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Assessment of Plant Diversity: a medicinal, conservational and environmental study

ABSTRACT

An assessment study of the plant diversity in the campus of Pranath College (Autonomous), Khordha was carried out during 2019-20 and a checklist was prepared. A total of 241 vascular plant species belonging to 72 different families were recorded including four species of Gymnosperms. Among the families, Fabaceae, Apocynaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Malvaceae, Lamiaceae and Poaceae were the dominating families of the vascular plants in the study area. Aquatic plants, medicinal plants and ornamental plants are included in the study area. The floristic composition also include occurrence of invasive alien species such as *Parthenium*, *Ageratum*, *Cassia*, *Croton sparsiflorus*. The study also gives attention towards the conservation of bio-resources of the campus, toxic effects of the plants along with their medicinal values, proper utilization of bio-wealth in research and academic activities. Documentation of flora check list will be helpful in the environmental study too.

Keywords: Assessment, plant diversity, habitat, medicinal plants, aquatic plants, toxic plants

1. INTRODUCTION

Phyto-diversity refers to wide variety of plant species in their natural environment. It is concerned with the ecosystem balance, climate, erosion and shelter. Floristic studies provide information on floristic pattern, present position, new entrant, rare, endemic and threatened taxa in a particular phytogeographical area. Knowledge of flora of any region is essential for the study of its biodiversity. It is essential to prepare documentations of local flora of urban areas where there is severe threat to natural vegetation that are in different stage of vulnerability (31). Preparation of the flora of smaller areas like districts, sub-divisions, villages or institutions is essential for understanding the ecosystem function and conservation and accordingly natural resource management and planning activities can be taken up at local level.

Urbanization is spreading at a gallop across the world, pivotal challenge for conservation is to understand how it affects the biodiversity (30). Urban-institutional ecosystems differ from forest one in a number of ways (29,20). Natural landscapes, peculiar species composition and habitat add to nature conservation. Kumar and Satapathy (2011) studied the floral wealth of the campus of Regional Institute of Education and reported 77 herbaceous medicinal plants species with their utilization in research as well as in conservation of bio-resources. It is believed that the plant resources play a vital role in balancing pollution and other environmental factors in the institutional campus.

The objectives of the present study is to survey, identify and assess the plant diversity in the campus of Pranath College (Autonomous), Khordha and to evaluate the socio-economic importance and need conservation of these plants for maintaining the ecosystem of the institution.

The plant biodiversity of Pranath College has been carried out to assess the plant and their effect on climate change and assess their medicinal value and conserving and protecting the endangered species from their depletion.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Study Area

Pranath College, named after the great freedom fighter Late PranathPattanaik, the founder Secretary of this institution established in the year 1959. Later it became a degree college in Arts in the year 1963. About seven thousands of students are studying in this institution. At Present Pranath College (Autonomous) is located in the Khordha district along the NH16 at 20°10'48"N latitude and 85°38'21"E longitude covering an area of 74.428 Acre and about 25 Km from Bhubaneswar, State Capital of Odisha. The built up area for class rooms, laboratories, halls, library, office, hostels etc. covers only 4 Acres of land approximately. Khordha comes under the laterite sub-region. The temperature varies in an average from 41.4°C in summer to 9.5°C in winter. The annual rainfall is 1443 mm (<http://khordha.nic.in/topography.htm>). Though the institution is in the outskirts of Khordha town and free from pollution, its environment is very fresh and healthy due to presence of large number of plants.

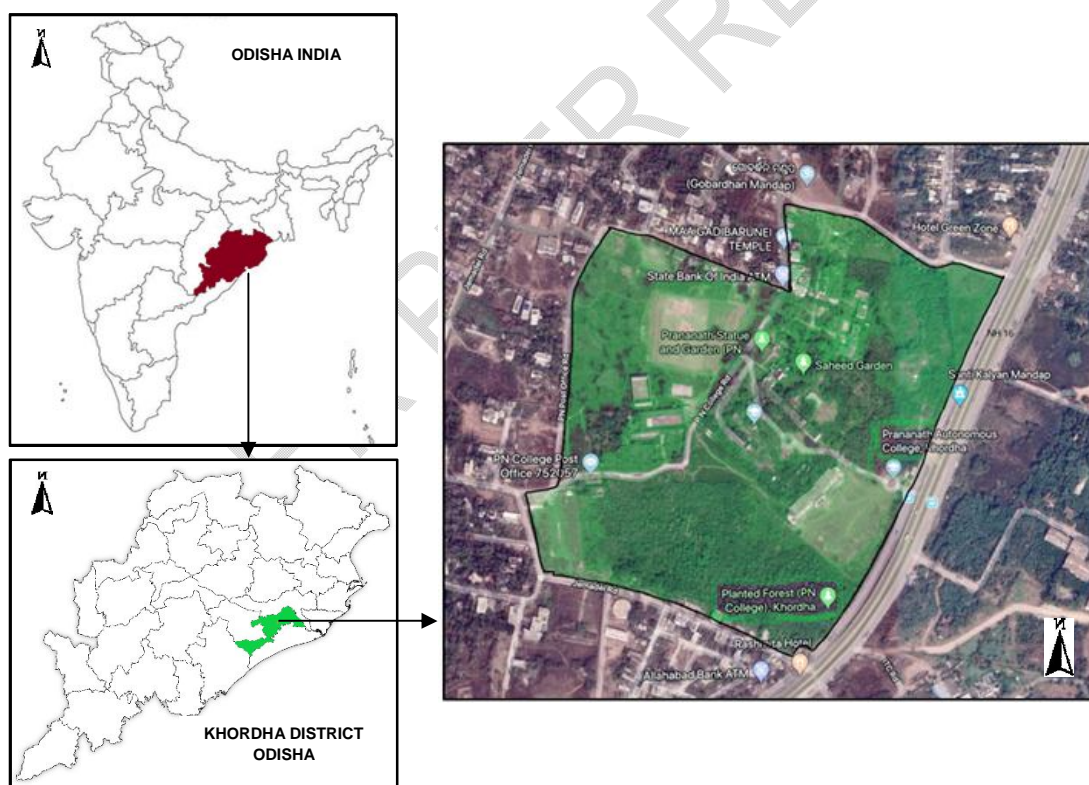


Fig.1:Pranath College (Autonomous), Khordha, Odisha in Google Map.

2.2 Data collection and identification of plants

Field study was undertaken at different months of the year during 2019-20 in the campus of Pranath College (Auto.), Khordha. The campus was made into different units to locate the position of plants. Plant specimens focusing on the habits of the flowering plants like herbs, shrubs, climbers, grasses and trees were studied for their identification and systematic position. The Botany of Bihar and Odisha (Haines, 1921-1925), The Flora of Odisha (Saxena and Brahmam, 1994-1996) were referred. Photographs were taken and **vernacular names** were mentioned against the plant.

Table1: List of species recorded from the campus of Pranath College (Autonomous), Khordha, Odisha

| Sl. no. | Botanical names | Family | Local name | English Name | Diseases for which used |
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| Tree | | | | | |
| 1. | <i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> A. Cunn. ex Benth. | Fabaceae | Acacia | Black wattle | Sore eyes, aches, rheumatism, allergy, itching, rashes, CNS depressant, antioxidant, antifungal, antimalarial, pesticidal, antidiabetic activities (40) |
| 2. | <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Linn.) Willd. | Fabaceae | Babul | Gum arabic tree | Antimicrobial, antiplasmodial and antioxidant activity, treatment of human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis C virus and cancer, venereal diseases, nausea, burns and wounds, stomachache and diarrhea (38) |
| 3. | <i>Adina cordifolia</i> (Roxb.) Brandis syn <i>Haldinia cordifolia</i> | Rubiaceae | Kuruma/Holondo | Haldu | Chronic cough, jaundice, stomachache, cancer, diabetes. The roots are astringent and constipating, and are useful in diarrhea and dysentery. (11) |
| 4. | <i>Aegle marmelos</i> (Linn.) Corr. | Rutaceae | Bela | bael | Leaf extract: ulcers, abscess, backache, vomiting, cuts, weakness of heart, acute bronchitis, blood sugars, diarrhea, dropsy, beriberi, laxative. (17) Root bark: intermittent fevers, fish poison, heart palpitation, melancholia and hypoglycemia (16). Flower extract: tonic for the stomach, intestine, antidiarrhetic, antidiabetic, diaphoretic and local anesthetic (35); Fruits: diarrhoea, dysentery, gastric troubles, constipation, laxative, tonic, digestive, brain and heart tonic, ulcer, intestinal parasites, gonorrhoea, epilepsy (16) |
| 5. | <i>Albizia lebbek</i> (L.) Benth. | Fabaceae | Sirisa (Kala) | Woman's tongue | Blood purifier, jaundice, antidote, general tonic, anti-inflammatory, migraine, leprosy, toothache (55) |
| 6. | <i>Albizia odoratissima</i> (L.f.) Benth. | Fabaceae | Tinia | Ceylon rosewood | Leprosy, ulcers, burns and asthma (22), Bark: antibacterial and antifungal (13) |
| 7. | <i>Albizia procera</i> (Roxb.) Benth. | Fabaceae | Sirisa (Dhala) | White Siris | Anticancer activity. common traditional use: spermicidal activity, rheumatism, ulcers, haemorrhage and useful in treating problems of |

