

ICAR-DMAPR, Anand Foundation Day Celebrated

ICAR-DMAPR, Anand 24th November, 2020

The 29th Foundation day of the ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR) was celebrated on 24th November, 2020. The virtual event was held in which Dr. Anandkumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticultural sciences), ICAR was the chief Guest. Dr. Vikramaditya Pandey, Assistant Director General (Horticultural sciences), ICAR and Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey, Assistant Director General (Horticultural sciences), ICAR was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Satyajit Roy, Director, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand was present in the event. Scientists and staff of ICAR-DMAPR, Anand and AICRP-MAP&B centers, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) progressive farmers and other stakeholders were present on this occasion.



Dr. Roy, Director, in welcome address presented the brief achievements, growth and progress of the Directorate. He said that, DMAPR has come out with two new varieties in Kalmegh and Bach for cultivation.



Dr. V Pandey, in his address appreciated the institution's research work and its fast progress. He suggested the need for commercialization of institute technologies for the greater benefit of the society. Further, he emphasized that, there is a need to be connected with stakeholders for technology

development, refinement and transfer.

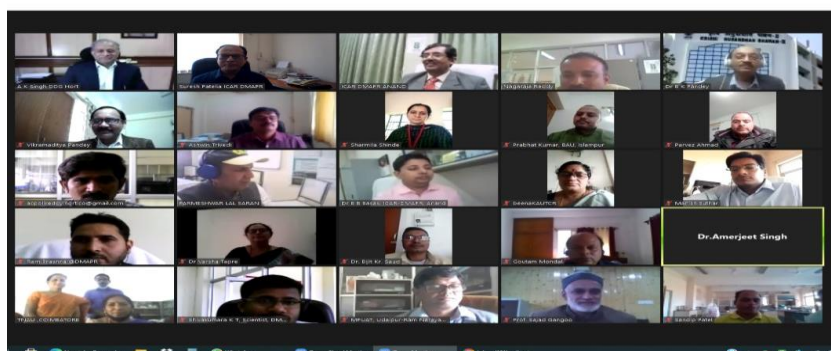
Dr. B K Pandey, in his address said there is need for market intelligence research to counter price volatility of medicinal and aromatic plants. He said that, COVID19 has created special market for herbs such as immunity boosters and suggested to do market-oriented research.



Dr. AK Singh, in his address emphasised to provide a complete package of technologies along with government scheme to the beneficiaries for doubling farm income. He opined the need for research on quality analysis of MAPs, value addition and application of biotechnology to further MAP development. He suggested to prepare an IOT enabled dashboard for information dissemination.

Three progressive medicinal plant growers from Gujarat were also felicitated on this occasion. The awards viz., Best scientist award, Best research paper award, Best scientist for extension activity for the scientists, and Best worker in the technical, administrative and skill support staff categories were presented. Certificate of appreciation was distributed to the staff members for their contributions for the success of the program on inspection visit of Parliamentary standing committee on Agriculture and Parliamentary sub committee on official language.

In the end, Dr. P.L. Saran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand proposed the vote of thanks.



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