

VAN PANCHAYAT AND FOREST MANAGEMENT IN UTTARAKHAND

ABSTRACT : People in Uttarakhand depend highly on forest to draw livestock fodder, fuel-wood and leaf litter for manuring crops. About 38% green feeds come from trees and another 31% from grasses. Oak and other broad-leave species are fed to livestock during dry season. Due to close interrelation with forest people have developed indigenous way of managing forest resources. This communication underscores the traditional system of Oak utilization and initiatives taken by Van Panchayat of Kimoli village in Uttarakhand for Oak forest management.
