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**Society For Minor Fruits Medicinal And Aromatic Plants (SMFM&AP) (Registration Number: S0032741 Of 2022-23)**

**Vision**

To be a leading scientific society with works on minor fruits, medicinal, aromatic and any plants having medicinal and therapeutic values.

## **Mission**

To promote plantation and industrial sector of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.

## **Objectives**

- To collect, conserve and utilize minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.
- Provide opportunity for eminent scientists, researchers, growers, traders, processors and policy makers in universities, research institutions, industry and nongovernmental organizations to present their cutting edge researches.
- Discuss various issues for the development of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.
- Organizing international symposium/seminar/conference for sharing experiences and knowledge among the scientists/students/stake holders for encourage, promote, and assist development of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.
- To publish Journal entitled “International Journal of Minor Fruits, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants” on regular basis.
- To identify potential for their commercial exploration and encourage and assist education and training in relevant subject area.
- Stimulate research, extension, and regulatory programs regarding the minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.
- Perform all other acts that necessary for fulfillment of the aims/objectives of the Society.

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