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TRAINING REPORT

MANAGE SPONSORED CERTIFIED FARM ADVISOR (FLORICULTURE) Module-II TRAINING

February 23 to March 4, 2021

A fifteen days training programme entitled “Certified Farm Advisor (Floriculture) Module II” sponsored by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad 500030 was organized at ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, College of Agriculture Campus, Shivajinagar, Pune, Maharashtra 411005 from February 23 to March 4, 2021 via on-line mode. The training was designed for intensive specialized skill oriented training for a period of 10 days for those who have completed Module I from MANAGE.

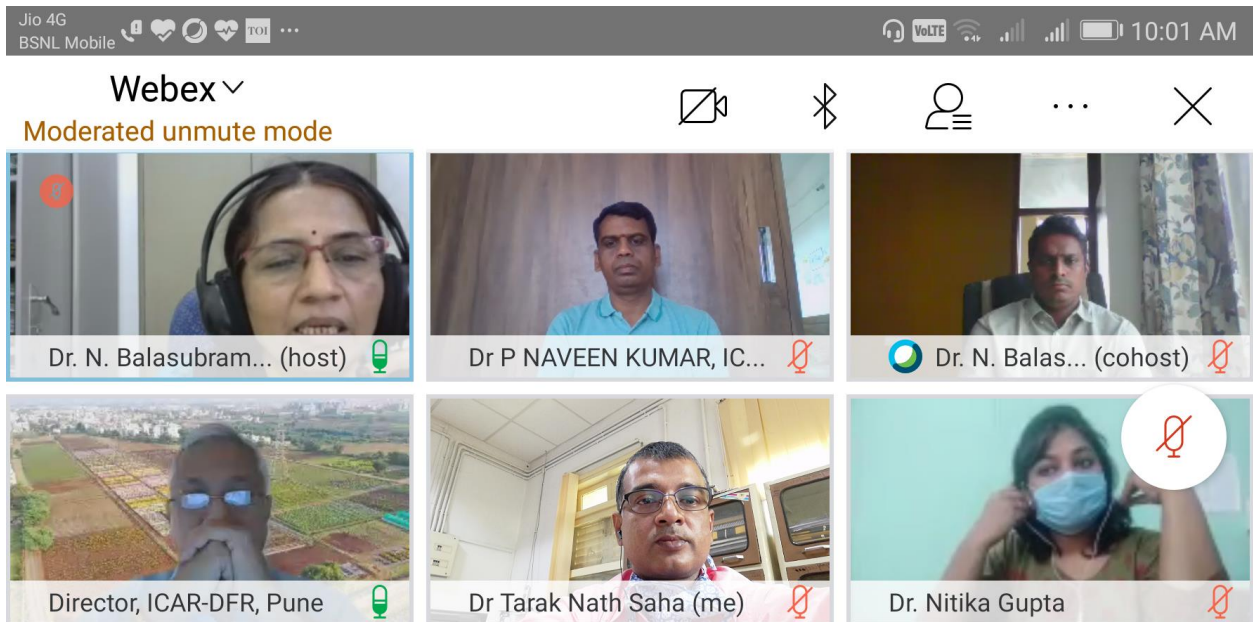
The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune. In his inaugural address Dr. Prasad emphasized on the role & importance of training in enhancing the skills of a person. He appreciated the MANAGE for unique idea of starting Certified Farm Advisor programme. Mrs. Sadalakshmi, Consultant, MANAGE briefly elaborated about the training programme, its evaluation and examination pattern. She also made clear that only the successful candidates shall go for the Module III under a mentor scientist from the Directorate. The training programme was lead by Dr. K. V. Prasad (Course Director), Dr P. Naveen Kumar (Course Coordinator), Dr Prashant G Kawar (Course Co-coordinator), Dr. Tarak Nath Saha (Organising Secretary) and Dr. Ganesh B. Kadam (Co-organising Secretary). A total of eight participants including four women and four men from various State Departments attended the training programme.

An intensive training schedule was followed with 26 lectures with the help of internal as well as external experts available in and around Pune and also from AICRP on Floriculture centres at MPKV, Pune; NAU, Navsari, Gujarat and MPUAT, Udaipur). The lectures covered Status of

