

**Conducted “Stakeholders' Workshop on Medicinal Plants” on 31<sup>st</sup> July at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**

- a. The main objective of the programme was to bring all Odisha stakeholders of medicinal plants in one platform, in depth understanding of medicinal plants sector in the state, and decide over future course of action related to conservation and development of medicinal plants in the state.
- b. The Programme was graced by Dr. D. Swain, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Govt. of Odisha and Smt. Padmapriya Balakrishnan, IFS, Dy. CEO, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.
- c. Smt. R. Nayar, IFS, PCCF & Chief Executive, RPRC, Govt. of Odisha; Shri S.P. Mohapatra, IFS, Addl. PCCF cum CEO of SMPB, Odisha; Shri S. M. Samal, IAS, Director of Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. A.K. Pathak, IFS, Addl. PCCF (PPA), Department of Forests, Govt. of Odisha; Shri A. Mishra, IAS, Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. P. K. Sarkar, Director & Nodal Officer of SMPB, West Bengal; Dr. U.C. Basak & Dr. S. Bhatnagar of Regional Plant Resource Centre, Govt. of Odisha; Prof. Dr. Malay Mishra, Former HOD, Department of Botany, Berhampur University, Odisha and Dr. S.C. Swain, Associate Professor (Hort.), Department of Botany, Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Odisha were the other notable distinguished dignitaries.



