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Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister Inaugurates Coral Jubilee Celebrations of Spices Board

Spices Board, the body corporate under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for export promotion of Indian spices turned 35 on 26th February 2022 embarking its quintricennial year of serving the nation. Spices Board was formed on 26th February 1987, under the Spices Board Act, 1986, with the merger of erstwhile Cardamom Board and Spices Export Promotion Council. Since then, the Board has been pivotal in the development and promotion of Indian spices globally, thereby contributing significantly to the forex of the nation.

The Coral Jubilee celebrations of the Board commenced on 26 February 2022 in a hybrid event which was inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. The inaugural ceremony witnessed spices farmers and exporters joining the celebrations from across the country and interacting with the Minister, fuelling discussions and deliberations for future development of the Indian spice industry.

The Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal launched both the postal stamp and Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme during the event, which was coordinated from Hotel Monsoon Empress, Kochi, in the presence of Spices Board officials, exporters, farmers and various other stakeholders of the Spice Industry. The Minister had a fruitful interaction with the spices farmers and exporters from various parts of the country, including Kochi, Nizamabad, Warangal, Mumbai, Unjha, Jodhpur, Guwahati and Gangtok.

Shri Piyush Goyal, during the inaugural address thanked everyone for recognizing the pivotal role that the Spices Board has played since its inception in promoting Indian spices all across the world. He opined "Spices Board, which acts as the crucial link between Indian exporters and importers all over the world, has helped to fuel international exports. The spices exports have increased phenomenally by 115 per cent in volume and 84 per cent in value in the last 7 years between 2014 - 21 reaching the historic height of US dollars 4.18 billion last year which in turn has increased the income of our *annadathas*, our farmers all over the country". He further said "food without spices is like life without colours" and also remarked "spices are a part of each one of us and our lives,

playing an important role in Indian culture, heritage, history, and tradition. India has a very important role in the export of spices. Today, we have indigenous spices like Kashmir Saffron, Black Pepper from Kerala, Gujarat Ginger, Naga Chilli of the North East, etc. that are recognized across the globe and used in some famous food items of the world".

Speaking about the pandemic and Indian spice industry, the Minister added "In the challenging pandemic times, the world came to know about the age-old and time-tested practices of Ayurveda that involve the use of spices. Ayush Kwath that combines the therapeutic powers of cinnamon, tulsi, ginger and black pepper, and the Golden Milk which is made using turmeric and pepper and other spices are some of the most searched recipes for immunity boosting during the Covid-19 pandemic".



Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution during the inaugural ceremony of the Coral Anniversary Celebrations of Spices Board

The Minister also appreciated Spices Board for the proactive interventions in promoting Indian spices and for spearheading the evolution of Indian spice trade over the last 35 years to sustain India's leadership in this sector. He said "India is called 'the Pharmacy of the World' due to the capacity to provide vaccines and lifesaving medicines and India has also made a mark in production and export of nutraceutical products which capture the immunity boosting property of spices". Minister appreciated the Spices Board and Agricultural Insurance Corporation of India Ltd for launching the innovative Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme for Small Cardamom and added that he would like to see the expansion of this

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scheme to benefit a larger number of farmers all over India. The Minister said “the eight Spice Parks on different locations of India benefit the farmers, entrepreneurs and exporters who have started getting better prices and the network of Board’s Quality Evaluation Laboratories provide analytical service to exporters and other stakeholders across major ports of India”. He also mentioned the other major achievements of the Board like the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs under the Codex Alimentarius Commission of the FAO and WHO, which has successfully developed global quality standards for eight spices.

Indian spice industry has significant plans to improve the export of spices through resilient and efficient programmes and interventions. Collaborative efforts with various national and international agencies to promote Indian spices like initiatives with Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) of World Trade Organisation (WTO) and Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) for strengthening the spice value chain and market value chain, INDGAP for good manufacturing and Good Agricultural Practices certification are making a good momentum in the spices sector. The Minister remarked that the Spices Board is also working closely with international agencies like IDH and GIZ of Germany on the National Sustainable Spices Programme. He also mentioned the digital programmes that the Board has to its credit like cloud-based e- auction facility for small cardamom and ‘Spice Xchange India’, the 3D virtual platform for export promotion.

The Minister also opined that we are facing certain challenges. “We do not enjoy cost advantages against many countries of Asia and Africa. In order to tackle this issue, we need to focus on the export of value- added spices products” he said. The Minister put forth three suggestions for the spices sector to focus on; to establish Quality Evaluation Laboratories everywhere in India in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Standards or FSSAI to maintain high quality standards in spices; focus on packaging and branding of Indian Spices in collaboration with Indian Institute of Packaging; and promotion of spice tourism and thereby creating awareness on Indian spices both in India and across the world.

