

## **Annual Activities Report for the year 2020-21 ( up to 31-03-2021) of State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha**

State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha was constituted to ensure sustainable availability and coordinate all matter relating to the development and sustainable use of medicinal plants. The SMPB implement various scheme under financial support received from State Plan and National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) , New Delhi.

To create awareness on cultivation of Guluchi (*Tinospora cordifolia* ) 2 (Two) lakhs sapling was raised in 12 nos of Forest divisions for distribution and planting to various stakeholder. In addition a brochure in Odia language titled **“Guluchi Amruta Tulya Oushadhi ”** was prepared and distributed under tinospora campaign. It also include a short documentary film, wall painting and conducting workshops. The tinospora campaign is financially supported by the grant received from NMPB.

NMPB has also approved the proposal of SMPB for establishment of the Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Area (MPCDAs) in Mandargiri RF of Angul Forest division. This MPCDAs will be created on an area of 200 ha which is rich in Biodiversity with the financial support of Rs. 40.00 Lakhs from NMPB over next 5 years. The establishment of MPCDAs at Angul Forest division will be a In-situ resource augmentation and such a conservation programme will be ensure sustainability of medicinal plants.

A training programme was conducted by Jeypore Forest Division with the technical support from M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Jeypore on **“Doubling farmers’ income through cultivation of Medicinal Plants and raising of Quality planting Materials (QPM) with forward market linkage”**. Around 90 nos of various stake holders such as traditional healers, Vaidyas , Medicinal plants cultivator and forest officials attended the residential training programme.

It is also proposed for the establishment of a medicinal plants processing unit at Medicinal Plant Knowledge Centre, Patrapada , Bhubaneswar and creation of medicinal plant garden with emphasis on Rare Endangered and Threatened (RET) species during 2020-21.

To create awareness on conservation, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, State Medicinal Plants Board has been conducting a State Level Kalinga Herbal Fair and Regional level Kalinga Herbal Fairs in different Divisions of the State.

During the current financial year, 13th State level Kalinga Herbal Fair was conducted at IDCO Exhibition Ground from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 containing 140 no. of stalls. The main participants were ATPs, SHGs, Traders, Manufacturers, Yoga, Govt. organizations etc from different parts of the Odisha. Again two nos. of Regional Kalinga Herbal Fair has been conducted at

Berhampur from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and Bolangir from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. All the progrmmes were successful.

Two nos. of Workshop conducted by DFO, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar at Forest Training School, Ghatikia, Bhubanswar from 29-01-2021 to 30-01-2021 & from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 on Conservation, Promotion & Sustainable harvesting of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants . Total 30 numbers of participants from various districts under different spectrum like Local Traditional Healers, Medicinal Plant Cultivators, Collectors and Members of VSS had participated in this workshop.

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