

One-day training programme and farm input distribution to SC farmers under SCSP scheme organized on 30.06.2022

The ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Boriavi (Anand) organized one-day farmer's training programme under the scheduled cast sub-plan entitled **“Promotion of medicinal plants cultivation through natural farming for livelihood and health security of SCs in Gujrat”** at ICAR-DMAPR, Boriavi, Anand on 30.06.22. The main objective of the training programme was the dissemination of knowledge about the importance and cultivation of important



medicinal and aromatic crops to marginal farmers of SC community of Gujarat. Dr. Samadhan Bagul, Scientist and Chairman of the SCSP committee welcomed the farmers and explained the importance of the Scheme, and also delivered a lecture on different components of natural farming such as jeevamrutha, Brhamstra, Agniastra, Neemastra, preparations and their utilization to improve the yield and quality of medicinal plants. Dr. Satynashu Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-DMAPR was present as

Chief Guest. He emphasised role of medicinal plants during covid pandemic and community farming of medicinal plants for higher remuneration. Dr. K. A. Kalariya, Sr. scientist presented about the seeds of medicinal and aromatic plants. Dr. Raghuraj Singh presented about post-harvest process for MAPs to get good income. Dr. Reddy N. R, Sr. Scientist has discussed with the farmers about the market scenario of medicinal and aromatic plants and the value addition of MAPs. He briefed about the demand, supply, and marketing of MAPs in the present COVID situation. Dr. A. C. Polaiah has delivered a lecture about the cultivation of aromatic grasses. In this programme, a total of 84 trainee farmers were registered and benefited from farm inputs such as water tank (500 L). Mr. S. B. Prajapati, Technical officer (Farm) briefly discussed uses and importance of medicinal and aromatic crops. Finally, the programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. A. C. Polaiah.