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| | | | | | pregnancy and worm infection (46) |
| 8. | <i>Alstoniascholaris</i> (L.) R.Br. | Apocynaceae | Chhatiana | White cheesewood | Fever, asthma, leucorrhoea, eczema, indigestion and also to heal spider bites (7) |
| 9. | <i>Anacardium occidentale</i> L. | Anacardiaceae | Cashew | Cashew | Diarrhoea, constipation, pain and inflammation, antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anticancer (51) |
| 10. | <i>Anthocephaluscadamba</i> (Roxb.) Miq. | Rubiaceae | Kadamba | Kadam | Diabetes, diarrhoea, fever, inflammation, haemoptysis, cold, vomit, infections, wounds, debilitation, snake bite and antibacterial activity (33) |
| 11. | <i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Salisb.) Franco. | Araucariaceae | Aurakaria | Chilian pine | Anti-inflammatory, antiulcer, antiviral, neuroprotective, antidepressant and anticoagulant (3). |
| 12. | <i>Areca catechu</i> L. | Arecaceae | Gua | Betel-nut Palm | Leucoderma, diarrhoea, anaemia, obesity, leprosy, astringent, diuretic, digestion-promoting, stimulant, wound healing and laxative agent, antidepressant, antihelmintic, antihypertensive, antioxidant, antiallergic, antifungal and antimicrobial but it is considered as carcinogenic(18) |
| 13. | <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> Lam. | Moraceae | Panasa | Jackfruit | Anticancer, antihypertensive, diarrhoea and dysentery, asthma, prevent ringworm infection, and heal cracking of the feet. Bark: as nasal drops for headache (52) |
| 14. | <i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss | Meliaceae | Nimba | Neem (The Wonder Tree) | Dermatitis, Antioxidant, antifungal and antibacterial, anti-inflammatory antiarthritic, antipyretic, hypoglycemic, antigastric ulcer, antimalarial and antitumour, anticancer activities (43) |
| 15. | <i>Bombax ceiba</i> L. | Malvaceae | Simuli /Bura | cotton tree | Bark: combat fever, heartwood: antidiabetics; bark juice reduces stomachache.(37) |
| 16. | <i>Bridelia retusa</i> (L.) A.Juss. | Phyllanthaceae | Kasi | Spinous Kino Tree | Rheumatism, diabetes, diarrhoea, dysentery, removal of urinary concretions, |
| 17. | <i>Buchanania lanzan</i> Spreng. | Anacardiaceae | Chara | chironji | Antidiabetic, antihyperlipidemic, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, wound healing, antidiarrheal, antivenom activity (34) |
| 18. | <i>Butea superba</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Palasa | Butea Gum Tree | Root: to cure goitre, Herbal Viagra |
| 19. | <i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i> (L.) Sw. | Fabaceae | Krusnachuda | Peacock Flower | Anti-inflammatory, antiobesity, to treat minor injuries or to relieve fever (2) |
| 20. | <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> (Curtis) Dum.Cours. | Myrtaceae | Bottle brush | lemon bottlebrush | Treatment of diarrhoea, dysentery and rheumatism, anticough, antibronchitis and insecticide (49) |
| 21. | <i>Carica papaya</i> L. | Rubiaceae | Amrutabhand a | Papaya | Vitamins A, B and C, proteolytic enzymes (papain and chymopapain) thus anti-viral, antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anti-hypertensive, hypoglycaemic and |

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| | | | | | hypolipidaemic, wound healing, free radical scavenging, anti-sickling, neuroprotective, diuretic, abortifacient and antifertility properties.(3) |
| 22. | <i>Caryotaurens</i> L. | Arecaceae | Jaggary Palm | fishtail palm | Seminal weakness and urinary disorders, gastric ulcer, migraine headaches, snake bite poisoning, as well as rheumatic swellings.(53) |
| 23. | <i>Cassia alata</i> L. | Fabaceae | Jadumari | Candle Bush | As laxative, hyper tension, leprosy, ringworm infection, ophthalmic, skin diseases and liver disorders. (12) |
| 24. | <i>Cassia fistula</i> L. | Fabaceae | Sunari | Amaltas | Joint pain, migraine, chest pain and blood dysentery, laxative. Root: useful in fever, heart diseases, retained excretions and biliousness.(https://www.nhp.gov.in/amaltas-cassia-fistula) |
| 25. | <i>Cassia siamea</i> Lam. | Fabaceae | Chakundi | cassia tree | Antimicrobial, antimalarial, antidiabetic, anticancer, hypotensive, diuretic, antioxidant, laxative, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antipyretic, anxiolytic, antidepressant, and sedative activities. (9) |
| 26. | <i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> Linn. | Casuarinaceae | Jhaun | Australian pine | Nervous disorders, acne, throat infections, stomach ulcer, constipation, cough, diabetes, diarrhoea, dysentery, gonorrhoea (27) |
| 27. | <i>Ceiba pentandra</i> (L.) Gaertn. | Malvaceae | Sweta Simili | cotton | Diuretic, aphrodisiac, headache, type II diabetes. |
| 28. | <i>Cleistanthus collinus</i> (Roxb.) Benth. ex Hook.f. | Phyllanthaceae | Karada | Karra | Poisonous plant, antiseptic, antifungal, insecticidal, and larvicidal, anticancer property |
| 29. | <i>Cocos nucifera</i> L. | Arecaceae | Nadia | Coconut | Antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, antiparasitic, antidermatophytic, antioxidant, hypoglycemic, hepatoprotective, immunostimulant, antidiabetic |
| 30. | <i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Sisoo | Indian rosewood/ shisham | Tannins from the bark are used to produce medicines for the treatment of diarrhea, worms, indigestion, and leprosy. |
| 31. | <i>Dalbergia paniculata</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Barbakulia / Dhobi | Passi | Dyspepsia, leprosy and allied obstinate skin diseases. Seed oil is used in rheumatism and cutaneous diseases |
| 32. | <i>Delonix regia</i> (Bojer ex Hook.) Raf. | fabaceae | Krushnachuda | Flame Tree | Antidiabetic, antibacterial, antidiarrhoeal, hepatoprotective or cytotoxic property, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory. |
| 33. | <i>Desmodium oojeinensis</i> (Roxb.) H.Ohashi | Fabaceae | Bandhana | Ujjain Desmodium | Anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic, astringent, anaemia, leucoderma, ulcers, diarrhoea, dysentery and fevers. |
| 34. | <i>Dillenia indica</i> L. | Dilleniaceae | Oau | Elephant Apple | Indigestion, asthma, influenza, dysentery, jaundice, weakness and rheumatic pain |

