

Gnanmata Adivasi High School,
Uplat Patil pada
Talasari P.O. 401606
November 19th 1994

Dear Mr. Hembrom,

In a letter to Fr. James Mascarenhas, Fr. Verghese has said that you will be conducting the Herbal Remedies Course in Talasari in January 1995. I want to thank you for this. We are hoping that this will be an intensive course to train our health workers, and equip them to treat the common diseases with confidence. As Fr. Verghese must have told you already, there is a tradition of herbal remedies among our Adivasis. However, the older generation of herbal doctors is reluctant to pass on this knowledge to the younger generation. We are afraid that this gift will die with them. We're therefore making efforts to keep it alive among the people who are truly interested not only in learning this type of medicine for themselves, but are also willing to be of service to others in the village. There will be atleast 60 - 70 participants for the Course.

During the last three to five years there have been Seminars on herbal remedies. As the remedies suggested included four-five herbs to be used for any disease, there has been reluctance among the participants to make use of the knowledge gained. We are hoping that you will teach us something simpler - where a single herb is used to treat a disease.

I am enclosing a list of diseases that we would like to get confidence in treating, as well as a list of herbs that are easily available in our area. Actually, most of the herbs referred to in Dr. Marie's book on Herbal Remedies can be made available to our people.

The Course will be held in Talasari from January 17th evening to January 22nd evening. Please let us know how many of you will be coming and when you will arrive, so that we can meet you at the station. The best way to reach Talasari is to travel via Bombay. Talasari is on the Western Railway, on the Bombay - Ahmedabad line. I can send you details of the Bombay Ahmedabad trains as soon as you let me know when you will reach Bombay.

Hoping to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,

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(Sr. Pratibha Pinto - Co-ordinator)
Herbal Remedies Programme