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**2 DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MEDICINAL PLANTS FROM TOMORROW IN JAIPUR**

Jaipur, 19 August:  Organized jointly by the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH in association with State Medicinal Plants Board, Government of Rajasthan and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI),

a 2 day National Seminar on Medicinal Plants will begin in Jaipur tomorrow.

With the objective of spreading awareness and knowledge about these plants among various stakeholders, a National Campaign on Medicinal Plants will also be launched in the inaugural session of the seminar.

The event will be inaugurated by Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH, Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik. Minister of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. Prabhu Lal Saini and Minister of Health, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. Rajendra Singh Rathore will be the Guests of Honour on the occasion.

During the inaugural session, the keynote address will be delivered by Secretary, AYUSH, Government of India  Mr. Ajit M. Sharan.  Principal Secretary Ayurveda, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. R. Venkateswaran and Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, Ms. Neelkamal Darbari and Chief Executive Officer, NMPB, Ms. Shomita Biswas will also address the gathering.

To be held at State Institute of Agriculture Management (SIAM), Durgapura, the event is likely to be attended by around 500 farmers from various states who are engaged in cultivation of these plants along with other agencies and stakeholders. Later, an interactive session cum seminar will also involving farmers, industry experts and traders, among others will also be held.