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**Press Note**

**VC BGSBU releases book on Plants of western Himalayas**

Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri Prof. Akbar Masood today released a Pictorial Field Guide titled “Economically Important Plants of District Rajouri, J&K, Western Himalaya” (Volume -I) in the Vice Chancellor Secretariat at BGSB University authored by Dr. Shreekar Pant (Coordinator, Centre for Biodiversity Studies) and Mr. Zishan Ahmad Wani, Mr. Adil Farooq and Dr. Virbala Sharma. The pictorial book envisages on various aspects of economically important plants of District Rajouri, like taxonomic characteristics, part(s) used, ethnomedicinal uses, phytochemicals and pharmacological activities along with their coloured photographs. On the occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood congratulated the authors for this colossal task while also applauding the various facets of the book. Prof. Akbar said that this pictorial field guide (Volume - I) will be of immense utility to researchers, teachers, students, scientists, plant taxonomists, conservationists, foresters, nature lovers and planner working in the Himalaya. The program ended on a note that the book becomes guidance for students and academicians alike in the subject.

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