



Report on the Seminar on “Himalayan Medicinal Plants Biodiversity: Opportunities and Challenges”

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The Department of Botany, Government Degree College (GDC) Sopore, in collaboration with the RCFC (Regional cum Facilitation Centre) NR-II of the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, and the Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K Wadura Sopore, successfully organized one-day seminar on "**Himalayan Medicinal Plants Biodiversity: Opportunities and Challenges**" on 19th March 2025 in college auditorium.

This seminar aimed to create awareness and explore various prospects and challenges associated with medicinal plant biodiversity in the Himalayan region. Students from our college, Government Degree College Pattan, and Government Degree College Women Baramulla actively participated in the event, making it a highly engaging and knowledge-sharing platform. The seminar attracted faculty members, researchers, and students passionate about medicinal plant cultivation and conservation.

Welcome address was delivered by Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Shah. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Mudasir Ahmad Dar, Deputy Director of RCFC NR-II, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, and Government of India. Dr. Dar provided deep insights into the opportunities and challenges in the cultivation of medicinal plants, emphasizing the economic, ecological, and medicinal value of these plants in the Himalayan region. In addition to the keynote address, several esteemed faculty members from the Department of Botany, GDC Sopore, delivered insightful lectures on various aspects of medicinal plants.

Dr. Shaista Qadir, Head of the Department, GDC Sopore, shared valuable information regarding the detailed lecture on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in Medicinal Plant Cultivation, highlighting the best practices for sustainable cultivation and harvesting. Dr. Suzana Bashir discussed Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Medicinal Plants, elaborating on how students and researchers can venture into the commercial cultivation and trade of medicinal plants. Dr. Pervaiz Ahmad highlighted on Bioprospection of Medicinal Plants, also shed light on the scientific exploration and potential pharmaceutical applications of these plants.

Dr. Anees Fatima gave vote of thanks in the concluding session of seminar. The Department of Botany, GDC Sopore, extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed speakers, participants, and collaborators for making this seminar a meaningful and impactful event. The knowledge imparted during the seminar is expected to inspire further research, conservation efforts, and entrepreneurial ventures in the field of medicinal plant biodiversity.



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