



## TRAINING TRAINING

### Traditional vs Scientific Technologies for Mahua Spirit and Heritage Alcoholic Beverages Production-Optimization, Evaluation and Training (Heritage Wine Policy)

A training programme for tribal representatives was conducted from January 10-28, 2022 under the research project entitled 'Traditional vs scientific technologies for Mahua spirit and heritage alcoholic beverages production-optimization, evaluation and training (heritage wine policy)' was carried out by Department of Alcohol Technology and Biofuels (AT& B), VSI. This project is sanctioned by Principal Secretary, Department of Commercial Tax, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.

Total 13 participants and Mr. Anirudh Mookerjee, project consultant attended the training programme. The participants were from Dindori and Alirajpur Dist. of Madhya Pradesh (MP) and most of the participants were tribal people. Participants were from various backgrounds such as farmer, Excise Officer and science students. Mr. Rajesh Henry, Additional Excise Commissioner, GoMP attended the training programme for one day. As instructed by GoMP, the training programme was conducted in Hindi.

Prof. SV Patil, Technical Adviser & Head, Department of AT & B briefly explained to the participants regarding all departmental activities with special reference to the Mahua project.

The training programme covered different topics such as alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, Mahua tree & its importance, traditional vs scientific fermentations & distillation, analysis of total reducing sugar, ethanol & total organic volatile acidity, concept of sensory evaluation, isolation & maintenance of yeast culture, understanding pilot & effluent treatment plant, ideal packaging methods and rules & regulations linked to the Excise Department. The course also included hands-on practical based on the above topics which will be helpful for the participants while working at pilot demo plant at MP. During the training period, there was a one-day visit to

BrimaSagar Maharashtra Distilleries Ltd, Shreepur, Solapur, Maharashtra in which participants were acquainted about the Industrial pot distillation and foreign liquor.

On the occasion of the concluding session on January 28, 2022, the training certificates were given to the participants by Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, VSI. He also briefed importance of this project about Mahua liquor. All the participants introduce their self and gave their positive feedback. During the session, discussion was also held and session was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. S. Behera, Scientist, VSI.




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