

- (iii) To develop managerial and technical skills among the concerned stakeholders, including growers and collectors and to provide strategic support by organizing trainings, workshops, seminars, etc.
- (iv) To develop agro-technology of medicinal plants, especially endangered and high demand species in the region with focus on organic cultivation and customization / field trials of already developed agro-techniques.
- (v) To develop region-specific quality planting material and to scientifically handle issues concerned with it.
- (vi) To facilitate sale of medicinal plants/ produce, etc. resolving demand / supply issues, etc. and also develop a database on demand, quantity sold and prices of major species alongwith development of marketing facility in the region by setting up of minimum support price (MSP) mechanism.
- (vii) To provide inputs on conservation, sustainable cultivation, technology upgradation, training and research on medicinal plants and to engage forest departments concerned and other concerned departments of the states in those activities.
- (viii) To domesticate wild species which are in demand and are endemic to the region and develop varieties thereof.
- (ix) To take forward initiatives on GAP, GFCP, etc. in the states concerned and develop species-specific GAPs and GFCPs of the region and their dissemination.
- (x) To function as a platform for bringing together the different stakeholders of medicinal plants in the states (SMPBs implementing agencies of Mission Scheme, other institutions and civil organizations involved in the development of medicinal plants sector).
- (xi) To assist various organizations in the region in formulating project proposals in the priority areas identified by NMPB and also giving wide coverage of the scheme with emphasis on identification of region-specific issues.
- (xii) To develop capacities of concerned stakeholders by organizing and supporting training programmes, orientation sessions, etc.
- (xiii) To organize periodical meetings/ workshops/ consultation of stakeholders.
- (xiv) To review the projects sanctioned by NMPB to various organizations in the concerned states and also to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the projects sanctioned by NMPB as and when assigned.
- (xv) To collect and maintain database of all concerned sectors of medicinal plants in the states and to integrate the databases of various states in the region.
- (xvi) To undertake identified research studies of relevance in the region and other matters concerned with medicinal plants, including dissemination of research findings / new technologies in the medicinal plants sector.
- (xvii) To develop strategy for IEC (Information, Education and Communication) and implement IEC activities.
- (xviii) To document and disseminate success stories of activities supported by NMPB.
- (xix) To publish yearly report of the activities of the centre.
- (xx) Any other work assigned by NMPB from time to time.

SETUP OF RCFC

- Office of the RCFC in central region will be in the Administrative Building of the State Forest Research Institute, Polipathar, Jabalpur - 482008 (MP) India.
- The RCFC will cover the Central Region of India (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and southern part of Uttar Pradesh).
- The RCFC will work under the administration, guidance and supervision of Director, State Forest Research Institute, Polipathar, Jabalpur (M.P.).
- Regional Director, RCFC will have overall control over the execution of RCFC activities.
- Coordinator, RCFC will coordinate with the NMPB, SMPBs concerned, state forest departments concerned and officials of the SFRI, Jabalpur. He will also convene the meetings of the coordination committee as Member Secretary.
- There will be Coordination Committee headed by the Director, SFRI, Jabalpur, as Chairman.
- Coordinator will be its Member Secretary.
- Other members of the Co-ordination Committee will be as follows:-



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1	Regional Director & Head, RCFC
2	DDO & Head of Office, SFRI, Jabalpur / Dy. Director, SFRI
3	Dy. Director / Asst. Director, RCFC
4	Representatives of SFDs of and SMPBs of the three states and SFRI
5	Head, Biodiversity & Medicinal Plants Branch
6	Head, Forest Ecology & Environment Branch
7	Head, Genetics, Plants Propagation and Bio-Technology Branch
8	Head, Seed Technology Branch
9	Head, Botany Branch
10	Head, Tree Improvement Branch
11	Head, Social Economics & Marketing Branch
12	Head, Training & Extension Branch
13	Consultants of RCFC
14	Subject matter experts / invitees as decided by Director SFRI

- The above committee will meet regularly, at quarterly intervals, to review and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan of the RCFC.
- DDO, SFRI, Jabalpur will also work as DDO of RCFC.

All the stakeholders, such as growers, collectors, processors, traders and representative of pharmaceutical industries utilizing medicinal plants may contact the RCFC Coordinator for any information or further details.

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REGIONAL-CUM-FACILITATION CENTRE CENTRAL REGION, JABALPUR (RCFC)

NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD
MINISTRY OF AYUSH; GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

An Introduction



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AN INTRODUCTION

India with 15 agro-climatic zones is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of biodiversity. Out of about 17000-18000 species of flowering plants, more than 7000 are estimated to have medicinal usage in folk and documented systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy (AYUSH).

Medicinal plants are not only a major resource base for the traditional medicine and herbal industry but also provide livelihood and health security to a large segment of Indian population. It is estimated that more than 242 species in India are having commercial value. The domestic and industrial demand of medicinal plants is increasing day-by-day.