Shri Piyush Goyal expressed his condolences to members Spices sector lost in the recent past, Shri Mahashay Dharampal Gulati of MDH Masala and Shri Vadilal Bhai Shah of Everest Spices.

Concluding his address, the Minister asked Spices Board to set a target of doubling the exports to 10 billion dollars by 2027 and then further double in the next five years 2032. He urged the Spice Industry to prepare for 2047- Amrit Kaal: 100 years of Indian independence, and asked the Board to collectively work to make the spices sector the flagbearer of India’s exports so that the world recognizes brand India with our delicious spices products.



Shri A. G. Thankappan, Chairman, Spices Board delivering the Presidential Address at the inauguration of the Coral Anniversary celebrations.

Shri A.G. Thankappan, Chairman Spices Board in his presidential address expressed his pleasure for having the august presence of the hon’ble minister at the 35th Anniversary of Spices Board. He said “the journey of spices from commodities of trade to billion dollars’ worth industry is not spontaneous, it is a culmination of a series of reforms in the progressive direction and the distinctiveness of Indian spices also have propelled this industry to become a promising sector”.



Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board delivering the welcome address at the inauguration of the Coral Anniversary celebrations.

Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board while welcoming the gathering pointed out that the coral jubilee celebration of Spices Board came at the juncture when spices exports had surpassed 4.18 billion USD. Counting it as a proud moment, he said that exports of spices had come a long way and had surged to that landmark in 2020-21 from USD 229 million in 1987.

Shri Staney Pothen, Vice Chairman, Spices Board and Shri Malay Kumar Poddar, Chairman and Managing Director, Agricultural Insurance Company of India Limited were present during the event. The event also showcased a five-minute long video on



Launch of Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme for Small Cardamom

the 35 glorious years of Spices Board. Dr A. B. Rema Shree, Director Spices Board proposed the vote of thanks. Spices Board is celebrating its Coral Jubilee with a series of events involving all key stakeholders of the spice community such as spice growers, farmers, traders, auctioneers, and exporters. The programmes include international buyer seller meet, e-sale of large cardamom to benefit the cardamom spice fraternity, productivity awards for cardamom farmers, and an exporters conclave titled Vision 2047.



Chairman's Message

Spices Board, the statutory organization for export promotion of Indian spices under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is committed to propel the growth and prosperity of the Indian spice industry. The Board has been continually implementing a series of schemes and programmes aiming at the development of the sector, benefitting all the stakeholders, farmers, traders, processors, exporters and consumers alike.

On the occasion of Coral Jubilee, Spices Board is happy to launch the first edition of its monthly newsletter 'Indian Spice News' to reach out to the Indian spices community. Indian

Spice News is a digital newsletter throwing light on the recent developments in the spice industry, activities and initiatives of the Spices Board and thus providing an additional platform to keep the Indian spice industry connected and informed.

I wish this new initiative of the Board a great success.



A.G. Thankappan
Chairman,
Spices Board India



Secretary's Message

India is known as the land of spices since ancient times and spices possess profound economic, social, and emotional space in Indian society. Spices are considered precious and sacred as they are essential preservatives and flavour enhancing agents in food, in addition to the medicinal, religious, and cosmetic applications. The tradition continues till date.

With a production of around 75 out of the 109 spices listed by the International Organization for Standardization, India is the world's largest producer of spices. As per the estimate, India's spice production is 10.49 million tonnes from an area of 45,17,720 hectares. Indian spices are renowned for their rich intrinsic quality. The agro-climatic conditions prevailing in the country are congenial for growing spices in tropical, sub-tropical and temperate conditions and so India grows at least one spice species in each state. The spice map of India is as versatile as one could ever imagine. Adding flavour and hues to the life of millions of people, the Indian spice industry is the most sophisticated and largest in the world.

India's spices export contributes to a tune of 8.40 per cent of India's agri exports and around one per cent of the total exports from India during 2019-'20. India exported a total of 1.76 million tonnes of spices and value-added spice products worth US \$ 4178.81 million in 2020-'21. Indian spices and spice ingredients are exported to over 185 countries and the export basket comprises around 225 products. Indian spices are mainly exported to China, USA, Bangladesh, Thailand, UAE, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, UK, Indonesia and Germany. Spices Board India (under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India) is the flagship organization constituted for the promotion of Indian spices worldwide. Since its inception in 1987, the Board is working in close association with the farmers, traders, processors and exporters of spices from India.

