



French team became aware of biotechnology research work.

Pantnagar(Panjab Keshari) .With the aim of promoting mutual cooperation in agriculture and food related sectors, a sixteen member team from France reached Uttarakhand Council for Biotechnology, Haldi, Pantnagar and learned about the research and development activities taking place there. Under the leadership of Director Dr. Sanjay Kumar, all the members of the team were taken on a tour of the modern laboratories established in the Council and were given information about tomatoes, spinach, lettuce and kiwifruit being produced through hydroponic and plant tissue culture methods. There, Dr. Sanjay Kumar informed them about the method of making Seed Disc prepared by the Council and the objectives of making them. In the Molecular Biology Laboratory, the French team was given information about the preparation of nanoparticles and herbal products from invasive species of plants such as Parthenium(carrot grass) and Ageratum. They were also informed about the research efforts being made to increase the milk production of Badri cow found in Uttarakhand. In the Environmental Laboratory, information was given on the methods of determining the quality of drinking water and cultivable soil. Dr. H.J.Shiv Prasad, Director of International Affairs, Pantnagar University, coordinated the visit. During this, council scientists Dr. Manindra Mohan, Dr. Sumit Purohit, Dr. Jyoti Prasad, Sachin Sharma, Anuj John, Jitendra Singh , Surabh, Anupam, Medha, Chandni, Sonali and researchers and staff were present.