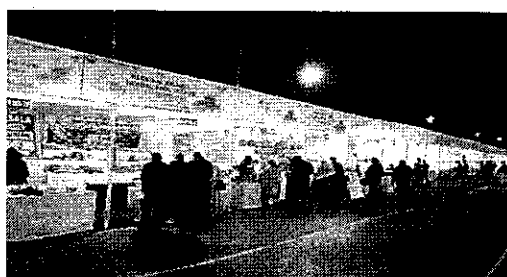


**Annual Activities Report upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022**  
**of**  
**State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha**

State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha was constituted to ensure sustainable availability and use of medicinal plants. The SMPB is implementing various schemes under financial support received from State sector and central sector.

During this financial year fund has been released to DFO Rayagada, Berhampur and Rourkela Forest Division for organizing Regional Kalinga Herbal Fair. The DFO, Rourkela Forest Division has already successfully conducted the Regional Kalinga Herbal Fair at Bhanja Bhawan, Rourkela from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022, another two nos of Regional Herbal Fair at Muniguda of Rayagada Forest Division is scheduled to be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 and Regional Herbal Fair, Berhampur is scheduled to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2023. The 15<sup>th</sup> State Level Kalinga Herbal Fair was scheduled to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. But due to cancellation of ground by IDCO for Hockey World Cup, it is rescheduled to be conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 containing 130 no. of stalls. The main participants were ATPs, SHGs, Traders, Manufacturers, Yoga, Govt. organizations etc from different parts of the State. In this Kalinga Herbal Fair, Traditional Healer's meet, Senior Citizen's meet, buyer-seller meet, Ayurvedic & Homoeopathy Student's meet are to be conducted.



SMPB, Odisha has taken up the cultivation of Ashwagandha at Reamal of Deogarh District, Thakurmunda of Myurbhanj District, Muniguda of Rayagada District and Semiliguda of Koraput District by the farmers on subsidy basis under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme. It has been proposed to conduct an exposure visit of the above farmers to the Medicinal Plant Knowledge Centre, Patrapada and guide them to develop their knowledge how to cultivate the other profitable medicinal plants.



The DFOs were requested to submit the project proposal with estimate to establish an Herbal Garden in their Division. Out of them the DFO Rayagada , Navagarh and Bargarh Forest Division have submitted the project proposal. It is proposed that, two nos of Herbal Garden will be established during the FY 2022-23 in two Forest Divisions.

SMPB, Odisha has entrusted to Ambika Prasad Research Foundation (APRF), Cuttack to make field survey all over Odisha on the Medicinal Plants used by the tribes and prepare a documentation of medicinal plants in the form of book entitled "*MEDICINAL PLANTS USED BY TRIBES OF ODISHA* "during this financial year. In this connection funds has already released to APRF, Cuttack.

Funds have already been placed to DFO, Berhampur, Keonjhar and Rourkela Forest Divisions for raising of medicinal plants nursery in their divisions during this financial year.

The Chief Executive, SMPB, Odisha has attended the 9<sup>th</sup> International Herbal Fair held at Bhopal from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. Two nos of Farmers cultivating medicinal plants also have sent to attend the fair along with two nos of officials to guide them and to collect information's regarding Crop insurance, cultivation techniques, marketing procedure and source of Quality Planting Material etc.

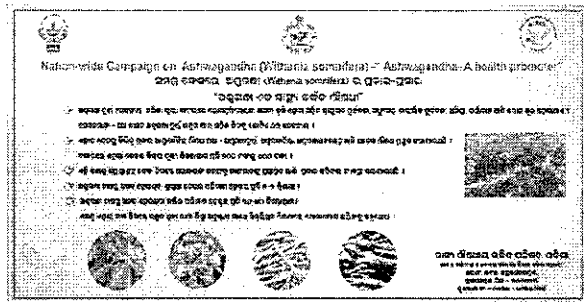


Further, a training cum exposure visit to Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi , Kerala from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February , 2023 have been scheduled consisting 14 members i.e two nos of SMPB officials and 12 nos of medicinal plants cultivators of Reamal block , Deogarh who have cultivated Ashwagandha successfully for which funds has already been placed to KFRI , Peechi to make necessary arrangements.

As per instruction of Ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India, a planting of medicinal plants and awareness programme to promote the use of medicinal plants among the students under "**Seva Pakhwada**". has already been conducted at Govt High School, Baliana, in Khurdha district successfully.



A video documentary on *Ashwagandha* cultivation in Odisha has already been prepared for wide publicity among general public as well as farmers to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants and their benefits. Further it is decided for fixing up hoarding on Ashwagandha in different locations of Odisha for wide publication on cultivation of medicinal plants and its benefits.



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Chief Executive  
State Medicinal Plants Board, Odisha