The activities of the Board focus on strengthening India's position as the global hub for high-end value addition of spices, by increasing the share of value-added products in spices export; supporting the Indian spice sector for strengthening infrastructure development for high-end value-addition of spices and spice products, quality assurance, etc.; brand promotion aimed at positioning Indian spice brands in import countries; promoting Immunity Boosting Properties of spices; projects to ensure Good Agricultural and Post-harvest Processing Practices with focus on food safety, sustainability and traceability; support programmes in spice exporters' clusters (AEP, DEH, ODOP, etc.) in collaboration with line departments; 24X7 AI powered virtual platform, 'Spice Xchange India', for export facilitation and international Buyer Seller Meets in collaboration with Indian Diplomatic Missions abroad.

To give more information about the latest developments and initiatives in the spices industry and the activities and the programmes of the Board, a monthly newsletter 'Indian Spice News' is published digitally. Indian Spice News contains all relevant information on the multifarious activities, latest trends and developments in the sector, information covering production, processing, value addition and export of spices and spice products.

This Newsletter can be used as a comprehensive source of information on the Indian Spice industry and Spices Board. The goal is to build a strong community among farmers, traders, exporters and other stakeholders who are involved in spice production and marketing.



D. Sathiyam IFS
Secretary,
Spices Board India



35 GLORIOUS YEARS IN SERVICE OF THE NATION

Spices Board India, the apex organization for the export promotion of Indian spices under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, serves as the connecting link between international spice importers and Indian exporters since its inception in 1987. On 26th February 2022, Spices Board India completed 35 glorious years in the service of the nation. On its Coral Jubilee year, let's have a look at the incredible journey of the Board so far.

Spices Board was formed under the Spices Board Act, 1986 by the merger of erstwhile Cardamom Board and Spices Export Promotion Council. Since then, the Board has been working for export promotion of Indian spices in international markets, for the excellence of Indian spices and spice industry, and for the holistic development of the spices sector. The Board has been effective in connecting the Indian exporters and the importers abroad. Over the years, the Board expanded its reach and branched out with a pan Indian presence to cater to all the requirements of the spices sector. In 2020, with successful restructuring, the Board has transformed into a lean and efficient organization.

Globally, Indian spices remain the most sought-after product owing to their exquisite flavour, taste, aroma and in some cases, their medicinal properties. India's strength is the diversified production base in spices. India produces 75 out of the 109 spices listed out by the International Organization for Standardization, earning the name 'Spice Bowl of the World'. Indian spices export basket is too diverse and vibrant with around 225 spices and spice products which are exported to more than 180 countries. Indian spice exports contribute nine per cent to India's total agri-export and over 40 per cent of India's horticultural exports.

The Board's proactive and innovative interventions have contributed to sustain and reinforce India's leadership in the global spice trade. India remains the leading producer, consumer and exporter of spices and spice products and is developing into a global hub in processing and value addition of spices. The Board works in close association with all categories of stakeholders; spice growers, exporters, trade promotion and regulatory bodies of importing countries, inter-governmental organizations, etc. The aim of the Indian spice industry is to become the global hub for processing and value addition of spices and the premier supplier of clean, safe and value-added spices and spices products to the industrial and retail segments of the global spices market.

Some of the key achievements/ interventions during the period in spices sector are as follows:

1. Export of spices from India has grown steadily over the years. The exports crossed a historic landmark of 4 billion US\$ during 2020-21 for the first time ever.
2. Established eight state of the art Spices Parks across India to bring common processing facilities at the doorstep of production/ export hubs.
3. Established eight Quality Evaluation Laboratories at the major production/ processing/ exporting centres to assess and certify the quality of spices for exports, to meet the requirement of importing countries.
4. Launched the pioneering platform of business convergence for the international spice industry, the 'World Spice Congress' and organized 13 editions so far in various parts of India.
5. The Board's relentless efforts resulted in setting up of an exclusive Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) under Codex Alimentarius Commission, Rome, the international organization under FAO and WHO, in 2014 for developing international standards, guidelines and codes of practices for spices and culinary herbs. India chairs the committee and the Board serves as its Secretariat. So far, in 5 CCSCH sessions, quality standards for eight spices have been developed- black/ white/green pepper, cumin, thyme, garlic, cloves, oregano, basil and ginger.
6. Indian spices sector boasts of Geographical Indication (GI) registration for 26 indigenous spice varieties and holds potential for many more. Spices Board has obtained GI registration for five spices; the Alleppey Green Cardamom, Coorg Green Cardamom, Malabar Pepper, Guntur Sannam Chilli and Byadagi Chilli.
7. Launched key collaborative projects with various national and international agencies, for the advancement of spices, like INDGAP (Good Agricultural Practices) Certification with the Quality Council of India; Strengthening spice value chain in India and improving Market access through capacity building and innovative interventions with STDF of WTO and FAO; National Sustainable Spice Programme in collaboration with World Spice Organization (WSO), All India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF), IDH and GIZ, Germany; Development of Blockchain platform for Spices in collaboration with UNDP's Accelerator Lab, etc.
8. Launched Spice Xchange India, a unique digital platform which boasts of integration of spice trade data and AI based matchmaking, for export facilitation, by connecting India's spice exporters with buyers from around the globe.