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| 35. | <i>Diospyros sylvatica</i> Roxb. | Ebenaceae | Kalucha | Forest Ebony | Diarrhoea, cholera, dysentery, intermittent fevers, bleeding gums, bronchitis, carbuncles, cough, cramps, pneumonia, syphilis, tumors, etc. |
| 36. | <i>Dyopsis lutescens</i> (H.Wendl.) Beentje & J. Dransf. | Arecaceae | Areca palm | Butterfly palm | Diabetes, GI diseases, ulcer preventive, heart diseases, CNS disorder (depression, seizures), antiallergic |
| 37. | <i>Elaeodendron glaucum</i> (Rottb.) Pers. | Celastraceae | Chauli | Ceylon Tea | Treatment of certain nerve diseases, particularly to rouse women from hysteria, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant |
| 38. | <i>Erythrina indica</i> Lam. | Fabaceae | Paladhua | Indian coral tree | Inhaling of well crushed leaves by nostrils relieves headache. |
| 39. | <i>Ficus bengalensis</i> L. | Moraceae | Bara | banyan | Antiarthritic, antimicrobial, analgesic & antipyretic |
| 40. | <i>Ficus infectoria</i> (Miq.) Miq. | Moraceae | Jari | White Fig | Antiulcer, antibacterial, antidiabetic, in the treatment of gonorrhoea and skin diseases. |
| 41. | <i>Ficus recemosa</i> L. | Moraceae | Dimiri | Cluster fig | Diabetes, liver disorders, diarrhea, inflammatory conditions, hemorrhoids, respiratory, and urinary diseases. (22) |
| 42. | <i>Ficus religiosa</i> L. | Moraceae | Aswatha | Sacred fig tree | Antiulcer, antibacterial, antidiabetic, in the treatment of gonorrhoea and skin diseases. |
| 43. | <i>Flacourtia indica</i> (Burm. f.) Merr. | Salicaceae | Bhaincha | Indian plum | Blood disorders, digestive, jaundice, liver disorders |
| 44. | <i>Garuga pinnata</i> Roxb. | Burseraceae | Pitamoi | grey downy balsam | Fruit: stomachic, leaf: astringent, anti-asthmatic, bark: anti-diabetic |
| 45. | <i>Gmelina arborea</i> Roxb. | Lamiaceae | Gambhari | White Teak | Astringent, bitter, digestive, cardiotoxic, diuretic, laxative and pulmonary and nervine tonic. (24) |
| 46. | <i>Holarrhena antidysenterica</i> (L.) Wall. ex A. DC. | Apocynaceae | Kurei | Kurchi | Analgesic, antibacterial, anti-diarrhoeal, anti-moebic, anti-inflammatory and anti-haemorrhoidal antimalarial, antidiabetic, antioxidant, antiurolithic, antimutagenic |
| 47. | <i>Hyophorba belagicaulis</i> (L.H.Bailey) H.E.Moore | Arecaceae | Bottle palm | Bottle palm | Anemia, chronic fatigue, cyanide poisoning, digestion problems, emollient, fights depression, high cholesterol, indigestion, skin disorders |
| 48. | <i>Ixora parviflora</i> Lam. | Rubiaceae | Tellu/kuruan | Torch Tree | Hemoptysis, catarrhal bronchitis, and dysmenorrhoea. |
| 49. | <i>Kydia calycina</i> Roxb. | Malvaceae | Kapasia | Kydia | Leaves: skin diseases and body pains. Bark: clarifying sugar. |
| 50. | <i>Lagerstroemia parviflora</i> Roxb. | Lythraceae | Sidha | crape myrtle | Edema, diabetes, urinary dysfunction, fevers, and digestive disorders, control cholesterol and blood pressure, helps in weight loss. |
| 51. | <i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i> (L.) Pers. | Lythraceae | Patuli | Pride of India | To lower blood sugar in the body (antidiabetic) |
| 52. | <i>Madhuca indica</i> J. F. Gmel. | Sapotaceae | Mahula | Butternut tree | Antidiabetic, antiulcer, hepato protective, antipyretic, antifertility, analgesic, antioxidant, swelling, inflammation, piles, emetic, |

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| | | | | | dermatological, laxative, tonic, anti-burn, antiearth worm, wound healing headache and many more problems. |
| 53. | <i>Mangifera indica</i> L. | Anacardiaceae | Amba | Mango | Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer |
| 54. | <i>Manilkara zapota</i> (L.) P.Royen | Sapotaceae | Sapota | naseberry | Treat coughs and colds and possess diuretic, antidiarrheal, antibiotic, antihyperglycemic, and hypocholesterolemic effects. |
| 55. | <i>Melia azedarach</i> L. | Meliaceae | Mahalimba | Persian Lilac | Antioxidative, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, insecticidal, rodenticidal, antidiarrhoeal, diuretic, antidiabetic, cathartic, emetic, anti-rheumatic and antihypertensive. |
| 56. | <i>Micheliachampaca</i> (L.) Baill. ex Pierre- | Magnoliaceae | Champa | champak | Bleeding disorders, urinary infection, poisoning, worm infestation, cardiac tonic, ulcers, wounds, diabetes |
| 57. | <i>Millettia pinnata</i> (L.) Panigrahi syn. <i>Pongamia glabra</i> Vent. | Fabaceae | Karanja | Indian beech | Treatment of tumors, piles, skin diseases, gonorrhoea, cleaning gums, teeth, and ulcers |
| 58. | <i>Mimusopselengi</i> L. | Sapotaceae | Baula | Spanish Cherry | Strengthening teeth, anthelmintic, astringent tonic, anti-dote to snake-venom, diarrhea, antifungal, antibacterial |
| 59. | <i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam. | Moringaceae | Sajana | Drum stick | Antidiabetic, Anticancer, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, lower cholesterol |
| 60. | <i>Murrayakoenigii</i> (L) Sprengel | Rutaceae | Bhursunga | Curry Leaf | Antioxidant, antidiabetic, anti-inflammatory, antitumor, reduce high cholesterol and neuroprotective activities |
| 61. | <i>Nyctanthesarbortristis</i> L. | Oleaceae | Gangasiuli | Night Blooming Jasmine | Antihelminthic and antipyretic besides its use as a laxative, in rheumatism, skin ailments and as a sedative. (22) |
| 62. | <i>Phyllanthus acidus</i> (Linn.) Skeels | Phyllanthaceae | Narakoli | Gooseberry | Used in inflammatory, antirheumatism, bronchitis, asthma, respiratory disorder, hepatic diseases and diabetes |
| 63. | <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> Linn. | Phyllanthaceae | Amla/Anla | Indian gooseberry | Source of vitamin C, amino acids, minerals, diarrhea, jaundice, and inflammation, antidiabetic, hypolipidemic, antibacterial, antioxidant, antiulcerogenic, hepatoprotective, gastro protective, and chemo preventive |
| 64. | <i>Pistacia vera</i> L. | Anacardiaceae | Pestabadam | Pistachio | Tonic, aphrodisiac, antiseptic, antihypertensive and management of dental, gastrointestinal, liver, urinary tract, and respiratory tract disorders. |
| 65. | <i>Plumeria rubra</i> L. | Apocynaceae | Katha Champa | Frangipani | Antifertility, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, hepatoprotective and antimicrobial activities, used in toothache and for carious teeth |
| 66. | <i>Polyalthia longifolia</i> Sonn. | Annonaceae | Debdaru | false ashoka | Used in fever, helminthiasis, diabetes and various cardiac problems.(40) |
| 67. | <i>Psidium guajava</i> L. | Myrtaceae | Pijuli | Guava | Diarrhea, dysentery, gastroenteritis, hypertension, diabetes, caries, pain |

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| | | | | | relief, cough, oral ulcers and to improve locomotors coordination and liver damage inflammation. |
| 68. | <i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Piasala | Indian kino | Bark: bleeding & toothaches, leaves: skin diseases, anti-diabetic. |
| 69. | <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> L.f. | Fabaceae | Rakta Chandan | Red Sandal wood | Antioxidative, antidiabetic, antimicrobial, anticancer, and anti-inflammatory |
| 70. | <i>Santalum album</i> Linn. | Santalaceae | Chandan | sandalwood | Oil: incense, cosmetic, antiseptic, astringent, for the treatment of headache, stomachache, inflammatory and eruptive skin diseases, stomachache, urinary and genital disorders |
| 71. | <i>Saracaasoca</i> (Roxb.) Wild | Fabaceae | Ashoka | Sorrowless Tree | Analgesic, antidote, cardi tonic, blood purifier, antipyretic, improves reproductive system |
| 72. | <i>Schleicheraoleosa</i> (Lour.) Oken | Sapindaceae | Kusuma | Macassar oil tree | Antimicrobial, antioxidant, anticancer activity, and can be used for the production of biodiesel. |
| 73. | <i>Sesbania grandiflora</i> (L.) Poiret | Fabaceae | Agasti | Agate | Smallpox, headache, stuffy nose |
| 74. | <i>Sonneratia apetala</i> Buch.-Ham. | Lythraceae | Keruan | Mangrove Apple | Coughs, hematuria, smallpox, and cuts and bruises |
| 75. | <i>Soymidafabrifuga</i> (Roxb.) Juss. | Meliaceae | Suam | Indian redwood | Bark used in the treatment of diarrhoea, dysentery and fever and also as a general tonic; decoction used in gargles, vaginal infections, rheumatism swellings and as enemata. |
| 76. | <i>Stereospermum angustifolium</i> Haines | Bignoniaceae | Chhuinpatuli | Yellow Snake Tree | Stomach problems, pain, diabetes, liver disorders |
| 77. | <i>Streblus asper</i> Lour. | Moraceae | Sahada | Toothbrush tree | Filariasis, leprosy, toothache, diarrhea, dysentery and cancer. |
| 78. | <i>Strychnosnux-vomica</i> L. | Loganiaceae | Kochila | nux vomica | Poisonous (all parts),treatment of neurodisorders, arthritis, and vomiting, inflammation, microbial infections, gastrointestinal problem, nervous system, bones cells, cardiovascular systems, cancer and blood glucose level. |
| 79. | <i>Strychnospotatorum</i> L.f. | Loganiaceae | Katakala | Clearing-nut tree | Gonorrhoea, leukorrhoea, gastropathy, bronchitis, chronic diarrhea, dysentery, renal and vesicle calculi, diabetes, conjunctivitis, scleritis, ulcers and other eye disease. |
| 80. | <i>Syzigiumcumini</i> (L.) Skeels. | Myrtaceae | Jamu | Java plum | Treatment of diabetes, sore throat, bronchitis, cardiometabolic disorders, asthma, thirst, biliousness, dysentery and ulcers. |
| 81. | <i>Tamarindus indica</i> L. | Fabaceae | Kaiyan / Tentuli | Tamarind | Wound healing, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dysentery, parasitic infestation, fever, malaria and respiratory problems, laxative |
| 82. | <i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f. | Lamiaceae | Saguan | Teak | Wood is acrid, cooling, laxative, sedative to gravid uterus and useful in treatment of piles, leucoderma and dysentery. Flowers are acrid, |

