

One day farmers training programme on good agricultural practices of medicinal and aromatic plants at Dakor on 21.09.2023

ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand organized a one-day farmers training program on Good Agricultural Practices of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants on 21/09/23 under the SCSP scheme at Dakor. The program begins with a welcome address made by Mr. Sureshbhai Prajapati, Technical

officer and Member Secretary of the SCSP committee, DMAPR, Anand. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Manish Das, Director of DMAPR, Anand. He opined that the demand for medicinal plant products increased manifold after COVID-19 in national and international markets. He also emphasized

that farmers grow herbal plants in their home gardens to treat various ailments by using medicinal plants extracts or raw materials to avoid the expensive treatment of modern medicine. Dr. Samadhan Y. Bagul, Scientist, DMAPR gave an overview of the significance of the Schedule Cast Sub Plan scheme for upliftment of resource-poor farmers through the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. He also talked on organic farming of M&APs and the source of materials for preparation of several organic and bio

fertilizers. Dr. P. L. Saran, Principal Scientist, DMAPR delivered a talk on public interest disclosure and protection of informer resolution (2004). In addition, he delivered on package of practices of Brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*) and its economic and market potential. Dr. Ganesh Khadke, Scientist, DMAPR had dwelled on the various uses of aromatic plants and their applications in the preparation of perfumeries. He referred to the production technology of aromatic

grasses like Lemongrass, Palmarosa, Khus grass, etc. Dr. Akula Chinapolaiah, Scientist and Chairman, SCSP committee delivered on Good Agricultural Practices of medicinal plants and also stressed the fact that India is currently exporting 50% of the requirement (Isabgol) of the USA and other foreign countries. He urged the farmers to grow Isabgol even in less fertile soils to obtain good economic yields. Mr. Sureshbhai Prajapati exhibited live medicinal and aromatic plants to the farmers in the training program and explained its significance. Dr. Manish Kumar Suthar, Scientist covered the market potential of medicinal and aromatic plants. Post-harvest management and processing of M&APs was presented by Dr. Rohan Sarkar, Scientist, DMAPR.

Later on, agrinputs like tarpaulin sheets were distributed to the SC farmers. Besides, DMAPR distributed Ashwagandha seeds to the farmers. About 100 resource-poor farmers attended the training programme and were benefitted from this training program. The program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Samadhan Y. Bagul, Scientist, DMAPR, Anand.



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