

One day training cum field day program under TSP in Gujarat on 10/08/2023 at Village: Gajapur, District: Panchmahal

ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand organized a training cum field day programme on “GACP of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants and field day of Shatavari for tribal farmers” under TSP scheme at Gajapur village of District Panchmahal on 10th August, 2023. Total number of 100 farmers belonging to scheduled tribe from nearby villages in Panchmahal District were the beneficiary participants. Mr. Manish Kumar Mittal, Scientist & Nodal officer, TSP welcomed the dignitaries, resource persons, progressive farmers and participants and gave introduction of the TSP scheme and briefed about the training programme.

Dr Manish Das, Director, ICAR-DMAPR in his presidential address enlightened our tribal farmers about the importance and need of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in present scenario when we are facing several health challenges. In his address, he also motivated and urged them to come forward for cultivation of MAPs and also assured them of giving full support from ICAR-DMAPR, Anand.

Dr. A.K. Singh, Head, CHESS, ICAR-CIAH, Godhara in his address to the farmers stressed upon the use of MAPs along with other indigenous horticultural crops like vegetables, fruits and their role in strengthening immunity. Dr. P. L. Saran, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on Agro-techniques and market potential of Shatavari (*Asparagus racemosus*) and Khati bhendi (*Hibiscus sabdarifa*). Dr. K A Kalariya, Senior Scientist sensitized the tribal farmers about intellectual property, its protection and farmer’s rights which comes under PPV FRA, New Delhi. Dr. G N Khadke, Scientist stressed upon growing the MAPs in kitchen garden in his lecture. Mr. Suresh Prajapati, Technical officer arranged a field visit to Gorada Pani where the plantation of Shatavari saplings was done in the field of Mr. Ditubhai, Progressive farmer by the Scientists of

DMAPR. Shatavari saplings was given to Mr. Ditubhai under TSP scheme as input distribution.

Training sessions also included farm inputs distribution like seed kits of MAPs and Grain Storage Bins among beneficiary farmers by the team of scientist. During the event, newly joined scientist and other staff of DMAPR were also present. Overall, the training programme was very successfully. The Programme was ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G N Khadke, Scientist.



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