

## LESSON-3

### NATURE'S BOUNTY

#### QUESTION AND ANSWER

1. What was the unique way in which the women of Uttarakhand showed their love and respect for trees?

The women of Uttarakhand showed their love and respect for their trees in a unique way as they confronted the woodcutters by putting themselves between the trees and the woodcutters. The women stood in a row around the trees. They then chased the labourers out of forest and kept vigil throughout the night. After a three-day standoff, the men finally withdrew without having accomplished their task.

2. Give instances for text to show that the Chipko movement started without much planning.

The Chipko movement started without planning. The people did not even know beforehand that the date for the felling of trees had really been fixed. On that day, all the men of the village had gone out to Chamoli. A young girl happened to see the labourers going towards the forest and went running back to report it to Gaura Devi. That is when the women came out to protest.

3. In what sense had the women of Reni proved the men of the village wrong?

The men of the village, who had gone to Chamoli, had heard from some people about the proposed plan to fell trees in their area. They were sure that on their return, they would find an entire belt of destroyed forest. But the women of Reni proved them wrong by putting themselves between the trees and the woodcutters and chasing the woodcutters out of the forest to stop the felling of trees.