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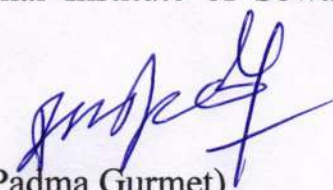
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Press Release

A Three Days Workshop-cum-Training program on Medicinal Plants and Traditional Knowledge is organized by the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh in collaboration with University of Ladakh from 18th - 20th March 2025. The program is inaugurated on 18th March 2025 at the Conference Hall of National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa by Shri Ghulam Mehdi, Hon'ble Executive Councillor (Forest & Minority Affairs), Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh and Dr Om Prakash Chaurasia, Director, DIHAR (DRDO) Leh was the Guest of Honor for the inaugural session. The workshop is attended by senior students and faculty members of University of Ladakh and National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh. The program started with welcome address by Dr Tsewang Tundup, Asst. Professor, NISR followed by keynote address by Dr Padma Gurmet, Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh. Dr Padma Gurmet highlighted the rich medicinal plants resources of Ladakh and its commercial potential based on the rich traditional knowledge of Ladakh, he said that there are more than 500 medicinal plants in Ladakh and many plants are in high demand due to its medicinal and commercial value. Dr Om Prakash Chaurasia shared his thirty years' working experience on medicinal plants of Ladakh. He also mentioned about the scope for commercial cultivation and product development from medicinal plants with the help of scientific validation and proper packaging. Chief Guest Shri Ghulam Mehdi, Hon'ble Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh congratulated National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa for organizing a training program for young faculty members and students about the medicinal plants and traditional knowledge of Ladakh. He said that medicinal plants sector is one of the important

sectors for Union Territory of Ladakh and LAHDC, Leh will provide full support for preservation of traditional knowledge and development of medicinal plants sector in Ladakh.

After lunch, technical lectures are presented on the theme of cultivation, conservation, scientific validation and commercial scope of medicinal plants and about the traditional knowledge by Prof. Tsering Thakchoe, Dr Sonam Dawa, Horticulture Development Officer, Dr Sonam Chorol, and Dr Tsewang Rinchan of NISR, Leh. On 19 March a practical cultivation training of medicinal plants was conducted at the Trans-Himalayan Herbal Garden of National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa.


(Dr Padma Gurmet)
Director

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