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| | | | | | bitter and dry and useful in bronchitis, biliousness, urinary discharges etc. |
| 83. | <i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Roxb.) Wight & Arn. | Combretaceae | Arjuna | Arjuna | Asthma, bile duct disorders, scorpion stings, and poisonings. |
| 84. | <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> (Gaertn.) Roxb. | Combretaceae | Bahada | Baheda | Protect the liver and to treat respiratory conditions, including respiratory tract infections, cough, and sore throat |
| 85. | <i>Terminalia catappa</i> L. | Combretaceae | Badam | Almond | Scabies, leprosy wounds and other skin diseases, diarrhea and fever |
| 86. | <i>Terminalia chebula</i> Retz. | Combretaceae | Harida | Myrobalan | Dementia, constipation, cardioprotective, antiarthritic and diabetes. |
| 87. | <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> L. | Cupressaceae Gymnosperms | Thuja | White cedar | Respiratory tract infections such as bronchitis, bacterial skin infections, and cold sores, osteoarthritis, psoriasis |
| 88. | <i>Trewianudiflora</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Panigambhari | False White Teak | Plant: antibilious, antifatulent, bechic, anti-inflammatory. Root: carminative, applied as poultice in gout and rheumatism. Plant extract showed anti-leukaemic activity. |
| 89. | <i>Zizyphus jujuba</i> Mill. | Rhamnaceae | Barkoli | Red date | Respiratory system diseases (asthma, cough, and laryngitis), gastrointestinal problems (constipation, colitis and liver diseases), as well as cardiovascular and genitourinary system diseases |
| Shrubs | | | | | |
| 90. | <i>Abutilon indicum</i> (Link) Sweet | Malvaceae | Pedipedika | Monkey Bush/ Mallow | Laxative, emollient, analgesic, antidiabetic, anti-inflammatory and blood tonic agent and also in the treatment of leprosy, urinary disease, jaundice, piles, relieving thirst, cleaning wounds and ulcers, vaginal infections, diarrhoea, rheumatism, mumps, pulmonary tuberculosis, bronchitis, allergy, blood dysentery, some nervous and some ear problems (36) |
| 91. | <i>Adhatodavasica</i> Linn. | Acanthaceae | Basanga | Malabar Nut | Asthma, cough, fever, stomachache, tuberculosis, malaria, constipation, sprain |
| 92. | <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> (Burm.f.) Nees | Acanthaceae | Bhuinnimba/ Chireitta | Bitterweed | Anticancer, common cold and influenza, jaundice, COVID-19 therapeutic |
| 93. | <i>Annona squamosa</i> L. | Annonaceae | Meghua | Custard apple | Analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, cytotoxic, antioxidant, antilipidemic, antiulcer, antitumor, molluscicidal properties, genotoxic effect, vasorelaxant, hepatoprotective, larvicidal, insecticidal, anthelmintic, etc. (15) |
| 94. | <i>Barleriapronitis</i> L. | Acanthaceae | Dasakerenta | porcupine flower | Toothache, catarrhal affections, whooping cough, inflammations, glandular swellings, urinary |

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| | | | | | infection, jaundice, fever, gastrointestinal disorders and as diuretic and tonic |
| 95. | <i>Bauhinia acuminata</i> L. | Fabaceae | Kanchana | Dwarf White Orchid Tree | Antioxidant, antidiabetic, antinociceptive, antihelmintic, anti-diarrheal, anticancer |
| 96. | <i>Blumea membranacea</i> Wall. ex DC. | Asteraceae | Pokasungha | Panicled Camphorweed | Anticancer, antioxidant, antifungal, anti-inflammatory |
| 97. | <i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i> Willd. | Nyctaginaceae | Kagajaphula | Great bougainvillea | Anticancer, antidiabetic, antihepatotoxic, anti-inflammatory, antihyperlipidemic, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and anti-ulcer properties. (18) |
| 98. | <i>Butea superba</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Lahapalasa | Butea Gum Tree | Reduce fatigue, lower cholesterol, increase libido, stimulate male fertility and reduce inflammation. |
| 99. | <i>Calotropis gigantea</i> (L.) Dryand. | Apocynaceae | Arakha | Crown flower | Used for digestive disorders including diarrhoea, constipation and stomach ulcers; for painful conditions including toothache, cramps, and joint pain; for parasitic infections including elephantiasis and worms. |
| 100. | <i>Calotropis procera</i> (Aiton.) R.Br. | Asclepiadaceae | Dhala Arakha | Giant milkweed | Poisonous (latex), antidote for snake bite, sinus fistula, rheumatism, mumps, burn injuries, and body pain (18) |
| 101. | <i>Canthium dicoccum</i> (Gaertn.) Merr. | Rubiaceae | Kuruma | Ceylon Boxwood | Treatment of diabetes |
| 102. | <i>Carissa carandus</i> L. | Apocynaceae | Ankhukoli | Christ's thorn | Digestion, skin diseases, wound treatment, cure acidity, urinary disorders, and diabetic ulcer. |
| 103. | <i>Carissa spinarum</i> L. | Apocynaceae | Khirkoli | Bush plum | Antimicrobial, anthelmintic and antimalarial agent, stomach-ache, diarrhoea, dysentery, treat ulcers and muscle cramps, treat rabies, typhoid fever, syphilis, herpes simplex viruses (HSV I and II), gonorrhoea, hepatitis, measles, chickenpox, and polio, cataracts, anemia, constipation, anticancer, antidiabetic, and antirheumatic (6) |
| 104. | <i>Cascabela thevetia</i> (L.) H. Lippold | Apocynaceae | Kaniara | Yellow oleander | Poisonous, antimicrobial, antioxidant, antidiabetic, piscicidal, larvicidal, pesticidal, antifertility, antitumor (1) |
| 105. | <i>Cassia tora</i> L. | Fabaceae | Chakundi | Sickle senna | Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, hypolipidemic, antidiabetic, antimicrobial, hepatoprotective, antigenotoxic, immunostimulatory (45) |
| 106. | <i>Catunaregam spinosa</i> (Thunb.) Tirveng. | Rubiaceae | Salara koli | Common Emetic Nut | Fruit: acute bronchitis and asthma, bark: sedative and nerve carminative, diarrhoea and dysentery |
| 107. | <i>Cipadessa fruiticosa</i> Blume. | Meliaceae | Nahalbeli | Hill neem | Leaves have powerful antivenom properties, especially for the treatment of cobra poison. In treating indigestion, cough and cold |

