

DMAPR Celebrated its 20th Foundation Day

The 20th Foundation day of the Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR) erstwhile started as National Research Centre for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (NRCMAP), Anand was celebrated on 24th November, 2011. The inaugural session of this one day event was held at the Auditorium of DMAPR in the morning in which Assistant Director-General (EPD) of Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Dr. C. Devakumar was the Chief Guest. Vice-Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Dr. A.M. Shekh, presided over the function and the Director, DMAPR, Dr. Satyabrata Maiti was present. At the outset, Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Senior scientist, DMAPR welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries.



(from Left: Dr. Vepin Chowdary, DMAPR; Dr. C. Devakumar, ADG (EPD) ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. AM shekh Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand.; Dr. Satyabrata Maiti, Director, DMAPR and Dr. Nagaraja Reddy, DMAPR)

The Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy earlier considered as alternate medicine has now been considered as the primary medicine in India, said Dr. C. Devakumar, Assistant Director-General (EPD) of ICAR in his address. Further, he stressed up on the need for bio prospecting of novel medicinal compounds from nature to treat deadly human diseases and also emphasised on targeted research using one or two medicinal plants having potential health benefits in near future. He expressed his satisfaction over the facilities developed and growth of DMAPR since its inception.

Dr. A M shekh, in his presidential address emphasised upon the need for exchange of technical knowhow. He opined that the doors

of the AAU are always open for the scientists of DMAPR to act as guide for post graduate program. He requested scientists of various disciplines to register themselves in more and more number with AAU, for PG program.

Director, DMAPR, Dr. Satyabrata



Maiti presented the historical perspective and achievements of 19 glorious years of the institute. Dr. K.B kathiria, Director of Research, AAU, Dr. PP Patel, Director of Extension, AAU, Dr. D.J. Patel, Former Principal, BACA, AAU, and Dr. Kothari, Former professor and Head, Department of Biosciences, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar expressed their views about the institute. Lastly, the programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Nagaraja Reddy, DMAPR.

In the commemoration of International Year of Chemistry-2011, a special lecture on topic entitled “Chemistry in the service of Human Welfare” was delivered by Dr. C. Devakumar, ADG (EPD), ICAR,



New Delhi in the afternoon session. This special lecture was organised by Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India (MAPAI) in collaboration with DMAPR, Anand. Later, Speaker was felicitated on behalf of MAPAI, by the Director, DMAPR.