Spices Board has been synthesizing success in the spices sector with its multifarious activities that are aimed at holistic development and increased the exports. The elated journey of Spices Board in these 35 years has been a fruitful one. The Board is keen to increase export of spices from the country through resilient and efficient programmes and interventions and the aim is to sustain the competitive edge of the Indian spice industry with added thrust on high-end value addition and new product development to cater to the specific requirements of varied consumers around the globe, while remaining committed to ensuring food safety, quality and sustainability. May the coming years of the Board be a catalyst to usher more glory and success for the Indian spices sector.



INDIAN SPICE TRADE: OVERCOMING CHALLENGES



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The year 2021-22 saw a remarkable growth in spices exports with the country achieving over four billion USD mark in value terms in exports. This growth is despite the pandemic and the other challenges the industry faced in the preceding year. The quantum jump in demand and consumption of spices and their usage in various fields other than food is an impetus for further growth of the industry. However, there is a need to take note of the challenges confronting the trade for achieving sustained growth and to seek out early solutions to issues of concern.



The spice industry has been adversely affected by the acute shortage of containers and the freight rates which have increased eight to 10 times of the normal cost. Severe container shortage is being experienced at Indian ports which is caused due to heavy congestions at ports in the US, EU and China. There is no end in sight for both these issues which may carry on till early 2023. It can be confidently said that the resilient Spice Community will overcome these problems and achieve yet another record in Indian spice exports in the current financial year.

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate, Government of India introduced the Biodiversity Act Amendment Bill 2021 in the Parliament this year. The Parliament constituted a Joint Committee with Hon'ble MP Dr Sanjay Jaiswal as the Chairman to study all aspects of the bill and to interact with the concerned stakeholders. All India Spices Export Forum (AISEF) submitted a memorandum to the Committee detailing the non-compliance by National Biodiversity Authority / State Biodiversity Board (NBA/SBB) on granting exemption to Spice crops as per Section 40, non-compliance of provisions of Section 7 by NBA/SBB by ignoring the pleas for limiting the need to prior intimation as stipulated under the Act, non- acceptance of spice oils and oleoresins as value-added products for exemption as biological resources and also sought clarity in the classification of foreign entity under Section 3. AISEF is also given an opportunity to present the case physically before the Committee and hope that the Committee will positively consider granting exemptions to the spice industry as stipulated in the Act.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is holding meetings with various countries on FTA (Free Trade Agreement) which can bring in extraordinary business opportunities and generate more jobs in the country. We hope that the

Spices Industry will gain concessions and privileges in host countries as a result of the ongoing consultations.

Refund of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTE) which presently has the rate as 0.8 to 1 per cent, for spice products need to be revised. A new Committee has been appointed for reviewing and rectifying errors and anomalies and to provide the rates for AA/EOU/SEZ and AISEF is in the process of submitting required data to the Committee. It is hopeful that the Spice Board India will take up this matter strongly and find a just solution for the spice exporters.

With the interest in sustainability and food safety issues increasing globally, many overseas buyers of Indian spices have made their quality requirements and standards for spices more stringent. Accordingly, the major buying countries have established tighter Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) or revoked the approval of some commonly used pesticides.

The Ethylene Oxide contamination (ETO) on spices for shipment to Europe has become a major point of concern this year. In order to establish the source of ETO contamination, if any, AISEF had collected data from member exporters for around 1700 samples of 19 different spices. The detailed study gave the data on the ETO presence and also showed some evidence of possible natural occurrence and for cross-contamination during storage. This data was submitted to the Spices Board for further evaluation and study.

The issue of Ethylene oxide residues in Indian spices in EU countries has turned out to be a major impediment to the Indian spice trade. Spices Board has initiated the issue of Health Certificate for the consignments to EU with effect from 07 February 2022. However, the exemption time given presently by the EU is too short and the consignments which were dispatched earlier are facing issues for clearance at the EU ports and the Spices Board is seeking adequate transition time for shifting to the new regime. We are confident that the Spices Board and the Commerce Ministry will provide the industry the breathing time required for exporters to adapt the products to meet the required levels.

The ban of Chlorpyrifos, a pesticide widely used in spices and other crops, by the European Union affected the spice exports from India to the EU. Recently, the United States revoked all "tolerances" for Chlorpyrifos in the country from February 2022 onwards. As this act could severely affect the spice exports from India we have requested the Spices Board to take up a case with the concerned authorities of USA, appealing for an extended timeframe for the implementation of the revocation.

