



STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP

on

Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants for Rural People and Women in Odisha



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BACKGROUND OF THE WORKSHOP

Odisha is endowed with a large number of medicinal plants out of which the potentials of many are yet to be explored. There are many pockets in the state even today where the aboriginal people completely rely on the plants of the forests for their medication along with food, shelter and clothes. The forests of Mahendragiri hills, Gandhamardan hill range, Deomali hills, Similipal range, Malyagiri hills, Niyamagiri hill range and the coastal mangrove forests and their associates are the natural storehouse of many potential medicinal plants. Tulsi, Bel, Brahmi, Aswagandha, Patalagaruda, Neem, Haldi, Ghikuanri are familiar names of few plants in Odia vernacular which are used commonly for different ailments at household levels. Besides these, there are also many plants whose medicinal properties are effectively used in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. Since the last two decades, people are becoming more health conscious as a result of which there has been a pragmatic inclination in their attitude towards naturopathy. For manufacturing the herbal medicines, the pharmaceutical companies at some places are also collecting the herbs from forests with the help of the innocent local people who do not even know that their knowledge as well as the natural wealth is getting exploited. Therefore, there is threat towards the existence of many important medicinal plants in their natural habitats. Further, there is also necessity of popularising the ethnobotanical knowledge of different medicinal plants for the greater benefit of humanity. Ventilating the knowledge of identifying the medicinal plants, their usage for different ailments and the technical knowhow for their conservation are necessary for a sustainable future. With this objective, this workshop has been planned to spread the message among the rural people and women in Odisha since they are the most important stakeholders in the state with regarding to the values of medicinal plants. The participants of this workshop will act as the ambassadors in their respective regions.

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

After attending the workshop, the participants will be able to:-

- Identify the medicinal plants of their locality and their uses for different ailments.
- Spread the message of importance of medicinal plants and their conservation among the rural people and women.
- Identify the medicinal plants under threat and to take necessary measures for their conservation.
- Develop a habit of using the prospective plants for a healthy life.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

Faculty Members of Environmental Science, Botany, Zoology, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Geography and Geology of different Colleges and Universities of Odisha. The number of participants is limited to 80 (Eighty) and the advance registration will be done online in google form.

VENUE

P.G. Council Conference Hall-1, Fakir Mohan University, Vyasa Vihar, Nuapadhi Campus, Balasore-756089, Odisha.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Fakir Mohan University, Balasore was established in 1999 named after Vyasa Kabi Fakir Mohan Senapati, who is regarded as the father of Odia nationalism and modern Odia Prose literature. The University has been accredited by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and is also a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), UK. The University is committed to develop itself as a value and need-based quality education provider in the state of Odisha. It has the ultimate objective of producing qualified and competent manpower responsive to the changing needs of the society at the national and international levels. In its quest for being an outstanding centre for learning and development of human resource, it cherishes a clear vision and mission. The University presently running in two campuses with 18 regular departments imparting 33 PG Courses, is ranked at 151-200 in the year 2021-22 in NIRF ranking in the country.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Online registration will be done in the Google form for which please click the link given below. Since the participant number is limited to 80 (eighty), the link will be closed as soon as the target number is reached, otherwise it will be open till 21.8.2023 (upto 5.00 PM) which is the last date of registration.

Please follow the following link for Registration:

<https://forms.gle/ABfttqEQy589i8E8A>

  **IF ANY QUERIES PLEASE MAIL TO**
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The registration and participation in this workshop is free from any charge. The participants will be given participation certificates in the valedictory session.



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