

One day Training programme on Medicinal Plants on 14th September 2018 at Govt. Ayurvedic College& Hospital, Patna, Bihar

- The programme was focused on Post Harvest Management, Primary Processing, Value Addition and Marketing of selected medicinal plants e.g. Kalmegh (*Andrographis paniculata*), Mentha (*Mentha arvensis*), Satawar (*Asparagus racemosus*), Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*), Stevia (*Stevia spp.*), Safed Musli (*Chlorophytum borivillianum*), Tulsi (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*), Lemon grass (*Cymbopogon citrates*) etc. by establishing Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) of medicinal plants cultivators in Bihar.
- Shri Arvinder Singh, IFS, CCF & CEO of State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Bihar and Vaidya (Prof.) Dineshwar Prasad, Principal of Govt. Ayurvedic College & Hospital, Kadam Kuan, Patna graced the whole day occasion.
- Dr. Prasanta Kr. Sarkar, Director & Nodal Officer, SMPB, Mr. Shantanu Chakraborty, Technical Director, Janus Life Sciences, Kolkata, Dr. Kamal Krishna Singh, Sr. Scientist & Head, Agriculture Extension, Farms & Farmers, Patna, Dr. Virendra Singh, Manager (R&D), Baidyanath Ayurved Pvt. Ltd., Patna, Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Management Executive, M-CRIL, Patna (Representative of SFAC) and Mr. Krishna Prasad, Secretary, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Grower's Association, Patna were amongst the resource persons.
- The CEO of SMPB, Bihar has concluded the programme by stating that he will take initiative to procure some of the low cost primary processing machineries as described in the programme to support farmers in the next financial year.
- He also emphasized that the marketing of some important medicinal plants will be carried forward by the FPO formation with the already identified & listed 141 traders of medicinal plants in the State of Bihar.