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| 108. | <i>Citrus limon</i> L. | Rutaceae | Lembu | Lemon | Antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, depurative, antimigraine, diuretic effect and antiscorbutic, colds and the flu, fight fatigue etc. especially in pregnancy, nursing and radiation exposure, lemon essential oil is poisonous |
| 109. | <i>Clerodendrum indicum</i> (Linn.) Gaertn | Verbenaceae | Brahmajusti | Tube-flower | Stomachic, expectorant, anti-inflammatory, anti-bronchitis, febrifuge, hence useful for asthma, cough, and scrofulous affections |
| 110. | <i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> (L.) A.Juss. | Euphorbiaceae | Croton | Garden croton | Anticancerous and anti-inflammatory (8) |
| 111. | <i>Cycas circinalis</i> L. | Cycadaceae | Cycas | Sago palm | The bark and the seeds are ground to a paste with oil and used as a poultice on sores and swellings. The juice of tender leaves is useful in the treatment of flatulence and vomiting |
| 112. | <i>Datura stramonium</i> L. | Solanaceae | Dudura | Jimsonweed | Remedy for ulcers, wounds, inflammation, rheumatism and gout, sciatica, bruises and swellings, fever, asthma, bronchitis and toothache(48), to treat dandruff and falling hair |
| 113. | <i>Dieffenbachia seguine</i> (Jacq.) Schott | Araceae | Dumb cane | Dumb cane | Poisonous (all parts), An antidote (counter-irritant) against snakebites, and to treat rheumatism and gout externally. It is also used to treat tumors and warts |
| 114. | <i>Duranta erecta</i> L. | Verbenaceae | Golden hedge | Golden dewdrop | Beneficial for itches, infertility, fever, pneumonia, malaria, asthma, bronchitis, cataracts, abscesses and parasitism |
| 115. | <i>Ecbolium viride</i> (Forssk.) Alston | Acanthaceae | piccokatho | Ice crossandra | Tumors, jaundice, menorrhoea, rheumatism, inflammation. |
| 116. | <i>Eupatorium odoratum</i> L. | Asteraceae | | Jack in the bush | Diarrhoea, diuretic activity, wound healing, Antimycobacterial activity and insect repellent properties |
| 117. | <i>Euphorbia neriifolia</i> L., <i>Euphorbia antiquorum</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Siju | Common milk hedge | Latex: laxative, purgative, carminative and expectorant as well as in treatment of whooping cough, gonorrhoea, leprosy, asthma, dyspepsia, jaundice, roots: symptomatic treatment of snake bite, scorpion sting and antispasmodic. |
| 118. | <i>Flacourtia jangomas</i> (Lour.) Raeusch. | Salicaceae | Bainchakoli | Indian sour cherry | Dried leaves: effective for bronchitis and roots: suppress toothache. Bark: antifungal and antibacterial. |
| 119. | <i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> J.Ellis | Rubiaceae | Sugandharaj | Cape Jasmine | Cathartic, antispasmodic, anthelmintic, antiperiodic, antidiabetic, antidiysenteric |
| 120. | <i>Glycosmis pentaphylla</i> (Retz.) DC. | Rutaceae | Anachara | Toothbrush plant | Treatment of cough, fever, bronchitis, chest pain, anemia, jaundice, liver disorders, inflammation, rheumatism, fractures, pain, urinary tract infections, gonorrhoea, diabetes, cancer and |

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| | | | | | other chronic diseases. |
| 121. | <i>Hibiscus mutabilis</i> L. | Malvaceae | Sthala Padma | Cotton rose | Leaves: anodyne, antidotal, demulcent, expectorant and refrigerant. Flowers: burns, swellings and other skin problems |
| 122. | <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> L. | Malvaceae | Mandara | China rose | Treating wounds, inflammation, fever and coughs, diabetes, infections caused by bacteria and fungi, hair loss, and gastric ulcers |
| 123. | <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> L. | Malvaceae | Mandara | Rosemallow | Leaves: diuretic, expectorant and stomachic. Flowers: diuretic, ophthalmic and stomachic, treatment of itch and other skin diseases, dizziness and bloody stools accompanied by much gas. Root bark: treatment of diarrhoea, dysentery, abdominal pain, leucorrhoea, dysmenorrhea, dermatophytosis. |
| 124. | <i>Ixora coccinea</i> L. | Rubiaceae | Ixora (rangani) | Jungle flame | Dysentery, ulcers and gonorrhoea. |
| 125. | <i>Jasminum multiflorum</i> (Burm. f.) Andrews | Oleaceae | Kunda | Indian jasmine | Cough and cold, headache, poisoning |
| 126. | <i>Kopsia fruticosa</i> (Ker-Gawl.) A. DC. | Apocynaceae | | Shrub Vinca | For sores and syphilis |
| 127. | <i>Lantana camara</i> L. | Verbenaceae | Lantana (Naga airi) | Sage | Poisonous (entire plant), for various therapeutic applications such as cancers, chicken pox, measles, asthma, ulcers, swellings, eczema, tumors, high blood pressure, bilious fevers, catarrhal infections, tetanus, rheumatism, malaria, antiseptic, antispasmodic, carminative and diaphoretic. (26) |
| 128. | <i>Murraya paniculata</i> (L.) Jack | Rutaceae | Kamini | Orange jasmine | Bark: as antidote in snake bites, root: cure body ache, leaves: stimulant, astringent: relief from diarrhoea and dysentery, to treat cough, hysteria and rheumatism |
| 129. | <i>Musa paradisiac</i> L. | Musaceae | Kadali | Banana | Tonic, diarrhoea, dysentery, intestinal lesions in ulcerative colitis, diabetes, sprue, uremia, nephritis, gout, hypertension and cardiac disease. |
| 130. | <i>Nerium oleander</i> L. | Apocynaceae | Karabira | Oleander | Poisonous (All parts), Treating ulcers, haemorrhoids, leprosy, to treat ringworm, herpes, and abscesses (14). |
| 131. | <i>Nyctanthes arbor-tristis</i> L. | Oleaceae | Gangasiuli | Night Blooming Jasmine | Sciatica, arthritis, stimulate the immune system |
| 132. | <i>Opuntia</i> Mill. | Cactaceae | Saptapheni | Cactus | Cardiovascular diseases, cholesterol-lowering properties, antiatherogenic, antidiabetic, antiobesity, anticancer, skin wound healing (41) |
| 133. | <i>Phyllanthus niruri</i> L. | Phyllanthaceae | BhuinAnala | Stone breaker | Ulcers, urinary tract stones, dysentery, swelling, antiviral, |

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| | | | | | diabetes, jaundice, anticancer |
| 134. | <i>Plumeria pudica</i> Jacq. | Apocynaceae | Naga champa | Wild Plumeria | Treatment of blennorrhagia, herpes and syphilis, latex from the stem: treating ulcers, darts (skin diseases) and flowers: treating chest coughs and gripe. The oil: treating fear, anxiety, insomnia and tremors. |
| 135. | <i>Rauwolfia serpentine</i> (L.) Benth. ex Kurz | Apocynaceae | Patalagaruda | Indian snakeroot | Hypertension, tachycardia, and thyrotoxicosis, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, epilepsy and seizures, migraine, insomnia and sleep problems. |
| 136. | <i>Ricinus communis</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Jada /Gaba | Castor oil plant | Poisonous (entire plant), anti-cancer, anti-diabetes, anti-inflammatory, anti-ulcer and anthelmintic (10) |
| 137. | <i>Rosa</i> L. | Rosaceae | Golapa | Rose | Antidepressant, antispasmodic, aphrodisiac, astringent, increase bile production, cleansing, anti-bacterial and antiseptic |
| 138. | <i>Tabernaemontana divaricata</i> R.Br. ex Roem. &Schult. | Apocynaceae | Tagara | Pinwheel flower | Antioxidant, antiinfection, antitumour action, analgesia and the enhancement of cholinergic activity in both peripheral and central nervous systems |
| 139. | <i>Tragia involucrata</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Bichhuati | Indian stinging nettle | Inflammation, wounds, eczema, scabies and skin infections. It has also been found to be effective in treating pain and bronchitis (22) |
| 140. | <i>Vitex negundo</i> Linn. | Lamiaceae | Begunia/ Nirgundi | Chaste Tree | Ear pain, obesity, diabetes, rheumatism, muscular pain, skin disease |
| 141. | <i>Zamia furfuracea</i> L.f. | Zamiaceae | Cardboard plant | Cardboard cycad | Poisonous, air purifying qualities |
| 142. | <i>Zyzyphus oenoplia</i> (L.) Mill. | Rhamnaceae | Kantaikoli | Jackal jujube | Antimicrobial, wound healing activity, anthelmintic, antiplasmodial, antioxidant, antihepatotoxicity, antiulcer, antiplasmodial, anticancer, hypolipidemic, analgesic and anti-nociceptive (44) |
| Herbs | | | | | |
| 143. | <i>Abutilon indicum</i> (Link) Sweet. | Malvaceae | Pedipedika | Indian mallow | Used as a demulcent, aphrodisiac, laxative, diuretic, sedative, astringent, expectorant, tonic, anticonvulsant, anti-inflammatory, anthelmintic, and analgesic and to treat leprosy, ulcers, headaches, gonorrhoea, and bladder infection |
| 144. | <i>Acalypha indica</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Indramaricha / Nakachana | Indian copperleaf | Anthelmintic, anti-inflammation, antibacterial, anticancer, antidiabetes, antihyperlipidemic, antiobesity, antivenom, hepatoprotective, hypoxia, and wound healing medicine. |
| 145. | <i>Achyranthes aspera</i> Linn. | Amaranthaceae | Apamaranga | Prickly - chaff-flower/ bur weed | Treatment of boils, asthma, in facilitating delivery, bleeding, bronchitis, debility, dropsy, cold, colic, cough, dog bite, snake bite, |