World regulatory authorities and importers have been clamping new strictures on quality parameters for spices and spices products. AISEF and the collaborators have initiated interventions to reach out the different segments in the supply chain through education and continuous training programmes. Ultimately, these will help in upbrining the quality of the products not only for exports but also for domestic market.



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME



Quality Improvement Training Programme on Small Cardamom organised Field Office, Somwarpet

Spices Board Field Office, Somwarpet organized a Quality Improvement Training Programme on Small Cardamom at Shri Kumaralingeswara Community Hall, Shanthalli on 11 February 2022. The programme was inaugurated by S. G. Medappa, Member of Spices Board. The programme dealt with Nursery Management, Disease and Pest Management, and Post-harvest Technology in Small Cardamom. A total of 68 farmers attended the programme.



Quality Improvement Training Programme on Ginger organized by Spices Board Regional Office, Mumbai

Spices Board, Regional Office, Mumbai organized a Quality Improvement Training Programme on Ginger for farmers from Sillod, Aurangabad region on 22 February 2022. Around 50 farmers participated in the programme. The farmers were informed of the opportunities for ginger export and need for quality production. The farmers were also sensitized on adopting Good Agricultural Practices, Integrated Pest Management and Organic farming. Some of the progressive farmers and members of Farmer Producer Organisations shared their experiences and success stories. According to the Agriculture Department, in Aurangabad, more than 3500 hectares of ginger cultivation is reported from the talukas of Kannad, Phulambri and Sillod.



Quality Improvement Training programme for Chilli Growers organized by Spices Board, Warangal

Spices Board Regional Office, Warangal conducted a Quality Improvement Training Programme for Chilli Growers of Cherla village, Bhadrachalam Kothagudem District, Telangana on 14 February 2022. Around 70 progressive chilli farmers, traders, people representing print and electronic media participated in the programme.



Quality Improvement Training Programme on Turmeric for Women Farmers organized at Hingoli

A Quality Improvement Training Programme on Turmeric for women farmers was organized at Hingoli on 23 February 2022. The members of the Women's Farmer Producer Organization 'Pradnyashil Taruna Farmers Producer Company' actively participated in the training. Scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hingoli delivered a session on Cultivation Practices and Post-harvest Management. The farmers were very eager to learn the best practices in cultivation and harvesting of turmeric. The farmers were also apprised on quality issues and the need to comply with international quality standards. The sessions were interactive and the major concerns of the farmers were the marketing of their produce and better price realization. They were very enthusiastic to work on better practices of cultivation and post-harvest management and processing techniques for making their produce export quality.



Spices Board Officials, Mudigere with Shri Jomy Mathew, Winner of IPC award for best pepper farmer from India for the year 2020

Spices Board, Mudigere organized a Quality Improvement Training Programme on spices at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mudigere on 22 February 2022. During the programme, Spices Board honoured Shri Jomy Mathew, Cherukatt Plantations, a pepper planter from Shivamogga and the recipient of Pepper Farmer Award 2020 constituted by the International Pepper Community (IPC), Jakarta, Indonesia. During the programme Shri Jomy Mathew shared his experience in black pepper cultivation.



Delegate speaking at Qulaity Improvement Training Programme on Seed Spices organized by Spices Board, Jodhpur

A Quality Improvement Training Programme on Seed Spices was organized by Spices Board, Jodhpur for the fennel farmers at Ber Kalan on 28 February 2022. The programme witnessed active participation of farmers. Dr S. N. Saxena, Director (Acting), National Research Centre and Seed Spices (NRCSS), Dr Raj Purohit, members of SRK spices, PJM Spices, Barmer attended the programme. About 56 farmers participated in the programme. HDPE tarpaulin sheets were distributed to the farmers of STDF project area.



Growers Training Programme on Black Pepper conducted by Regional Office, Guwahati

Spices Board Regional Office, Guwahati conducted Growers Training Programme on Black Pepper at Mirzakhath, Boko, Assam on 14 February 2022. A total of 50 farmers attended the programme.



GROWERS TRAINING PROGRAMME



Farmers Training Programme on Chilli at Mudhugulathur, Ramnad

Spices Board, Field Unit, Batlagundu organized a Farmers Training Programme on Chilli at Mudugulathur, Ramnad District on 17 February 2022. Good Agricultural Practices for quality chilli production and Integrated Pest Management were the focus areas of the training. About 50 farmers representing various parts of the Ramnad District attended the programme. The advantages of obtaining GI registration for Ramnad Mundu Chilli were explained. Ramnad Mundu Chilli Producer Company Limited in association with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has filed an application with the GI registry and the registration is under process. The Mundu chilli has the highest capsaicin content of 0.35% compared to other local varieties of Sannam type. The programme was coordinated by the Ramnad Mundu Chilli Producer Company Limited.



