

Training on “Good Agricultural and Collection Practices for medicinal plants” for Rajasthan Farmers

ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Boriavi, Anand, Gujarat conducted three days farmers training on “Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) for Medicinal Plants” during 10-12 September 2018 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Pali, Rajasthan which was sponsored by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), New Delhi. All together 50 participants from different villages of Pali district of Rajasthan attended this training programme. In this training programme, two field visits and 10 lectures covering different aspects of good agricultural and collection practices for medicinal plants were given. Dr. P. L. Saran (Sr. Scientist, ICAR-DMAPR, Boriavi) inaugurated the training on 10th September, 2018 and Dr. D. Singh (Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pali) gave the chief guest address.

In the training, all the aspects of GACP were covered. Dr. D. Singh delivered a lecture on “Post-harvest management and value addition of medicinal plants”, Dr. M. K. Chaudhary talked on “Organic cultivation of MAPs”, Dr. P. L. Saran delivered lecture on “Quality seed and planting material for sustainable cultivation of medicinal plants”, Dr. S. K. Sharma spoke on “Medicinal plants and their use in human health” and Dr. M. L. Meena delivered a lecture on “Extension approaches and marketing channels”. Mr. Patel Vishvajeet J. delivered lecture on “Good Agricultural and Good Collection Practices” which was further extended by showing a video film on GACP. The farmers were taken to field visit to the progressive medicinal plant cultivating farmers in the district. The farmers showed greater interest in learning and cultivation of medicinal plants.

