A three days training programme on “Good Agricultural and Collection Practices of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants” was organized by the Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR), Anand, Gujarat at College of Horticulture and Forestry (Central Agricultural University), Pasighat-Arunachal Pradesh during 12-14 March, 2020.

Inaugural function of the training programme was held in auditorium hall of the College of Horticulture and Forestry (Central Agricultural University), Pasighat-Arunachal Pradesh on March, 12, 2020. Dr. P. L. Saran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand chaired the function and Dr. B.N. Hazarika, Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry (Central Agricultural University), Pasighat-Arunachal Pradesh was the chief Guest. There were 100 participants from nearby villages of Pasighat.

Dr. K.A. Kalariya, Scientist, and Nodal Officer, NEH Scheme, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand, Gujarat briefed about the training. He explained that the scheme is being operated in such a way so as to deliver direct benefit to the people of NEH region. He emphasized the need for good agricultural and collection practices for the production of quality raw material in medicinal plants.

Dr. Hazarika, Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry (Central Agricultural University), Pasighat-Arunachal Pradesh in his inaugural address mentioned that Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with a different types climate conditions and highlighted the importance of cultivation and collection practices of medicinal and aromatic plants in respective climatic region of the state. He emphasized the scope of medicinal and aromatic plants in NEH region and also requested to take up basic and strategic research in this sector in the region for the benefit of the society.

Dr. P L. Saran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand in his address, highlighted the importance of traditional system of medicines like Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha. He expressed the concerns of the sector which is facing the major challenges of addressing quality and safety. He further highlighted that quality of medicines starts from quality of raw material used in manufacturing the finished products.

Various topics were covered during the three day programme on GACP for medicinal and aromatic plants like principles of GACP, Potential of MAPS cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh, INM in MAPs, improved irrigation techniques, organic cultivation of MAPs, high value medicinal plants of Arunachal Pradesh, value addition, quality seed and planting material production and the status of marketing and supply chain.

During this programme 100 number of knapsack sprayer pumps and 100 number of grain storage steel trunks were distributed to each registered participants.

During the valedictory function of the programme on 14.03.2020, views and feedback of the participants were taken. Dr. Hazarika, Dean, CHF had appealed this Directorate to conducts such programmes again at CHF in future. Dr. T S Mehra, Asso. Prof. CHF, CAU, Pasighat summarized and concluded the training programme and Dr. A.P.Trivedi, STO, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand gave vote of thanks.
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