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| | | | | | scorpion bite, dysentery, earache, headache, leukoderma, renal complications, pneumonia, and skin diseases. |
| 146. | <i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> L. | Asteraceae | Pokashungha | White weed | Toxic – causes liver lesions and tumors, act against vomiting, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is also an insecticide and nematicide. |
| 147. | <i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm.f. | Asphodelaceae/ Liliaceae | Gheekuanri | Aloe vera | Heals burns, improves digestive health, oral health, clears acne, skin care, relieves anal fissures as laxative, lowering blood sugar, anticancer |
| 148. | <i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R.Br ex A.P.DC. | Amaranthaceae | Madaranga | Sessile joyweed | Treatment of dysuria and haemorrhoids |
| 149. | <i>Amaranthus spinosus</i> Linn. | Amaranthaceae | Kantaleutia | Spiny amaranth | Treatment of internal bleeding, diarrhea, excessive menstruation, snake bites, boils, stomach disorders, ulcerated mouths, vaginal discharges, nosebleeds and wounds. |
| 150. | <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> (Burn.f.) Wall.exNees- | Acanthaceae | Bhuinnimba/ chireita- | Creat | Cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, ulcer, leprosy, bronchitis, skin diseases, flatulence, colic, influenza, dysentery, dyspepsia and malaria |
| 151. | <i>Argemone mexicana</i> L. | Papaveraceae | Agara | Mexican poppy | Poisonous (all parts),Diuretic. Purgative, sedative and destroys worms, cures leprosy, skin-diseases, inflammations and bilious fevers |
| 152. | <i>Argyreia speciosa</i> (Linn.f.) Sweet. | Convolvulaceae | Brudhataraka | Elephant Creeper | Treat leucorrhoea and fever |
| 153. | <i>Bacopa monnieri</i> (Linn.) Pennell | Scrophulariaceae | Brahmi | water hyssop | Improving memory, reducing anxiety, and treating epilepsy |
| 154. | <i>Barleria cristata</i> L. | Acanthaceae | Bana patali | Philippine violet | Antidote for Snake bite, Root-fever, anaemia, bronchitis and pneumonia |
| 155. | <i>Blumea chinensis</i> (L.) DC. | Asteraceae | peetapushpi | Little ironweed | Decoction for diuretic, kidney disorders, inflammation, lower abdominal pains and menstrual pains |
| 156. | <i>Blumea membranacea</i> Wall. ex DC. | Asteraceae | Pokasungha | Panicled Camphorweed | Anticancer, antioxidant, antifungal, anti-inflammatory |
| 157. | <i>Boerhaviadiffusa</i> L. | Nyctaginaceae | Puruni | Red Spiderling | Cure disorders like intestinal colic, kidney disorders, cough, hemorrhoids, skin diseases, alcoholism, insomnia, eye diseases, asthma and jaundice, diabetes. |
| 158. | <i>Caladium hortulanum</i> L. | Araceae | Hati kana | Elephant ear | Toxic, antimicrobial activity |
| 159. | <i>Canna indica</i> L. | Cannaceae | Sarbajaya | Indian Shot | Anthelmintic, antibacterial, antimicrobial, antiviral, antidiabetic, anti-diarrheal, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, immunomodulatory, antioxidant, cytotoxic, hemostatic, hepatoprotective, molluscicidal, and other effects |

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| 160. | <i>Cassia occidentalis</i> L. | Fabaceae | Chakunda- | Coffee senna | Antibacterial, antifungal, antidiabetic, anti-inflammatory, anticancerous, antimutagenic and hepatoprotective activity |
| 161. | <i>Centella asiatica</i> (Linn.) Urban | Apiaceae/ Umbelliferae | Thalkudi (hatikhojia) | Gotu kola/ Spadeleaf | Wound healing, treatment of various skin conditions such as leprosy, lupus, varicose ulcers, eczema, psoriasis, diarrhoea, fever, amenorrhoea, diseases of the female genitourinary tract and also for relieving anxiety and improving cognition. |
| 162. | <i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i> L. | Asteraceae | Banasebati | Indian chrysanthemum | Anti-inflammatory, antioxidation, antipathogenic microorganism, anticancer, immune regulation, and hepatoprotective effects |
| 163. | <i>Cleome viscosa</i> L. | Capparidaceae | arikahita | Tick weed | Rheumatic arthritis, hypertension, malaria, neurasthenia, and wound healing |
| 164. | <i>Coleus amboinicus</i> Lour. | Lamiaceae | Karpuravalli | Indian mint | Cold, asthma, constipation, headache, cough, fever and skin diseases |
| 165. | <i>Coleus scutellarioides</i> (L.) Benth. | Lamiaceae | | Painted nettle/ Coleus | Mild relaxing and/or hallucinogenic effects when consumed, treatment of rashes, asthma, bronchitis, insomnia, epilepsy, and angina. |
| 166. | <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> (L.) Schott | Araceae | Saru | Taro | Asthma, arthritis, diarrhea, internal hemorrhage, neurological disorders, and skin disorders. |
| 167. | <i>Commelinabenghalensis</i> L. | Commelinaceae | Kanasiri | Benghal Dayflower | Leprosy, sore throat, ophthalmia, burns, pain and inflammation and also used as depressant, demulcent, emollient and laxative. Increases the milk production naturally in cows. |
| 168. | <i>Commelina communis</i> L. | Commelinaceae | Kosapuspi | Asiatic day flower | Febrifugal, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, and diuretic effects. Additionally, for treating sore throats and tonsillitis |
| 169. | <i>Croton bonplandianus</i> Baill. | Euphorbiaceae | Banamaricho | Bonpland's croton | Liver disorders, skin diseases including ring worm infection, to cure the swelling of body, bronchitis and asthma, seed-jaundice, acute constipation, abdominal dropsy |
| 170. | <i>Curcuma angustifolia</i> Roxb. | Zingiberaceae- monocot | Palua | Arrowroot | Antioxidant, anticancerous, Antimicrobial, Anti-ulcerogenic, Antidiabetic |
| 171. | <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (DC.) Stapf | Poaceae | Dhanwantari | Lemon grass | Leaves: stimulant, sudorific, antiperiodic, and anticatarrhal, the essential oil: as carminative, depressant, analgesic, antipyretic, antibacterial, and antifungal agent. Ability to repel the pestilent stable fly. |
| 172. | <i>Desmodium gangeticum</i> L. | Fabaceae | Salaparni | Salparni | Febrifuge, aphrodisiac, analgesic, diuretic, antiinflammatory, and haemorrhagic properties. It is used in postnatal complaints, diarrhoea, chronic fever, biliousness, cough, vomiting, and asthma. |

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| 173. | <i>Dracaena fragrans</i> (L.) Ker Gawl. | Asparagaceae | Dracaena | Cornstalk dracaena | Indoor, poisonous to pets, improves air quality. |
| 174. | <i>Dracaena marginata</i> Lam. | | | Dragon tree | |
| 175. | <i>Dracaena reflexa</i> Lam. | | | Song of India | |
| 176. | <i>Eclipta prostrata</i> L. | Asteraceae | Bhringaraj | False daisy | Infectious hepatitis, snake venom poisoning, gastritis, and respiratory diseases such as a cough and asthma. |
| 177. | <i>Euphorbia hirta</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | Dudhi ghasa/ harharika | Asthma Weed | For female disorders, respiratory ailments (cough, coryza, bronchitis, and asthma), worm infestations in children, dysentery, jaundice, pimples, gonorrhoea, digestive problems, and tumors. |
| 178. | <i>Furcraea foetida</i> (L.) Haw. | Asparagaceae- monocot | Furcaria | Mauritius Hemp | The root: as blood purifying remedy, treatment for syphilis, back pain. The leaves: to treat children's obstinate colds. |
| 179. | <i>Gomphrena globosa</i> L. | Amaranthaceae | Godibana | Globe amaranth | Hypertension, antioxidant, antimicrobial, cough, diabetes, kidney problems, hoarseness, bronchitis, jaundice and high cholesterol. |
| 180. | <i>Jasminum sambac</i> (L.) Aiton | Oleaceae | Malli | Jasmine | Treat dysmenorrhoea, amenorrhoea, ringworm, leprosy, skin diseases and also as an analgesic, antidepressant, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, aphrodisiac, sedative, expectorant. |
| 181. | <i>Leucas aspera</i> (Willd.) Link | Lamiaceae | Gayasa | Thummichittu | Antipyretic, insecticide, antifungal, prostaglandin inhibitory, antioxidant, antimicrobial, antinociceptive and cytotoxic activities. Used in chronic rheumatism. |
| 182. | <i>Lippia javanica</i> (Burm.f.) Spreng | Verbenaceae | Naguari | Fever tea | For colds, cough, fever or malaria, wounds, repelling mosquitos, diarrhoea, chest pains, bronchitis, and asthma. |
| 183. | <i>Mimosa pudica</i> L. | Fabaceae- Caesalpinioideae | Lajakuli | Touch me not | Treatment of urogenital disorders, piles, dysentery, sinus, and also applied on wounds. (18) |
| 184. | <i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> L. | Nyctaginaceae | Rangani-red, yellow | Four-o'clock | Anti-inflammatory, antidote for animal bite, skin infections like rashes or boils, wounds and cuts, excellent diuretic, aphrodisiac (improve sexual health). |
| 185. | <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L. | Lamiaceae | Durlava | Purple Basil | Headaches, coughs, diarrhea, constipation, warts, worms, and kidney malfunctions. |
| 186. | <i>Ocimum gratissimum</i> L. | Lamiaceae | Bana tulasi | African basil | General tonic and anti-diarrhea agent, treatment of conjunctivitis by instilling directly into the eyes; the leaf oil when mixed with alcohol is applied as a lotion for skin infections, and taken internally for bronchitis. |
| 187. | <i>Ocimum kilimandschari</i> | Lamiaceae | Karpuratulasi | Camphor basil | Colds, coughs, abdominal pains, |

