramgad and Kulgad Watersheds in association with School of Civil Engineering, New Castle University, Newcastle, UK and Central Himalayan Rural Action Group [CHIRAG], Nainital between 05 and 11 April 2019 in different villages and schools. The main objective of the Programme was to assess the level of awareness of the climate change and its impacts among the rural communities and rural school children in Ramgad and Kulgad watersheds. The more specific focus of the programme has been the comprehensive assessment of impacts of climate change induced drought on forests, agriculture-horticulture and water resources from wider community perspective; and analyze information and knowledge gap between community and local government line departments at district and sub-district levels.

Workshop Participants:

Nearly 250 participants including local villagers both men and women, Gram Pradhans, Heads and members of Forest Panchayats, BDC Members, Progressive Farmers, Representatives and Members of Grass-root Institutions of different villages located in Ramgarh Development Block, Faculty Members and Research Scholars of Kumaun University and its affiliated Colleges; staff members of CHIRAG and students on secondary schools actively participated in the programmes organized in different villages.

Summary Statement of Workshop Participants

S No	Programme Location	Date	Participants				Total
			Community Members	Government Officials	Students	NGO/ Others	
1	Satbuga	25/03	18	2 (Forest Department)	15	2	35
2	Junior High School, Stabunga	26/03	-	-	190	5	195
3	Nathuwakhan	28/03	25	2 (Forest Department)	15	2	42
4	Devdaru	29/03	10	1	15	1	27
5	Baribaj	30/03	8	-	15	3	24
6	Malla Ramgad	31/03	22	2	15	1	40
7	Ramgarh Block Office	01/04	10	1	15	1	27
8	Ramgarh Talla	02/04	10	1	15	1	27
9	Pali/Jhutiya	03/04	16	1	15	1	33
10	Government Inter College, Nathuakhan	04/04	-	-	290	11	301
11	Junior High School, Malla Ramgarh	05/04	-	-	111	9	119

Outcomes of the Programme:

1. Most of the villages in both the watersheds been facing severe drought conditions for the last 10 years particularly during winter and spring seasons primarily due to decline in winter rainfall in the region.
2. The water sources in both the watersheds are drying up and the availability of water for irrigation is declining, particularly during winter and spring seasons.
3. The observed changes in the precipitation pattern and resultant decrease in groundwater recharge have large impact not only on the agriculture and horticulture productivity, but also on the livelihood and income of rural population, particularly poor and marginalized sections of the society.
4. The data and information about climate, weather and hydrological process are extremely
5. lacking in the region, and the local people do not have access to these critical information.
6. The Government Line Departments are not equipped with proper scientific information and knowledge about the prevailing drought conditions in the region. Further, there exists a large gap between the problem and priorities of local communities and the effectiveness of local level developmental planning.

Pictures of the Climate Change Awareness Programme













