

Training programmes on "Conservation of medicinal plants and quality marketing" and "Cultivation methods and marketing of produce which can be grown in short period" for team members /project leaders of Rajiv Gandhi Mission for Watershed Management, M.P.



Rajiv Gandhi Mission for Watershed Management, M.P. recognized Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur to provide training to team members/project leaders on conservation, quality, value addition and marketing of medicinal plants. Rajiv Gandhi Mission for Watershed Management, is a programme of M.P. Govt. for sustainable development of area on watershed basis to improve economic condition of villagers by enhancing their opportunities in their villages.

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In this context, four training programmes were organized during 2011, in which 124 team members/project leaders of Rajiv Gandhi Watershed Mission, M.P. were participated. Four training programmes have been scheduled for 2012 on "Conservation of medicinal plants and quality marketing" and "Cultivation methods and marketing of produce which can be grown in short period" for 140 participants to enhance the working efficiency of members who have been deployed under watershed development projects. First training programme on "Conservation of medicinal plants and quality marketing"



was organized from 17-21 Sept., 2012. The chief guest on the occasion was Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Agriculture University (JNAU), Professor N.N. Pathak while Dr. U. Prakasham, Director, TFRI presided over the function. Professor N.N. Pathak told that conservation of medicinal plants, marketing and its storages are very important. On this occasion Director, TFRI, Jabalpur Dr. Prakasham threw lights on the importance of water, its conservation and scope of medicinal plants at watershed areas. Dr. A.K. Pandey, programme Co-ordinator welcomed

guests and participants and threw light on the objectives of the training programme. A vote of thanks was proposed by Smt. Neelu Singh.

During the training programme a series of lectures on cultivation, harvesting, processing, value addition, marketing, policy issues related to NWFPs, cultivation of fruit yielding species, production and application of vermi-compost, utilization of sisal fiber, essential oil yielding plants and lac cultivation were given by the resource persons from institute and other organization. The participants were taken to field visit. Study material comprising 130 pages was also distributed to all participants during the training programme.



Second five days training programme on "Cultivation methods and marketing of produce which can be grown in short period" was held from 24th Sept., to 28th Sept., 2012. Training programme was inaugurated by Chief guest, Dr. S.A. Ansari, Group Co-ordinator (Research), TFRI, Jabalpur, while Dr. A.K. Pandey, Co-ordinator of the programme, presided over the function.

Dr. S.A. Ansari expressed need for conservation of rain water through water shade which can help for improvement of water level and increase the production also. All the Heads of the Departments, officers, employees were present during the programme. The programme was convened by Dr. S.C. Biswas.

In this training programme, trainees were exposed to different aspects of NTFPs which can be grown in short period. Different lectures on cultivation, harvesting, processing, value



addition, marketing, policy issues related to NWFPs, cultivation of fruit yielding species, production and application of vermi-compost, essential oil yielding plants and lac cultivation were given by the resource persons from institute and other organization. A study material (book) comprises 130 pages was also distributed to all participants during the training programme.

Third training programme has been scheduled from 1st Oct. to 5th Oct. at TFRI, Jabalpur to provide training to team members/project leaders on conservation,

quality, value addition and marketing of medicinal plants.