"The Mizo chilli", which is native to Mizoram in the North Eastern region of India, has been receiving a lot of attention due to its high pungency and unique aroma. The Mizo chilli, a chilli variety indigenous to Mizoram in the northeast region of India, has been used by the indigenous people of Mizoram for thousands of years to treat a variety of ailments. It produces an extremely hot or burning sensation due to the presence of capsaicinoids. It is known by various names in Mizoram such as Mizoram Bird's eye chilli (MZBEC) or 'Hmarchate' or 'Vaihmarhate'. In addition to being used as a spice and vegetable, they are also used as a very good source of ethno-medicines for a number of diseases by traditional healers.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Spices Board, Myladumpara, Idukki organized a webinar on 12 February 2022. The topic was Value Addition in Black Pepper and Cardamom. Dr T. John Zachariah, Former Principal Scientist and Acting Director, ICAR – Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikkode was the lead speaker.



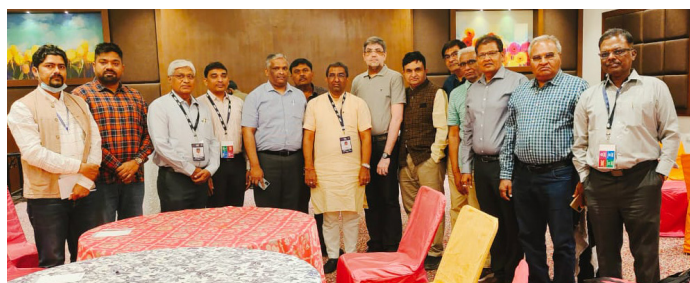
Shri S. Ranganathan, Assistant Director (Marketing), Spices Board, Bodinayakanur interacting with participants.

Spices Board, Bodinayakanur organized a six-day Skill Training Programme for Rural Youth (STRY) on Nursery Management in Spices during 28 February 2022 to 05 March 2022. The programme was funded by the ICAR-MANAGE through ATMA & SAMETI. The candidates qualified in the skill test and post training evaluation are issued with certificates and Black Pepper rooted cuttings.



Distribution of HDPE tarpaulin sheets to cumin farmers in Gudamalani

Spices Board India, Jodhpur distributed HDPE tarpaulin sheets to cumin farmers near Gudamalani on 18 February 2022. Gudamalani is a major area under cumin cultivation and major district under ODOP (One District One Production) programme.



Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board with office bearers and stakeholders of FISS at Udaipur

Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board interacted with stakeholders from the Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders on 05 March 2022 at Udaipur, Rajasthan on various issues pertaining to the sector.



Training Programme organized under the Prime Minister's Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, for Micro Entrepreneurs of Idukki

Spices Park Puttady in association with the Government of Kerala and Kerala Agricultural University imparted training to micro entrepreneurs of Idukki district under the Prime Minister's Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industry on 22 February 2022 at Spices Park, Puttady. Around 15 entrepreneurs attended the training program. The participants also visited the facilities available at the park for post-harvest processing and storage of spices. Shri A. G. Thankappan, Chairman, Spices Board and Shri Staney Joseph Pothen, Vice Chairman, Spices Board interacted with the participants during the programme.



PARTICIPATION



Spices Board's stall in India Hospitality, Food & Beverage Pro World Expo 2022.

Spices Board participated in the three day India Hospitality, Food & Beverage Pro World Expo 2022 during 04 - 06th March 2022 at Nehru Centre Mumbai. Ambassador, Republic of Burundi, First Secretary, High Commission of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and officials from the consulate of Uzbekistan visited the Board's stall. The Board's officials highlighted various activities of the Spices Board. Spices Board was felicitated by the organizers in the presence of Dr. Vijay G. Kalantri; Chairman, MVIRDC World Trade Centre Mumbai/Jaipur; President, All India Association of Industries; Director, World Trade Centres Association.



SEMINAR



Shri Jitendra Papalkar IAS, District Collector, Hingoli delivering the inaugural address of the Regional Seminar

Spices Board, Regional Office, Mumbai organized a Regional Seminar on Turmeric on 24 February 2022 at the conference hall of District Collector, Hingoli in Maharashtra. Shri Jitendra Papalkar, IAS, District Collector, Hingoli inaugurated the Regional Seminar.

