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The International Journal of Minor Fruits, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants(IJMF & AP) is a peer-reviewed international research journal, which publishes original scientific works and review articles related to the fields of research, phototherapy, toxicology, pharmacology, development, production, processing, marketing and export of minor fruits, medicinal, aromatic plants and any crops, plants and plant parts having medicinal and aromatic properties. The subject areas cover by this journal are Crop Science, Agro-forestry, Biodiversity conservation, Biotechnology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Medical Science, Ayurvedic Medicines, Natural resource Management, Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Post-Harvest Technology, Plant Protection and Marketing and Entrepreneurship development, which contribute towards promotion of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants.

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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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