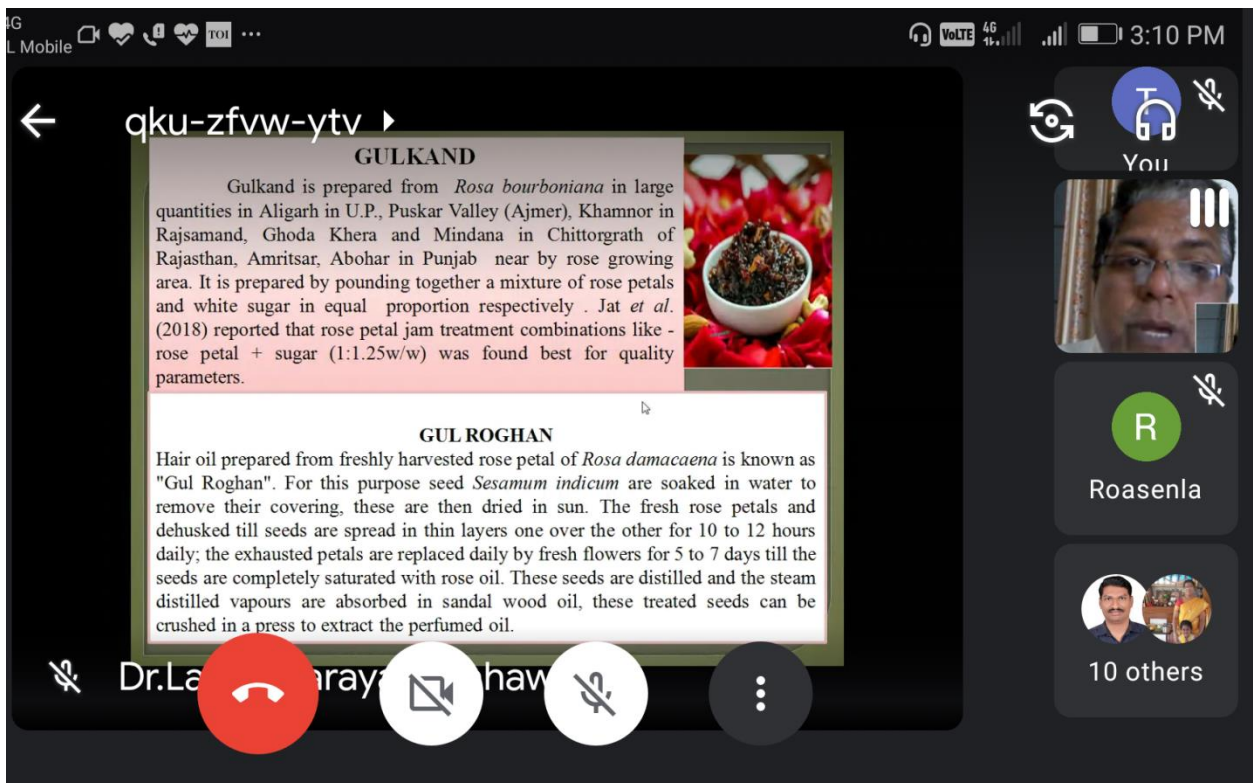
Floriculture, Growing Media, Alternate Media, Soil, Water and Fertilizers for Ornamentals, Propagation and nursery management, Micro-propagation in ornamentals, Basics of protected cultivation, Flower production under open field, Seed production in annuals, Cut greens and fillers, Turf grass management, Indoor plants, Vertical garden, Role of plant growth regulators, Weed management in ornamentals, Crop protection (viral, fungal, phytoplasma, nematodes) including eco-friendly pest management and new molecules, Postharvest technology in ornamentals, Extraction of essential oils including quality determination, Extension methodologies, IPR and PPVFRA, Finance for floriculture, etc.

A training manual was prepared covering all the theoretical and practical lectures covered during the training and given to all the trainees. During the evaluation, the trainees obtained 76.75 % marks related to the subjects taught. Based on the feedback received from the trainees, the overall rating/feedback of the training was excellent (87.5%).

Dr. P. Chandra Shekhara, Director General, MANAGE, Hyderabad was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function of the training programme and he urged the trainees to pass on the learning experience to the stakeholders for the betterment of the farming community and keep in touch with the Directorate for any troubleshooting. A brief training report was also presented during the valedictory. Dr. N. Balasubramani, Director (CCA) & PC (CFA), MANAGE in his remarks pointed out the role of Certified Advisor in the strengthening the stakeholders and encourage agri-startups. He complimented the Director for successfully completing two training programmes of such nature. He also proposed to come out with a descent publication of the lectures undertaken during the training programme and MANAGE will take the responsibility of publishing and giving wider circulation. Dr. K. V Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune complimented the trainees on successful completion of the training programme. However he expressed his concern about the low completion rate of Module-III for which he urged DG, MANAGE to take appropriate step. The participants expressed high level of satisfaction and appreciated the Directorate for organizing such a useful training programme in a frontier area of Floriculture. At the end of the training programme E.certificates were distributed to the trainees.



Inaugural Session



On-line Training Session