'Bharat Ka Amrit Mahotsava' Celebrating 75th Year of Indian Independence Webinar

on

"Non-destructive harvesting, processing and marketing of NTFPs" TFRI, Jabalpur(MP)

Under the "Bharat ka Amrit Mahotsava', a webinar on "Nondestructive harvesting, processing and marketing of NTFPs" was organized at Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP) under the guidance of

Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director, TFRI on 21/05/2021 from 10:30 am to 1.30 pm. The aim of this webinar was to familiarize the stakeholders(Scientists, farmers, officers and research scholars) about Non-destructive harvesting, collection, cultivation, processing and marketing of NTFPs to become self reliant or 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

At the onset Dr. Nanita Berry, Scientist-E & Head, Extension Division welcomed the expert speakers and participants attending the webinar



12.50 – 1.00 pm Discussion and Concluding session



and briefed about the programme.

Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director, TFRI in his inaugural address, emphasized to start cultivation of Medicinal plants through cluster approach and need to develop value chain of site specific MAPs. He also urged about the importance of commercially valuable MAPs and scientist should work on its sustainable harvesting to end product.



Dr. G.Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director, TFRI delivering inaugural address during the webinar

Webinar was started with Guest speaker, Dr. P. K. Shukla Regional Director, Regional Cum Fecilitation Centre for MAPs(NMPB), Jabalpur (MP) delivered in his lecture on "NTFPs in Central India: An Overview". He elaborated about the word MFP to NTFPs. He emphasized the importance of NTFPs including small timber, grasses, leaves, medicinal herbs, gums, tan and dyes, animal origin NTFPs, status of production of different NTFPs, cultivation, primary processing, conservation of RET species, its domestication, sustainable harvesting of barks, leaves, plant products as well as its bio-chemical evaluation and its testing.

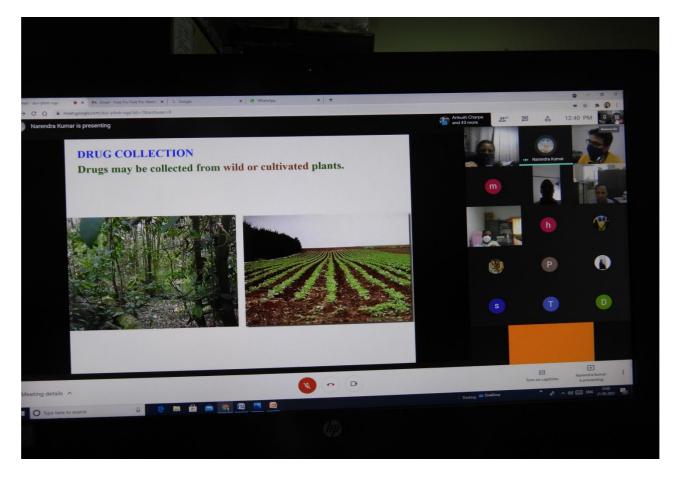


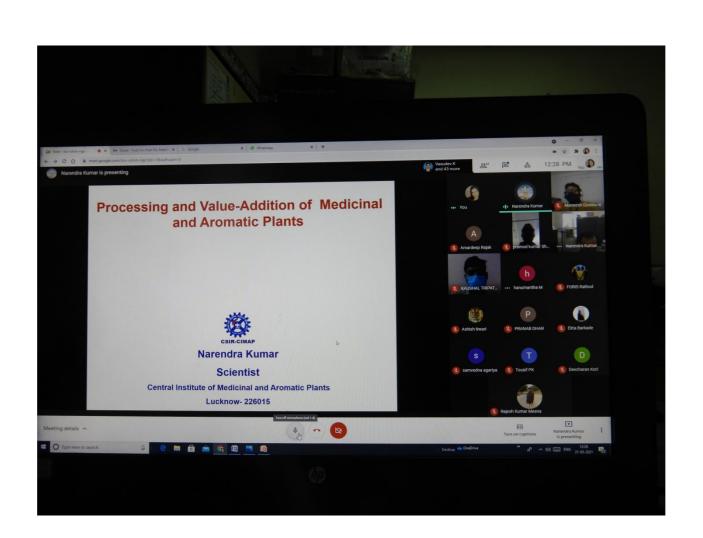
Dr. P.K. Shukla, Regional Director, RCFC, (NMPB) Jabalpur (MP)

