

Project for Center of Excellence for fodder Development:

ULDB is implementing a project for establishing Center of Excellence on Fodder Grasses in 11 hilly districts of the state. The main objective of the project is to create nucleus centers for production and dissemination of fodder seeds, root stocks & cuttings & demonstration and training for farmers. These centers are established on 10 hectares of Van Panchayat land; farms of the Animal Husbandry Department & in the on available land in the campuses of District Milk Unions. Till now a total of 130 hectares of land at 22 sites have been developed. In the near future more areas & new sites would be taken up.

Project for Grassland Development and Grass Reserves:

This is a newly sanctioned project for Grassland Development in 9 Hilly Districts of Uttaranchal. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, sanctioned by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. This scheme shall be carried out on 90 hectare land of Van Panchayats, Common Property Resources & Community Lands. The objectives of the project are as follows:

1. Adoption of a scientific approach for the production of high quality fodder, its conservation & optimal utilization.
2. Production of high quality fodder seeds to suite the different agro-climatic zones.
3. Production & dissemination of high quality fodder germ plasm.
4. To impart training to farmers on fodder production & related activities.

Fodder Bank:

Under the Scheme, "Assistance to States for Feed & Fodder Development", sanctioned by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India two Fodder Banks have been established in the state; one at G.B. Pant University of Ag. & Technology, Pantnagar to cater the need of Kumaon region & second at ULDB, Shyampur, Rishikesh to cater the need of Garhwal region. The scheme is jointly sponsored by Government of India & State Government of Uttaranchal on 75% : 25% cost sharing ratio. Production of Compact Feed Blocks has been started since May 2005. Objective of this scheme are:

1. Preservation/ Storage of surplus fodder.
2. Availability of nutritious fodder during the period of fodder scarcity.
3. To enhance nutritive value of crop residue & other cellulosic waste for animal feeding.
4. Stabilization of fodder prices & maintenance of round the year supply.
5. To minimize wastage of conventional & non-conventional fodder.