

DBT-IBSD holds workshop on “traditional medicinal practice of Manipur”

New Delhi, March 02: A one day on Workshop on “Exploring Traditional Medicinal Practice of Manipur” was held on 10th February 2021 at the auditorium of DBT-Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) in association with Apunba Manipur Maiba Maibi Phurup (Manipur State Traditional Healers’ Association) Imphal, Manipur.



All together 23 traditional healers from different districts of Manipur and 7 delegates from different state and central government institutes and more than 100 students from IBSD, Imphal participated physically. Further, 41 delegates participated online from different states and other Central Government institutes.

The inaugural function was graced by Dr. J. L. N. Sastry, CEO, National Medicinal Plant Board, New Delhi, Dr. A. Guneshwar Sharma, Director AYUSH, Manipur & CEO, SMPB, Manipur, Mr. Kedar Arvind Kulkarni, Organizing Secretary, Kalyan Ashram Manipur, Shri. Nitin Gupta, Commandant, 182 Battalion Border Security Force, Shri Th. Mohendra Pratap Singh, IFS, Former CCF, OSD, Manipur State Bio-Fuel Board, Dr. Chandra Kant Katiyar (Online) CEO - Health Care (Tech.), Emami Ltd., Kolkata, Shri. N. Rimotkumar Meetei, State Drugs Controller, Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Manipur and Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Director, IBSD, Imphal.

In the technical session various resources persons including scientists from DBT-IBSD and from other institutes delivered talks on the in-depth knowledge of the medicinal plants being used by the traditional healers of the state and its requirement for scientific validations.

Dr. Subhash C. Mandal, Asst Director, Directorate of Drugs, West Bengal, Dr. Prakash R Itankar Asst. Professor, RTM Nagpur University, Dr. L. Sathiyarayanam, Associate Professor, Poona College of Pharmacy and N. Tombiraj, President, AMMMP, Manipur State Traditional Healer Association, Imphal spoke on the prospect of traditional medicinal plants that are still in used for curing various diseases.

The traditional healers explore their knowledge for treating different ailments with their different formulation using plant parts. The workshop has brought forth numerous important information for carrying out scientific documentation and research and further development of advanced safe and affordable drugs from the existing in-use plants by the traditional healer and to promote and preserve the bioresources in the state as well.

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