

Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai

Department of Botany

A webinar on “Biodiversity and antiviral properties of medicinal plants in India”

Details:

Name of the College : **Stella Maris College**
Organized by : **Department of Botany**
Title of the Programme : **Biodiversity and Antiviral Properties of Medicinal Plants in India**
Date of the Programme : **15/05/2020**
No. of Participants : **85**

Details of Resource Persons: i) **Dr. D. Narasimhan**
Associate Professor (Retd.)
Centre for Floristic Research,
Department of Botany
Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai
ii) **Dr. T. Thirunarayanan**
Secretary, Centre for Traditional Medicine & Research,
Chennai

Brief Report of the programme:

The Department of Botany, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, organized a Webinar on " Biodiversity and Antiviral Properties of Medicinal Plants in India" on 15th May, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The two eminent speakers for the day were Dr. D. Narasimhan and Dr. T. Thirunarayanan.

The first speaker, Dr. D. Narasimhan briefed about Biodiversity and the importance of protecting the Biodiversity. He pointed out that 'Our solution lie in Bio diversity' and Biodiversity itself acts as a containment zone shielding us from pathogens.

Dr. Thirunarayanan, shared his vast knowledge about various medicinal plants in treatment of many types of health problems.

Medicinal herbs might contribute to an improvement of public health especially in developing countries, since the majority of the population do not have the economy to account for expensive anti-viral drugs. This Webinar was of great help and guide in this time of crisis during this Corona virus pandemic.