

17th March , Masi village

Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change(MoEF&CC) funded National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) workshop "Exploring Livelihood Potential of Wild Growing Stinging Nettle (Urtica dioica) in Uttarakhand" was conducted by Greenhills Trust Almora in Masi Village, Almora district on Wednesday, 17th March, 2021.

Dr Vasudha Pant of the Greenhills Trust Almora, and Dr Uma Nauliya of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Matela, Almora were the head trainers.

In the presence of Gram Pradhan Deepa Masiwal; 80 local residents participated in the training which included women, school children , college girls, and boys.

The workshop was commemorating the **75th Anniversary year “Azadi ke 75 saal” Amrit Mahotsav.**



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India’s socio-cultural, political and economic identity; and decorate the unsung heroes of the independence struggle.



Dr. Vasudha Pant, Greenhills Trust Almora, interacting with participants of the training session, during the workshop held on 17th March in Masi village; product demonstrations and processes were informed to the villagers regarding avenues for self employment and income augmentation in rural agrarian economies of the Uttarakhand regions.

Amongst the freedom fighters of Uttarakhand from Almora– who deserve special mention in the freedom movement storyline are

- Hargovind Pant (Freedom fighter, Social activist and member of constituent assembly)
- Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant (First Bharat Ratna winner from Uttarakhand)
- Badri Dutt Pandey (Kumaon Keshari)
- Victor Mohan Joshi
- Ram Singh Dhauni

The official journey of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” commences on 12th March, 2021 which starts a 75 week countdown to our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end post a year on 15th August, 2023.

It was a matter of pride for me to speak about our heroes of freedom movement with the gathering as I belong to the family of renowned freedom fighter, social activist, educationist, and a member of constituent assembly of India and a true Kumauni Pt. Hargovind Pant.

The workshop was appreciated by all the participants with keen interest shown by the members in taking up project activities.

[\(1243\) Dr Vasudha Pant; Stinging Nettle Training Masi - YouTube](#)

[\(1243\) nettle training video - YouTube](#)



Dr. Uma Nauliya, KVK Almora, interacting with participants of the training session, during the workshop held on 17th March in Masi village.



Gram Pradhan Masi, Deepa Masiwal, addressing the villagers.

Due to Covid situation such more activities could not be taken, however will resume it once the situation is normal.

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