

## “Five-day farmers training program on “Agrotechnology of selected MAPs” under Biotech Kisan Hub project organized by ICAR-DMAPR, Anand, Gujarat

ICAR-DMAPR, Anand conducted a five-days training program during 21-25 June 2022 on “Agrotechnology of selected MAPs”. The aim of the training programme was to create awareness and describe agrotechnology of selected medicinal plants viz., Jal Brahmi, Ashwagandha, Kwacha, Gurmar, etc. This program was intended to promote cultivation of selected medicinal and aromatic plant for livelihood and health security in Gujarat. The inaugural function of the 5-day

training program was chaired by Dr. Satyanshu Kumar., Director (Acting), ICAR-DMAPR, Anand. Dr. Kumar emphasized on the scope of MAPs, the importance of GAP, GACP, and the value addition of medicinal and aromatic plants. Dr. P.L. Saran, Principal Investigator of project / Course Director presented the objective of this project as well as program details during the inaugural function. Total 35 farmers actively participated in this training program. Total eleven lectures covering various aspects viz. agrotechnology, organic farming, marketing, physiology of seeds, post-harvest technology, and value addition of selected medicinal and aromatic plants were arranged. During this program farmers were exposed to open auction of MAPs in Unjha Market. The Chief Guest of valedictory program was Dr. B.K. Pandey, ADG (Hort. II), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. Satyanshu Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-DMAPR, Anand presided over the

function. Dr Pandey in his address highlighted cultivation of MAPs in particular agro climatic zones. Dr. Kumar, in his address emphasized on value addition is the need of ours. The certificates were also distributed by Dr. Satyanshu Kumar and Dr. B.K. Pandey. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. B.B. Basak, coordinator of the program.



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