

A Report on

**One Day Training Workshop on
Good Agriculture Practices of
Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP)**

(19th November, 2022)

Organized by

Manav Rachna Centre For Medicinal Plant Pathology(MR-CMPP)

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Manav Rachna Centre For Medicinal Plant Pathology (MRCMPP), Department of Biotechnology, MRIIRS jointly with Quality Council of India (QCI) organised One-day GAP training workshop on Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plants produce (VCSMPP) for farmers on 19 November 2022.

Medicinal plants, being the raw material for AYUSH medicines, account for around 90% of AYUSH formulations, which practically implies that the sustainability of the AYUSH traditional medicinal system is based on the degree of care with which medicinal plants are handled. Medicinal plants are at the core of providing livelihood and health security to a large segment of the Indian population associated with the traditional medicine and herbal industry.

Inaugural Session was graced by Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Pro-vice Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Sarita Sachdeva, ED & Dean Research, Dr. Geeta Nijhawan, Associate Dean FET, Dr. Tapas Kumar Associate Dean FET, Dr. Arul Jason, Associate Manager, QCI, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma (Retd. Director, PLIM) & Dr. S. S. Koranga (Former Consultant, NMPB), Dr. Arunangshu Mukherjee, Director, MR-CAWTM Dr. Manu Solanki, Head, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. Nidhi Didwania, Director, MR-CMPP.

43 progressive farmers from Faridabad, Palwal, and Gurugram districts of Haryana either growing Medicinal Plants or interested to start Medicinal Plants cultivation participated in the workshop with full enthusiasm. The farmers were encouraged to form a Farmer Producer Organization(FPO). The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions from the experts of QCI, MRCMPP and MRCAWTM. The farmers were sensitized regarding Good Agricultural practices, Post-harvest conservation and improvement of quality of Medicinal Plant Produce, Management of diseases caused by fungi, bacteria & viruses in Medicinal Plants & Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce through capacity building. QCI invited the farmers (FPO) for free certification of demo plots of Medicinal plants which can help farmers to have better opportunities in the market and help increase their income. Shri Mahaveer malik also shared his experience of selecting the sustainable spp. of Medicinal Plants for agro-climatic zone of Haryana.

Progressive farmer Shri Bijendra Singh Dalal & team highly appreciated the efforts by MR-CMPP, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies in providing a platform to farmers to discuss about good agricultural practices of Medicinal Plants and solving their queries.