

WORKSHOP ON  
**GUGGUL CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION AND COLLECTION**

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

<i>SN.</i>	<i>Details of the programme</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b><i>Inauguration</i></b>		
1	Registration of the Delegates	9:30 AM to 10:00 AM
2	Welcome Address by the Dr. R.L. Srivastava, Director AFRI	10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
3	Chief Guest's Address by Sh. Abhijit Ghose, PCCF (Rajasthan)	10:15 AM to 10:30 AM
4	Chairman's Address by Sh. B.S. Sajwan, CEO, NMPB, New Delhi	10:30 AM to 11:00 AM
<b><i>Technical Session I</i></b>		
5	<i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Guggul) : Present Scenario, Research Initiatives and Future Prospects by Dr. Tarun Kant, Scientist D, AFRI	11:00 AM to 11:30 PM
6	Brainstorming	11:30 PM to 1:00 PM
<b>Lunch Break</b>		1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
<b><i>Technical Session II</i></b>		
7	Discussion and final recommendations	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
8	Vote of thanks by Sh. Ashok Kumar, GC(R), AFRI	3:00 PM

**Recommendations:**

1. Serious and do some good planning is required if we have to save guggul from extinction.
2. Documenting of indigenous knowledge should begin on guggul related aspects.
3. Establishment of networking knowledge centres should be given a serious thought.
4. Price analysis and forecasting of guggul related products needs to be done in a systematic way. Assessment of trade and markets require imperative efforts. Better regulation of trade of this important medicinal plant is needed. Village level groups, co-operatives and NGOs should be brought together for a sustainable guggul based system. And that can't be done unless direct linkage between producer & trader for assured market is created.
5. High priority research goals for guggul should be set and executed in a mission mode at various research institutions undertaking work on this endangered plant species. Systematic work on characterization of germplasm using morphological, molecular, biochemical and chemical parameters needs to get a head start. Screening of the germplasm need to be taken up immediately to categorize apomicts into facultative and obligate and amphimicts.
6. Major thrust should be on development of non-destructive tapping technology.
7. Methods of fast mass multiplication of identified quality material is also a must.