

## Twenty-five days skill training program on “Gardener”



A twenty-five days skill training program on “Gardener” (AGR/Q0801) for 25 unemployed youth during 12 October to 05 November, 2020 by the Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand (Gujarat) under central sector scheme (CSS) was organised. Inaugural function of the training programme was held in auditorium hall of the

Directorate on 12 October, 2020. Dr. S. Roy, Director, ICAR-DMAPR, Boriavi chaired the function and Dr A. M. Shekh, Ex-Vice Chancellor, AAU Anand was the chief Guest. There were 25 participants from different eight Districts of Gujarat. Dr. P.L. Saran, Principal Scientist, and In-Charge, CSS Scheme, briefed about the skill training program. The aim of the training is to provide a platform to unemployed youth and farmers for skill development. This will help them to upgrade their skill and knowledge regarding gardening. He explained that the scheme is being operated in such a way so as to deliver direct benefit to the people of Gujarat region. Dr. Shekh, emphasized the need of such programs in present covid-19 situation for employment generation. Dr. Roy highlighted the importance of horticultural plants especially ornamentals and gardening. He also emphasized the scope of gardening business in the era of urbanization for the benefit of the society. During twenty-five-day programme more than 58 topics were covered viz., gardening types, basic landscaping, designs for the beautification of gardens, soil decontamination, nursery management, propagation, protection, nutrient managements, training, pruning, rose and rock gardening, cactus gardening, lawn preparation and its management, flower cultivation, hydroponics, rock gardening, bonsai, potting-repotting, layout preparation, efficient irrigation methods for gardening, tissue culture, use and safety measures of garden equipment's, agritourism, grow indoor plants and their basic requirements, tray / vertical gardening, export, marketing, supply chain etc. We also arranged more than twenty practicals with seven field visits for making more effective and efficient to this programme. The program was successfully organised by Dr. P.L. Saran, Dr. K.A. Kalariya and Dr. R. P. Meena, and assessment was completed with the help of METTL and ASCI on 05, November, 2020.



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