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| | <i>cum</i> Gürke | | | | measles, anti-ulcer, bronchitis, anorexia, memory disorders and diarrhoea. |
| 188. | <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> Linn.Mant | Lamiaceae | Rama tulasi | Green Tulsi | The Queen of Herbs: anti-bacterial, anti-viral and anti-fungal, anti-oxidant, antiinflammatory, analgesic, antipyretic, antidiabetic, hepatoprotective, hypolipidemic, antistress, and immunomodulatory activities. |
| 189. | <i>OcimumTenuiflorum</i> L. | Lamiaceae | Kala/Krishna Tulasi | Holy Basil | Antioxidant, aiding cough, asthma, diarrhea, fever, dysentery, arthritis, eye diseases, indigestion, gastric ailments, etc. |
| 190. | <i>Pandanus amaryllifolius</i> Roxb. | Pandanaceae | Arnapurna | Pandan | Diabetes, constipation, boils, and cold- or flu-like symptoms. |
| 191. | <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> L. | Asteraceae | Gajarghasa | Carrot grass | Poisonous (leaves and flowers), A cause of allergic respiratory problems, asthma, bronchitis contact dermatitis, mutagenicity in human and livestock. Treatments of skin inflammation, rheumatic pain, diarrhea , urinary tract infections, dysentery, malaria and neuralgia(32). |
| 192. | <i>Phyllanthus amarus</i> Schumach. &Thonn. | Euphorbiaceae | Bhuiarla | Carry me seed | In the problems of stomach, genitourinary system, liver, kidney and spleen |
| 193. | <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> Linn. | Araceae | Borajhanji | Water cabbage | Eczema, leprosy, ulcers, piles, stomach disorder, throat and mouth inflammation |
| 194. | <i>Plumbago zeylanica</i> (Linn.). | Plumbaginaceae | Swetachitaparu | Wild leadwort | Treatment of stubborn chronic rheumatoid arthritis, skin diseases and tumors in correcting chronic menstrual disorders, viral warts and chronic diseases of nervous system. |
| 195. | <i>Rouvolfia serpentine</i> (Linn.) Benth. ex Kurz | Apocynaceae | Patalagaruda / sarpagandha | Indian snakeroot | Treat high blood pressure, severe agitation in patients with mental disorders, |
| 196. | <i>Sida acuta</i> Burm. f. | Malvaceae | Anachanra | Common wireweed | Fevers, Dysentery, Wounds, Headache, Headache, Toothache |
| 197. | <i>Sida cordifolia</i> Burm. f. | Malvaceae | Bajramuli | Bala | Applied directly to the skin for numbness, nerve pain, muscle cramps, skin disorders, tumors, joint pain (osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis), healing wounds, ulcers, scorpion sting, snakebite, and as a massage oil |
| 198. | <i>Sinapis arvensis</i> L. | Brassicaceae | Bana shorisa | Wild Mustard | Stimulating the appetite, treatment of melancholy or depression, reducing swelling and pain. |
| 199. | <i>Spathiphyllumwallisii</i> Regel | Araceae monocot | Peace lily | Peace Lily | Filter the indoor air, increase the levels of humidity, helping you breathe better |
| 200. | <i>Tradescantia spathacea</i> Sw. syn <i>Rhoeo discolor</i> | Commelinaceae | Rhoeo | Boat Lily | Anticancer, Antioxidant, Antiviral, Antifungal, Antidiabetic |
| 201. | <i>Tridax procumbens</i> L. | Asteraceae | Bisalyakarani | Tridax daisy | Wound healing and as an anticoagulant, antifungal, and insect |

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| 202. | <i>Vinca rosea</i> L. syn. <i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (L.) G. Don | Apocynaceae | Sadabihari | Periwinkle | Antidiabetic, anticancer, controls nose bleeding, cough, sore throat, skin infection, |
| 203. | <i>Zephyranthes rosea</i> Lindl. | Amaryllidaceae | Pink lily | Pink Rain lily | Highly poisonous, good for diabetes, ear & chest ailments, viral infection and breast cancer |
| 204. | <i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe | Zingiberaceae-monocot | Sunthi/Ada | Ginger | Treating nausea, dysentery, heartburn, flatulence, diarrhea, loss of appetite, infections, cough, and bronchitis |
| Climbers | | | | | |
| 205. | <i>Abrus precatorius</i> L. | Fabaceae | Kaincha | Rosary pea | Poisonous (seeds), to treat tetanus, leucoderma, scratches and sores and wounds caused by dogs, cats and mice, prevent rabies, The leaves: cure fever, cough and cold. |
| 206. | <i>Allamanda blanchetii</i> A. DC. | apocynaceae | | Purple allamanda | Treating malaria, jaundice, cough, wounds and constipation, leukemia and human carcinomama |
| 207. | <i>Asparagus racemosus</i> Willd. | Asparagaceae | Satabari/chhatuari | Satavari | Dyspepsia, constipation, stomach spasms, and stomach ulcers, for fluid retention, pain, anxiety, cancer, diarrhea, bronchitis, tuberculosis, dementia, and diabetes, promote fertility |
| 208. | <i>Bignonia venusta</i> Ker Gawl. | Bignoniaceae | Bignonia | Flamevine | Diseases of the respiratory system related to infections, such as bronchitis, flu and cold. An infusion is used to treat diarrhea, vitiligo and jaundice. |
| 209. | <i>Cissus quadrangularis</i> Linn. | Vitaceae | Hadabhanga | Veldt grape | A tonic and analgesic, to heal broken bones and injured ligaments and tendons, strengthening bones, osteoporosis |
| 210. | <i>Clitoria ternatea</i> L. | Fabaceae | Aparajitta | Butterfly pea | For food coloring, stress, infertility and gonorrhoea |
| 211. | <i>Coccinia grandis</i> (L.) Voigt | Cucurbitaceae | Kainchi/Kakudi | Scarlet gourd | Analgesic, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antiulcer, antidiabetic, antioxidant, hypoglycemic, hepatoprotective, antimalarial, antidyslipidemic, anticancer, antitussive, mutagenic. |
| 212. | <i>Combretum indicum</i> L. | Combretaceae | Madhumalati | Rangoon creeper | Fruits: for coughs, to alleviate nephritis. Root: rheumatism. |
| 213. | <i>Dioscorea alata</i> L. | Dioscoreaceae | Khambaalu | Purple yam | Cough, cold, stomach ache, leprosy, burns, fungal diseases, skin diseases, contraceptive, dysentery, arthritis, rheumatism |
| 214. | <i>Gouania leptostachya</i> DC. | Rhamnaceae | Raktapituli | Slender Spiked Gouania | Anti-inflammatory, to treat skin complaints |
| 215. | <i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> (Retz.) Schult. | Asclepiadaceae | Gudamari | Australian cowplant | Antioxidant, antimicrobial, aphrodisiac antidiabetic, to treat eye diseases, allergies, constipation, cough, dental caries, obesity, stomach ailments, and viral infections. |

