

## TFRI holding online training on cultivation of NWFPs



Dignitaries during virtual training programme on NWFPs at TFRI, Jabalpur.

### ■ Staff Reporter

THE Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur is conducting five-day training programme on 'Cultivation, Processing Techniques and Management of Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) including Medicinal Plants' for the technical officers and staff of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE).

A total of 29 technical officials will be participating from the nine institutes of ICFRE in the training from November 22 to 26 through virtual mode.

Dr G Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director TFRI, welcomed the guests and participants and accentuating on the need to develop organised system to benefit primary collectors, he informed about TFRI's initiative for development of NWFP incubation centres. These centres will provide complete mechanism

for NWFPs from forest to the people by training forest dependent communities about sustainable & post harvesting techniques for forest produce thereby providing their market linkages.

Dr. Deepak Mishra, IFS, ADG (Edu & RB), ICFRE, Dehradun, informed that the training is part of HRD plan 2018-2023 to upgrade skills and knowledge sets of scientists, technical and administrative staff of ICFRE. This training on NWFPs is important for partnership with people and forests. Giving examples of branding of various NWFPs in different states, he discussed ways to fetch profits above MSP by marketing of the products properly. Dr Hari Om Saxena, Organising Secretary, welcomed the participants to the training programme designed for the enhancement of technical knowledge of commercially important NWFPs and medicinal plants. Enumerating in detail

about various aspects of NWFPs like quality standardization, cultivation and marketing he briefed about the structure and schedule of the training programme.

Neelu Singh, Group Co-ordinator Research, TFRI, emphasised on the dependency of tribals on NWFPs and need to organise the sector for their benefit. Informing about the inclusion of more NWFPs for Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Chandrashekhara Rao, IFS and CEO of the Medicinal Plant Board and former PCCF, Chhattisgarh extended his gratitude towards the Director TFRI and appreciated the wholesome farm to pharmacy schedule of the training. He further added about the need for clean and nature dependent lifestyle shift post the pandemic that has affected people's lives and with increase in modern lifestyle diseases like cancer and other hormonal imbalances.

# अकाष्ठ वन उत्पादों, औषधीय पौधों पर दी गई उपयोगी जानकारी

## उष्ण कटिबंधीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान में तकनीकी अधिकारियों के लिए प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन

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उष्ण कटिबंधीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान टीएफआरआई द्वारा भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद आईसीएफआरआई के तकनीकी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के लिए अकाष्ठ वन उत्पादों सहित औषधीय पौधों की खेती प्रसंस्करण तकनीक और प्रबंधन पर पांच दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। 22 से 26 नवम्बर तक आयोजित इस प्रशिक्षण में आईसीएफआरआई

के 9 संस्थानों से कुल 29 तकनीकी अधिकारी वर्चुअल मोड के माध्यम से भाग ले रहे हैं।

प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में टीएफआरआई निदेशक डॉ. जी. राजेश्वर राव ने वन उपज के प्राथमिक सप्ताहकों को लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए संगठित प्रणाली विकसित करने की बात कही। उन्होंने एनडब्ल्यूएफपी केन्द्रों को विकसित करने के लिए संस्थान की पहल के बारे में बताया जो वन आश्रित समुदायों को वन उपज की विनाश विहीन विद्योहन एवं प्रसंस्करण तकनीकों के बारे में



प्रशिक्षित कर उनके बाजार संबंधों की जानकारी प्रदान करेगा। कार्यक्रम में देहरादून के डॉ. दीपक मिश्र, आयोजन सचिव डॉ. हरीओम सक्सेना, श्रीमती नीलू सिंह, चंद्रशेखर राव ने उपयोगी जानकारी प्रदान की। उद्घाटन सत्र का औपचारिक धन्यवाद ज्ञापन डॉ. एम. कुंडू, प्रमुख सिल्वीकल्चर और वन प्रबंधन प्रभाग एवं संचालन वैज्ञानिक नीरज प्रजापति द्वारा किया गया।

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# Training held on cultivation, processing techniques of non-wood forest products

■ Staff Reporter

A FIVE-DAY training programme on 'Cultivation, Processing techniques and management of non-wood forest products including medicinal plants' was concluded at Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur.

The training was conducted through virtual mode. During the valedictory session, Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director of TFRI welcomed the Chief guest Pradeep Vasudeva, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working plan, Jabalpur region by a bouquet. Training Co-ordinator, Dr Hari Om Saxena briefed the five days training report. During the training, lectures on various aspects of non-wood forest products and medicinal plants were covered by a number of experienced resource persons from different parts of the country like Tamilnadu, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra states. Mainly the lectures were focused on sustainable harvesting, processing, value addition, quality control, cultivation, certification, conservation and varietal development of commercially important non-wood for-

est products such as honey, Mahua, Chironji, Sarpagandha, Akarkara, Stevia, Safed musli, Satavar, Kalmegh, Chandan, Isabgol, Senna etc.

During the feedback session the training participants praised and cherished TFRI for organizing such a nice and diversified training course on non-wood forest products which will definitely help them in their research works.

Director, TFRI Dr. Rao congratulated the Course coordinator for organizing such a training programme to enhance the skill of technical staff of the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun. In his address, Pradeep Vasudeva, the chief guest said that non-wood forest products play a crucial role in the livelihood and sustenance of forest dwellers and rural. To organize the training on such a vulnerable topic is really appreciable. He wished the participants well in all their future endeavors. The chief guest also distributed certificates to the participants of TFRI who were present offline.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Hari Om Saxena, Scientist-D and Course coordinator.



TFRI, Director, Dr G Rajeshwar Rao felicitating the participants of training programme.