During the webinar, Second speaker Dr. Narendra Kumar, Scientist, Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow (UP) delivered his lecture on 'Processing and value addition of NTFPs'. He elaborated to collect the dust and disease free MAPs and should be avoid to collect near the road. He also opined on primary processing and its storage in proper techniques. Further, he informed about the herbal products such as Balm, Skin ointment, Antidandruf Shampoo developed by the CIMAP, Lucknow which are available in market.



Dr. Narendra Kumar, Scientist, CIMAP,Lucknow(UP) delivering his presentation during webinar



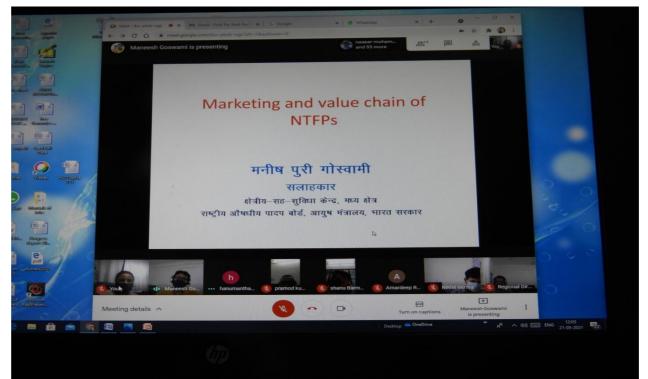


Third speaker, Dr. Uday Homkar Co-ordinator, RCFC presented a lecture on "Cultivation, harvesting & value addition of commercially important essential oil yielding species" and elaborated on cultivation practices of Aromatic plants like Bach, Tulsi, Mentha, Artimisia and Lemon grass. He also shared his work experience in nursery and in forest.



Dr. Uday Homkar, Co-ordinator, RCFC, SFRI, Jabalpur (MP) during his presentation

Fourth speaker Shri Manish Goswami , Consultant, RCFC, SFRI, Jabalpur (MP) spoke on **"Marketing and value chain of NTFPs** in Madhya Pradesh. He also informed about the 'Van Dhan' news letter publishing by the SFRI which is having details of NTFPs merchants of MP.





Shri Maneesh Puri Goswami, Consultant, RCFC, SFRI, Jabalpur during his presentation

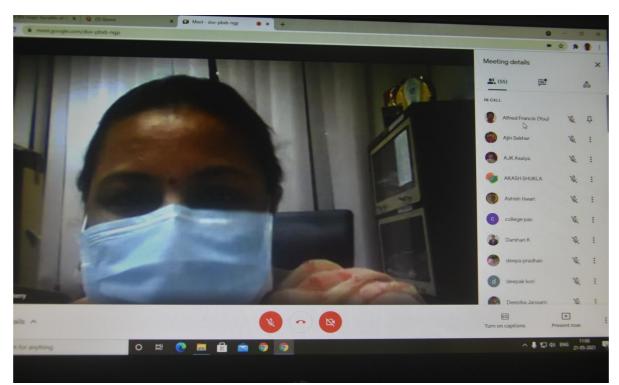




The webinar was ended by concluding remarks by Dr. Nanita Berry, Scientist-E & Head, SFM & AF Division praised the eminent speakers for their wonderful deliberations on the selected topic of the webinar. More than 70 participants were joined the programme through virtual mode.



Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director, TFRI who appreciated the efforts of experts for elaborating their views on the present day need of maintaining the quality of medicinal herbs to produce effective herbal formulations.



At the end, the organizing secretary of the webinar proposed the vote of thanks. Contribution of Dr. Hari Om Saxena, Scientist- D, Shri. Rathod Digvijay, Scientist-B, Dr Rajesh Kumar Mishra, STO and Shri Alfred Francis, STO in organizing the webinar is greatly acknowledged.