

XXVI Group Meeting AICRP on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants & Betelvine held

28-30th September, 2018

The XXVI annual group meeting of All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants & Betelvine (AICRP-MAP&B) was held at the Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat, Assam. Dr. T. Janakiram, Assistant Director General (Hort. Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi inaugurated the group meeting on 30th September, 2018 here at Jorhat. Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat was the president of the function. Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, Director of Research, AAU, Jorhat and Dr. P. Manivel, Project Co-ordinator, AICRP-MAP&B were present on this occasion.

Dr. P. Manivel, presented the research achievements of the AICRP-MAP&B for the past one year and also highlighted the actions taken for the implementation of the technical programme of the project.

Dr. T. Janakiram, in his address said that medicinal and aromatic plants including betelvine (MAP&B) will play important role in ensuring health and livelihood security in rural areas. He opined there is a need for development of value chains in medicinal and aromatic plants for their promotion in the country. Further, he suggested to prepare medicinal and aromatic plants policy for Assam state.

Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah in his address said that, MAP&B forms an important bioresource contributing to the bio-economy of the country. He said there is need for conservation of bio resources of the country. Further, he suggested to translate information on MAP&B towards skill development intern to the societal development.

Earlier, Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, welcomed the delegates, highlighted the achievements of AAU, Jorhat and role of MAP&B crops in the economy of Assam.

During the 3-day deliberations, research achievements of AICRP-MAP&B were reviewed and technical programme for the year 2018-19 was finalised in different technical sessions such as Crop Improvement, Crop production, Crop protection, Phytochemistry and plenary. Besides, 27 publications from various centres were released during the workshop. The herbal shampoo and herbal face pack developed at Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) were also released. Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Thrissur and Betelvine Research Station, Bihar Agricultural University, Islampur were bagged the best AICRP

-MAP&B centre award for the year for their significant research contributions. The workshop was attended by more than 120 participants across India, Deans and Heads of various departments AAU, Jorhat and Press & Media.

In the end, Dr. Brijit Saud, Professor and Head of the AICRP-MAP&B centre, AAU, Jorhat proposed the vote of thanks.



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