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NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD



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In order to promote medicinal plant sector, Government of India set up National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) on 24th November 2000. Currently, the board is working under the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy); Government of India.

The primary mandate of NMPB is to develop an appropriate mechanism for coordination among various ministries/ departments/ organizations and implementation of support policies/programmes for conservation, cultivation, trade, export and overall growth of the medicinal plant sector, both at the central and state levels.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD

Although in recent years the cultivation of medicinal plants has started gaining momentum, still a significant part of our requirement of medicinal plants as raw material for the herbal pharmaceutical industry continues to be met from wild sources. To meet the increasing demand for medicinal plants, NMPB focuses on *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation and augmentation of the growing stock of local medicinal and aromatic plants species. The NMPB also promotes research and development, capacity building through trainings and raising awareness through promotional activities like creation of home / school herbal gardens.

NMPB also seeks to support programs for quality assurance and standardization through development of Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GA & CPs), development of monographs laying down standards of quality, safety



Seeds of medicinal plants

and efficacy; development of agro-techniques and credible institutions for certification of quality of raw drugs, seeds and planting material.

The main objective of NMPB is development of medicinal plant sector by developing strong coordination among various ministries/ departments/ organizations for implementation of policies / programmes related to medicinal plants.



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STATE FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JABALPUR

Established in the year 1963 at Jabalpur, State Forest Research Institute is the oldest state level forestry research institute in India. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has granted autonomy to the institute on 29th October, 1994. It was registered as a society under Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973, w.e.f. 2nd August, 1995. Granting of autonomy has provided functional freedom and facilitated strengthening of infrastructure and technical man-power in the institute.

MISSION

The institute's mission is to provide adaptive and applied research for the conservation and development of forests and forestry sector in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

GOALS

- Conservation of forests and forest resources - soil, water and floral and faunal diversity
- Enhancement of productivity of natural forests and plantations
- Efficient and sustainable utilization of forest resources and forest products - timber and NTFPs
- Expansion of tree cover
- Sustainable management of forests involving forest -dependent communities and people's participation
- Biodiversity assessment and its inventorization
- Monitoring and evaluation of wildlife and their habitats
- Documentation and development of agro-forestry systems for different agro-climatic conditions in M.P.

ORGANIZATION

Director is the chief executive of the institute in the rank of PCCF/ APCCF. He is assisted by a team of forestry professionals, scientists, senior research officers and support staff.

RESEARCH DIVISIONS

1. Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants
2. Forest Botany
3. Forest Ecology and Environment (EIA Cell)
4. Forest Genetics, Plant Propagation and Biotechnology
5. Forest Mensuration and Statistics
6. Silviculture
7. Seed Technology



Gene bank of medicinal plants

8. Social Economics and Marketing
9. Tree Improvement
10. Wildlife
11. Climate Change
12. Agro-Forestry
13. Extension, Consultancy and Training
14. Library and Documentation
15. Computers and Information Technology



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REGIONAL-CUM-FACILITATION CENTRE (RCFC)

The NMPB is engaging reputed research institutions/ other organizations, universities, etc. for coordinating the activities in the medicinal plants sector and to act as Regional-cum-Facilitation Centers (RCFC) in six different regions (East, West, North, South, Central and North East) of the country. For the central region comprising of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and southern part of Uttar Pradesh, the NMPB, vide its letter F.No. A-11019/04/2016-NMPB-III dated 21st August, 2017, has approved the proposal of State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur to establish an RCFC in the institute campus. This RCFC will act as one stop center for the growers, cultivators, researchers, traders and other stakeholders of medicinal plants and to function in close coordination with State Medicinal Plant Boards (SMPB), the state implementing agencies of the medicinal plant component of the AYUSH Mission, etc. This RCFC shall provide a service window for growers of Medicinal Plants (MPs), for supporting conservation, development, marketing and cultivation of medicinal plants and providing handholding support to stakeholders in terms of technology dissemination and also for establishing primary processing facilities, etc. besides undertaking identified research relevant to the area concerned as and when assigned.

Development of medicinal plants requires an effective institutional mechanism for technology transfer on crops and varieties that can be grown in an agro-climatic zone keeping in consideration the soil suitability for a particular crop, the cultivation practices and identified sources of quality seed and quality planting material. Farmers/growers have felt need for hand holding support, so that cultivation of medicinal plants as a crop diversification option may pick up to the desired level.



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Marketing of medicinal plants

FUNCTIONS OF RCFC

- (i) To act as one stop shop for all matters related to medicinal plants in the region concerned and provide support to NMPB to fulfil its mandate and to act also as Facilitation Centre of NMPB. It would also undertake research activities pertaining to the region concerned.
- (ii) To facilitate and get engaged in setting up of primary processing, grading and marketing facilities, etc. in collaboration with local stakeholders/ organizations of repute.