



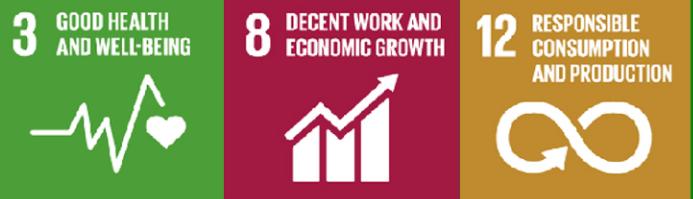
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- Preference will be given to farmers and final year students (UG / PG of Life Sciences).
- The selection list will be decided by the organizing committee.
- Your selection will be intimated through email / mobile number on or before 15.02.2026.
- Registration includes workshop kit, certificate, working lunch and refreshments.



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National Level Workshop

on

“People and Plants:
Profitable Cultivation of
Indian Medicinal Plants for
Sustainable Development”

19th February 2026
(Thursday)

Venue: Fr. Caussanel Hall



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About the Department of Botany

The Post Graduate and Research Department of Botany had its beginning in 1927 with an intermediate Botany programme. Botany has been offered as an Ancillary subject since 1957. In 1970, the department had its own beginning offering B.Sc., Botany and in 1983 the M.Sc. programme was started. By the concerted efforts of the faculties from the period of its establishment, especially the extensive scientific works of Rev.Dr.V.S.Manickam S. J., the department has grown to the present status and it was upgraded as a Research Department in 1994. CBB (Centre for Biodiversity and Biotechnology) and XCH-Xavier's College Herbarium of Fern collections and Angiosperms was established with international recognition by IAPT. In addition, the department also has Centre for Plant Biotechnology Herbarium (CPBH). Since then several major and minor research projects supported by agencies such as UGC, DBT, DST-SERB, CSIR, TNSCST, ICSSR and UBCHEA have been completed. More than 100 scholars have completed their Ph.D., from the Research Centre of the department. The Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India has chosen our department as one of the centers for "Fund of improvement of Science and Technology infrastructure in University and Higher Education Institutes" (FIST). It has become a full-fledged Research Centre to offer research programme in vast areas of Plant Sciences. Moreover, the department has its own Instrumentation Centre with sophisticated instruments for Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Phytochemistry and Plant Tissue Culture.

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) was constituted by the Government of India in November 2000. It is the apex body for promotion of medicinal plant sector in the country. The mandate of NMPB is to develop appropriate mechanisms for effective coordination between various ministries / departments / organizations and implement policies / programs for overall growth of medicinal plants sector. The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has been established by Government of India to coordinate with all matters relating to Medicinal Plants and Support Policies and Programs for growth of trade, export, conservation and cultivation. The board is working as a section of Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (AYUSH).

NMPB-Regional Cum Facilitation Center (Southern Region)

For effective coordination of NMPB programmes, five regional centers were established in the country. The Regional Cum Facilitation Centre - Southern Region (NMPB-RCFC Southern Region) is housed in Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) Peechi.



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Objectives of the workshop

- ✿ To provide a platform for experts, farmers and students to share knowledge and perspectives on Cultivation of Indian Medicinal plants.
- ✿ To highlight emerging research on the Cultivation of Indian Medicinal plants.
- ✿ To encourage collaboration between the farmers and industry and biological science college students
- ✿ To document the innovative and economical viable options for sustainable development in medicinal plant cultivation.

