

HERBAL GARDEN INFORMATION

Every year, around 10 to 12 thousand visitors (which includes VVIPs, delegates, scientists, farmers and students) come and explore various medicinal plants species maintained beautifully at our Herbal Garden to satisfy their informational and educational thirst. We have more than 320 species of herbs/shrubs, tubers, climbers and trees of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants which are being maintained seasonally and annually at the Herbal Garden.

MANDATE CROPS

In order to get cheap material for preparing medicine, about 90% of the requirements of medicinal plants are fulfilled by collecting from forest and wasteland. The method of collection of medicinal and aromatic plants is non-scientific, so the number of species becomes rare or endangered. So the species in great demand and not available in forest areas are needed to be brought under cultivation. Under ICAR, like other programmes, the AICRP on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants initiated in many states with the objective to develop the agro-technology and collection, conservation, multiplication and evaluation of new varieties for the benefit of researchers, farming communities and entrepreneurs.

The mandate crops at this centre are listed below along with numbers of available accessions.

Sr. No.	Name of Species	No of Accessions
1	<i>Aloe vera</i> (Kuwarpathu)	50
2	<i>Andrographis paniculata</i> (Kariatu/ Kalmegh)	65
3	<i>Chlorophytum borivilianum</i> (Safed musli)	23
4	<i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Guggal)	32
5	<i>Curcuma longa</i> (Turmeric)	37
6	<i>Lepidium sativum</i> (Asalio)	31
7	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i> (Tulsi)	5
8	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> (Damaro)	21
9	<i>Plantago ovata</i> (Isabgol)	150
10	<i>Withania somnifera</i> (Ashwagandha)	144
11	<i>Vernonia anthelmintica</i> (Kalijiri)	13
12	Ginger (<i>Zingiber officinale</i> Rosc.)	3
Total accessions maintained		574