

CSIR-NEIST Branch Itanagar

Inauguration cum Training on “Cultivation and processing of aromatic plant”

CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology Jorhat Branch Itanagar G-Sector, Naharlagun organized an inauguration cum training programme on “Cultivation and processing of Aromatic Plant” under the CSIR-AROMA MISSION at institute premises. It is well known that Arunachal Pradesh is a store house of medicinal and aromatic plants and hot biodiversity spot in the world. Due to different agro-climatic condition and geographical location, the state is very rich in natural resources i.e. mainly medicinal and aromatic plants.

About 100 nos. of farmers/villagers/beneficiaries from different part of Arunachal Pradesh attended the day long programme on “Cultivation and processing of Aromatic Plant”. Dr Mohesh Chai, Hon’ble Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary and Dairy Development, Horticulture, Fisheries, Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh as “Chief Guest” in the programme. In the beginning of the programme, Hon’ble Minister Dr Mohesh Chai inaugurated “Essential Oil Distillation Unit” (500 kg capacity/batch) installed at the institute premises. It will help to extract the citronella and lemon grass which can be sold out in the market. This is a low cost plan designed for the benefit of marginal farmers. He suggested to the farmers to come forward to take the advantage of the facility. Dr Joram Begi, Chief Information Commissioner attended the programme as ‘Guest of Honour’. All the dignitaries as well as farmers/beneficiaries/entrepreneur benefited from his wonderful lecture. He suggested to CSIR-NEIST to choice some basic problem faces by the society of the North East India like flood, earthquake, conservation of biodiversity etc. Dr P. Sengupta, Director In Charge, CSIR-NEIST Jorhat welcome the gathered and presented about overview of the institute. Resource person Mr. T. Gopak, CEO, Arunachal Pradesh State Medicinal Plant Board (APSMPB) provided lots of information and status about medicinal plant available in Arunachal Pradesh. Another resource person Prof. Utpal Bora, Dept of Biosc & Bioengineering, IIT Guwahati delivered a valuable lecture about the Conservation of Biodiversity and green/organic farming. Dr S.P. Saikia, Sr Scientist talked about the initiative CSIR AROMA MISSION programme and requested to all farmers to take the advantages of it. In the technical session Dr Mohal Lal Scientist and Dr B.C. Baruah Sr Technical Officer offered the training to the farmers about the aromatic plant and cultivation of Mushroom respectively. Dr. Chandan Tamuly, Sc In Charge, NEIST Br. Itanagar co-ordinate the programme along with all staff of the institute.

