



### Enhancing Livelihoods through the Exoticism of Himalayas

**D**evelopment Alternatives (DA) conducted a stakeholders consultation and planning workshop for the project, 'Creating Livelihood Options through Development of Eco-tourism Opportunities in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh' under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change). This workshop was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organization (HESCO) Campus in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. It aimed at facilitating an interaction between 25 participants, including local stakeholders from departments of tourism, forest, rural development, livelihoods, biodiversity and architecture, and cultural experts who shared their local and indigenous knowledge and experiences that will be instrumental in designing and steering the initiative towards bringing maximum positive impact on the beneficiaries. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Eco-tourism) of the state, Mr. Girija Shanker Pande, also shared his knowledge on the existing enablers and policies to support DA's work in the long run.