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About the Conference
India is the land of spices and almost all spices grow splendidly in the country due to different agro-climatic conditions. India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of spices in the world. In ancient times, spices were as precious as gold and important as medicines, preservatives and perfumes. The Indian spices play a significant role in the global spices market. Presently, Indian spice production is of 5.74 million tonnes. India’s spice production and export is increasing over the years and this increase is primarily due to higher domestic consumption as well as export. This trend is expected to continue, as more and more spices are put to diversified use. Apart from flavoring and seasoning, spices are widely used in indigenous medicines, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, aroma therapy, preservatives, beverages, dental preparations, cosmetics and botanicals as pesticide and thus, play a significant role in the economy of the producing countries. These properties are due to diverse array of chemicals synthesized by these spices. The active principle present in the spices acts against human diseases and cure ailments like hypoglycemic, anti-obesity, anti-hypertensive, anti-cholesterolemic, anti-diabetic, anti-arthritis, anti-cancer and also act as natural antioxidants. Besides, many spices are predominantly considered medicinal plants and the drugs or active ingredients derived from them are the mainstay of health and disease management around the world. Since millennia, plants collected from the forests were used judiciously as per the conservation ethos of the ancient communities. Today, medicinal herbs are the backbone of a thriving pharmaceutical industry. How to conserve the mother germplasm in the forests, meet the market demand from the farmer’s fields; storage, processing and packaging and transport on scientific lines; bio-prospecting and discovery of novel drugs; and availability of genuine herbal drugs to the consumer at fair price are some of the emerging issues. These need to be tackled through application of science and technology, together with sound economic and management principles. While the industry takes care of itself through R&D, the foremost challenge before us is how to help the farmer get fair profit from his spice and make commercial crops and linking their economic products to a sustainable entrepreneurship vant-de-vivre agribusiness will be the major focus of this conference. The specie-MAP value chain, role of MSME and participation of relevant stakeholders through a Spice Expo will be the highlight of Spicecon-2019.

About CSA University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur
Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur is one of the leading agricultural university in north India. It has been serving the nation since last 110 years through its research, education and technology dissemination to the farmers spread over 22 districts of Uttar Pradesh. The CSA researchers have played a key role in developing improved crop varieties and production technologies to enhance production, productivity and profitability of the farmers as well quality human resource generation for the holistic growth of farming community. Despite a wide array of challenges viz. stagnation in crop yields, declining soil fertility, multi-nutrient deficiency, water shortage, unexpected climatic changes etc. Our researchers and extension staff are consistently working to develop and disseminate improved varieties and technologies for farmers.

About the SMP
Society for Conservation and Resource Development of Medicinal Plants (SMP) has been established in 2007 and has been functioning with aims and objectives to explore new areas of medicinal crop cultivation technologies, propagate utilization on non-conventional and renewable sources of medicines from natural plant sources, plants products processing including extraction of active ingredients and products of medicinal importance and to promote and protect interests of medicinal crop growers and producers. The society also organizes symposia, seminars and workshops, and publishes an international journal “Medicinal Plants”.

About Kanpur and weather
Kanpur, the industrial capital of Uttar Pradesh, India is nestled on the banks of the holy Ganges. The city is located at a distance of 444 km from Delhi, the capital of India and 80 km from Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. It is a city of historical, religious and commercial importance. In recent years it has become a hub of chemicals, leather, cement, fertilizers and automobile industries. Bithoor, located at a distance of 27 km from Kanpur is a mythological place where Lord Brahma created the mankind. Kanpur is well connected from Delhi by air, rail and road. Weather at Kanpur during the conference period will be pleasant and enjoyable. Light winter clothing is required. The average day and night temperatures ranges from 24-26°C and 9-11°C, respectively.

Who should attend
Farmers, processors, spice trader, testing and regulatory authority, scientists, students, validyas, peoples from spices and herbal industry, part of any association in food and allied services

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Foreign Delegates: US$ 900 per person. Registration package for foreign delegates includes boarding /lodging for 4 nights in a good hotel, airport transfer, morning and afternoon tea/coffee, all meals (21-23 Nov. 2019), conference materials and publications. Accompanying person (spouse or children) will be charged US$ 500 per person.

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Students: INR: 3000

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(Cheque/Bank Drafts to be made in favour of SPICECON-2019 payable at Kanpur, India)

Language
The official language of the conference is English.

Call for Papers
The design of the Spicecon-2019 would be such as to present the conference themes through presentations in oral/posters sessions. The session aims to acquaint the audience about current advancements and technologies on all aspects of spices, medicinal plants and related industries. All abstracts (250-300 words) should be submitted to the Organizing Secretary at e-mail spicecon2019@gmail.com and/or spicecon2019@yahoo.com before 15th September, 2019.

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