Dr P. P. Shelke, Senior Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tondapur; Shri Shivraj Ghorpade, District Superintending Agriculture Officer, Hingoli; Professor Anil Olambe, Krishi Vigyan Kendra; Shri Shivsamb Ladke, Deputy Director, Agriculture, Hingoli; Shri Yuvraj Shahare, Deputy Director, ATMA, Hingoli; Dr Mamta Rupolia, Assistant Director, Spices Board and Shri P. P. Kanel, Consultant, Spices Board led the technical sessions. About 130 turmeric growers and members from Farmer Producer Companies participated in the seminar.



Release of pamphlet on blight control in Large Cardamom in Nepali during the Regional Seminar at West Sikkim

Spices Board, Geyzing organized a Regional Seminar on Production, Post-Harvest Improvement and Marketing of Spices for sustainable livelihood on 28 February 2022 at Village Administrative Centre, 24-Hee gram panchayat, West Sikkim. Shri Lok Nath Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Sikkim was the Chief Guest. Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board joined the seminar online and addressed the participants. About 160 people attended the Seminar.



SEED SPICES STAKEHOLDERS MEET IN UDAIPUR

The Federation of Indian Spice stakeholders at its sixth Annual Spice Meet declared the result of Crop Survey 2022. Panel discussion on Seed Spices and presentation of awards to top performers in domestic and export market were also held on 5th & 6th March 2022 at Spectrum Resort, Udaipur, and Rajasthan.



Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board at the 6th Annual Spice Meet at Udaipur, Rajasthan

Shri D. Sathiyam IFS, Secretary, Spices Board who was the chief guest on the occasion, appreciated the Federation for its initiative in holding interactions with the members. He informed that the export of spices and spices products have touched US\$ 4.1 billion. He lauded the Federation for helping in establishing the backward integration in growing areas. India is a leader in spices both in quality and quantity and is exporting 15% of its production. There are almost 75 spices in India 225 spices and spices products are exported to 180 destinations across the globe.

The Secretary, Spices Board informed that due to the trade barriers imposed by European Union and China, there will be a dip in the exports of spices in 2021-22. The case for value addition assumes importance to boost exports. "Recently Spices Board and Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition organized a two day webinar on 'Diverging from Conventional Applications: Indian Spices for the Flavours of the World' to sensitize the exporters about the unique flavours for the world cuisine which will be a potential niche market abroad for Indian spices", he said. The Spice Board's recently launched SpiceXchange is a unique platform to connect with potential buyers from abroad. New entrepreneurs are entering spice exports and Spice Board is offering entrepreneurial training programs and has also revamped the infrastructure development scheme for the benefit of its members. The Secretary requested the spice exporters to offer their comments, feedbacks and suggestions on the Enactment of Spice (Promotion and Development) Bill 2022.

Shri Dineshbhai Patel, Chairman, APMC, Unjha, Dr Bhagirath Choudhry, Founder/Director, South Asia Biotechnology Centre, Jodhpur were present. Farmers, traders, processors and exporters from seed spices growing states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and other parts of the country were present. Shri Dineshbhai Patel, Chairman, APMC, Unjha thanked the Federation for conducting the Crop Survey which is accurate and reliable and stated that he will continue to sponsor the same. He requested Shri D. Sathiyam IFS to set up Spice Park in Gujarat, nominate seed spice exporters from the western region in Spice Board and upgrade the

Spice Laboratory with more manpower and equipments position of seed spices. Awards for highest export in cumin which will facilitate the spice exports. Dr Bhagirath Choudhry seeds, coriander seeds, fennel & fenugreek seeds were informed that there are 14 crore farmers in the country and the also presented. production of IPM cumin seed is approx. 18000 metric tonnes.

The current export of US\$ 4 billion will touch US\$ 10 billion Interactive panel discussions were held on International Crop by 2027. He requested subsidies for testing charges of cumin Scenario for Cumin, Fennel and Coriander. The Federation which is currently very exorbitant and unaffordable. desires to promote organic products in international market, expedite certification process of organic products and reduce

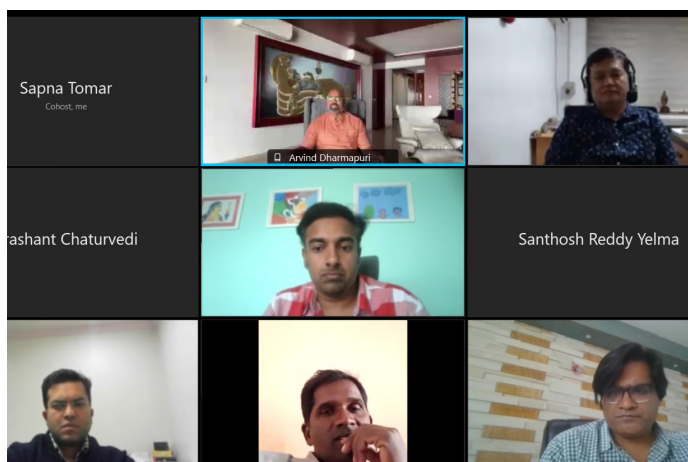
Shri Devendra Patel, Chairman, Federation of Indian Spice testing cost which will elevate the income and livelihood of Stakeholders welcomed and acknowledged the efforts of the farmers to a great extent. the students of Dantiwada Agri University who had toured the various seed spices growing areas to survey the crop

Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders (FISS) Crop Report:

Students of Dantiwada Agri University, Gujarat, extensively toured the various seed spices growing areas in Gujarat and Rajasthan and surveyed the crops under the guidance of the Federation members. Given below are the summarized report of the Crop Survey 2022 of Fenugreek Seeds, Fennel Seeds, Coriander Seeds and Cumin Seeds.

	AREA, YIELD & PRODUCTION											
	Estimated Area (‘000’ Ha.)			Estimated Yield (Kg/Ha.)			Estimated Production (‘000’ MT.)					
	2021	2022	Change	2021	2022	Change	2021	2022	Change			
	Area	Area	In (%)	Yield	Yield	In (%)	Prod	Prod	In (%)			
FENUGREEK	162.4	191.1	18%	1339	1354	1%	217.4	258.7	19%	Estimated Production (in 100 Kg Bags)		
										2021	2022	Absolute Change
										21,73,968	25,87,007	4,13,040
CORIANDER	303.9	226.6	-25.40%	1289	1284	-0.40%	391.7	290.8	-25.80%	Estimated Production (in 40 Kg Bags)		
										2021	2022	Absolute Change
										97,93,476	72,70,694	-25,22,782
FENNEL	69.04	64.32	-7%	1134	1175	4%	78.26	75.57	-3%	Estimated Production (in 55Kg Bags)		
										2021	2022	Absolute Change
										14,22,962	13,74,053	-48,909
CUMIN SEED TOTAL (GUJ & RAJ)	950.2	685.2	-27.90%	504	440	-12.70%	478.5	301.3	-37%	Estimated Production (in 55Kg Bags)		
										2021	2022	Absolute Change
										87,00,350	54,77,944	-32,22,406

VIRTUAL BUYER SELLER MEET



Virtual Buyer Seller Meet on Turmeric organized by Spices Board Regional office cum extension centre, Nizamabad.

Spices Board Regional Office cum Extension Centre, Nizamabad organized a virtual Buyer Seller Meet on Turmeric with focus on Telangana on 12 February 2022. Shri Arvind Dharmapuri, Hon'ble MP, Nizamabad inaugurated the event. Shri. B. N. Jha, Director (Marketing i/c) Spices Board briefed the initiatives undertaken by the Board for export promotion of turmeric. Shri B. Venkateson, Director (Development i/c), Spices Board and Shri Venkatram Reddy, Director, Department of Horticulture, Government of Telangana delivered the special address. Around 115 exporters, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and progressive farmers participated. The programme received positive feedback from participants.



Roasted Green Chilli Chutney Mizoram Chutney



Ingredients

- 30 medium sized Mizo green chillies stemmed
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onions
- Ginger
- Salt

Preparation

1. Roast the chillies in a pan until they blister and turn brown. Let it cool for some time.
2. Crush the chillies along with ginger, onions and salt. into a spicy chutney.

Serving

1. This chutney can be served with steamed rice, roti or a naga style
2. Take care as this is a very hot chutney.

CIRCULARS AND NOTIFICATIONS

1. E-auction of small cardamom -Reg.
<http://www.indianspices.com/trade/trade-notifications/notificationdetails.html?id=304>
2. Schedule for conducting e-auctions at e-auction centre at Puttady & Bodinayakanur from 10.03.2022 to 30.03.2022
<http://www.indianspices.com/trade/trade-notifications/notificationdetails.html?id=303>
3. Mandatory testing for Ethylene Oxide and Official Certificate for Export of Spices to the European Union (EU)- Advisory on Ready To Eat (RTE) Products, Issuance of Test Reports for Counter Samples of Consignments Shipped Before 06 January 2022 & Clarification on Applicability of ETO Official Certificate for UK-Reg.
<http://www.indianspices.com/trade/trade-notifications/notificationdetails.html?id=300>
4. EU Regulation NO. 2021/ 2246 - official certificate for export of spices to the European Union (EU)- transition period for shipments before 6th January, 2022
<http://www.indianspices.com/trade/trade-notifications/notificationdetails.html?id=299>
5. Mandatory testing for Ethylene Oxide and Official Certificate For Export of Spices to the European Union (EU)
<http://www.indianspices.com/trade/trade-notifications/notificationdetails.html?id=294>



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