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| 216. | <i>Hemidesmus indicus</i> (Linn.) R. Br. | Asclepiadaceae | Anantamula | Indian Sarsaparilla | Anticancerous, chemopreventive, wound healing power, antidiarrhoeal, antioxidant; antivenom, antileprotic diuretic activities. |
| 217. | <i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i> L. | Convolvulaceae | Kunjolata | Cypress Vine | To treat hemorrhoids, ulcers, diabetes and cancer. |
| 218. | <i>Mucuna pruriens</i> (L.) DC. | Fabaceae | Baidanka | Velvet bean | In bone fractures, cough, dog-bite, madness, pain, pleuritis, ring worm, scorpion sting, snake-bite, sores and syphilis, menstruation disorders, constipation, edema, fever, tuberculosis anticholestrolemic, antiparkinson, antidiabetic, aphrodisiac, anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial |
| 219. | <i>Paederia foetida</i> Linn. | Rubiaceae | Pasaruni | Stinkvine | Treatment of inflammation, piles, and diarrhea |
| 220. | <i>Passiflora caerulea</i> L. | Passifloraceae | Krushnatamala | Blue passionflower | Sedative and anticonvulsant |
| 221. | <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> L. | Passifloraceae | Radhatamala | Purple passionflower | Relieve anxiety and insomnia |
| 222. | <i>Piper longum</i> Linn. | Piperaceae | Pipali | Indian long pepper | To treat chronic bronchitis, asthma, constipation, gonorrhoea, paralysis of the tongue, diarrhea, cholera, chronic malaria, viral hepatitis, respiratory infections, stomachache, bronchitis, diseases of the spleen, cough, and tumors |
| 223. | <i>Syngonium podophyllum</i> Schott | Araceae | | Arrowhead vine | Poisonous and cause severe mouth pain if eaten, severe skin burning caused by plant sap. Reduce stress, anxiety, sleep disorders and arguments. Air Purifying Plant |
| 224. | <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Thunb.) Miers | Menispermaceae | Guluchi | Guduchi | Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic, immunomodulatory activity, antitoxic, hepatoprotective, anticancer, cardioprotective activity, radioprotective, antimicrobial, anti-stress, anti-HIV and many more |
| 225. | <i>Trichosanthes bracteata</i> (Lam.) Voigt | Cucurbitaceae | Salarakoli | Indrayan | Treatment of asthma, earache and ozoena (intranasal crusting, atrophy and fetid odor) |
| 226. | <i>Ventilago maderaspatana</i> Gaertner | Rhamnaceae | Phuluri/Raktakai | Red creeper | Antidiabetic, antioxidant, antimicrobial and antibacterial, cardioprotective, |
| Grass | | | | | |
| 227. | <i>Acorus calamus</i> Linn. | Acoraceae | Bacha | Sweet-flag | Effect on central nervous system, antilulcer and cytoprotective, antispasmodic, analgesic |
| 228. | <i>Cymbopogon martini</i> (Roxb.) | Poaceae | Dhanwantary | Palmarosa | Treatment of joint pain, respiratory diseases, anorexia, intestinal worms, skin diseases and diarrhea |
| 229. | <i>Cynodondactylon</i> L. | Poaceae | Dubaghasa | Durva | For snake bites, gout, and rheumatic affections, anthelmintic activity anti-inflammatory |
| 230. | <i>Cyperous rotundus</i> L. | Cyperaceae | Mutha | Coco grass | Diarrhoea, diabetes, pyresis, inflammation, malaria, and stomach |

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| | | | | | and bowel disorders |
| 231. | <i>Desmostachya bipinnata</i> (L.) Stapf | Poaceae | Kusha | Halfa grass | To treat dysentery and menorrhagia, and as a diuretic |
| 232. | <i>Thysanolaena maxima</i> Roxb. | Poaceae | Phulchanchuni | Tiger Grass | Treatment of eye infection, improve digestion |
| 233. | <i>Vetiveria zizanioides</i> (L.) Nash. | Poaceae | Bena | Vetivergrass | Relieving stress, as well as for emotional traumas and shock, lice, and repelling insects |
| Bamboo | | | | | |
| 234. | <i>Bambusa arundinacea</i> (Retz.) Willd. | Poaceae | Dababaunsa | Bamboo | Cough, skin diseases, wounds, digestive disorders, nausea, gynecological disorders and fever. |
| 235. | <i>Bambusa pallida</i> (L.) Voss | Poaceae | Panibaunsa | | |
| 236. | <i>Bambusa ventricosa</i> McClure | Poaceae | Buddha baunsa | Buddha bamboo | Hypertension, arteriosclerosis, cardiovascular disease |
| 237. | <i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> (Roxb.) Nees | Poaceae | Saliabaunsa | | |
| 238. | <i>Gigantochloa nigrocliliata</i> (Buse) Kurz. | Poaceae | Balangibaunsa | Bamboo | Juice from young bamboo shoots is used for asthma, coughs, and gallbladder disorders. |
| Aquatic | | | | | |
| 239. | <i>Nymphaea nouchal</i> Burm. f. | Nymphaeaceae | Neelakain | Blue lotus | Rhizomes: mild sedative and spasmolytic action, diarrhoea, dysentery, stomach ache, colic and dyspepsia, leaves: treatment of gonorrhoea, cardiogenic |
| 240. | <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> Kunth. | Pontederiaceae | Bilatidala/Eichhornia | Water hyacinth | Antioxidants, antiaging and anticancer. |
| 241. | <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> (L.f.) Royle | Hydrocharitaceae | Chingudiadala | Water Thyme | Provide complete nutrition, to improve digestion and gastrointestinal function, circulation, neurological health, blood sugar control, to strengthen immunity and increase endurance |

2.3. DIVERSITY ANALYSIS

A diversity index is a quantitative tool used to assess diversity in a specific community. They are developed by ecologists to examine the number and abundance of species in a community and the density of certain species in a community. The type of diversity used here is alpha diversity of species within a community or habitat. The diversity index was calculated by using the Simpson's Diversity Index. Simpson's Diversity Index is a measure of diversity which takes into account the number of species present, as well as the relative abundance of each species. As species richness and evenness increase, so diversity increases.

$$\text{Simpson's Diversity Index (D)} = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \right)$$

n = the total number of organisms of a particular species

N = the total number of organisms of all species

The value of D ranges between 0 and 1. With this index, 1 represents infinite diversity and 0, no diversity.

3. RESULT

3.1 Assessment of Flora

Survey of flora of Prananath College campus revealed the presence of a total of 241 species under 72 families belonging to dicots, monocots and gymnosperms (Table 1). Among the plant types, the dicotyledonous plants dominates in the study areas with occurrence of about 85% and monocots with 13% while gymnosperms is only 2% of total flora recorded.

Table 2: Assessment of Angiosperms and Gymnosperms.

| | Family | Family Diversity (%) | Species | Species Diversity (%) |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Dicot | 56 | 78 | 205 | 85 |
| Monocot | 12 | 17 | 32 | 13 |
| Gymnosperms | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Total | 72 | | 241 | |

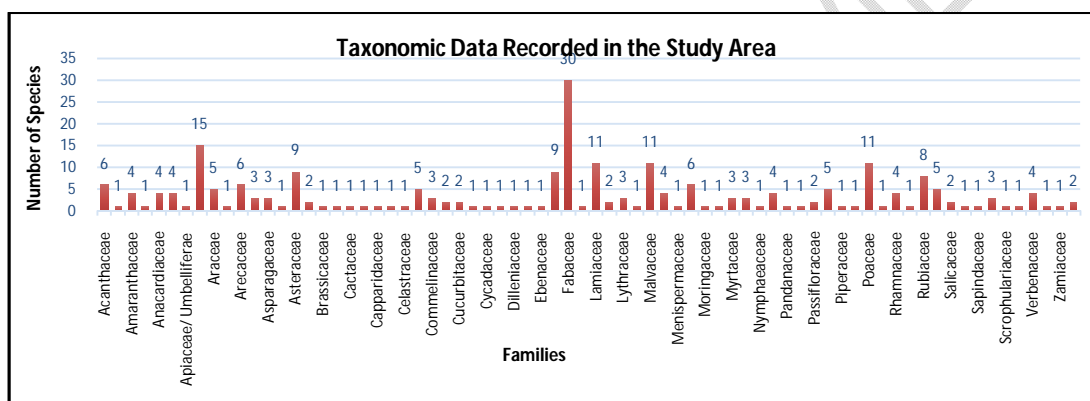


Fig.2: Taxonomic Data depicting the number of species and families

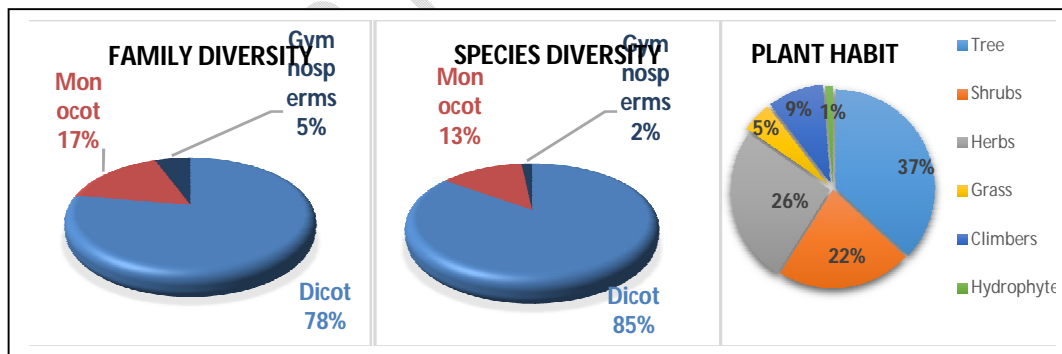


Fig. 3: Plant diversity Percentage.

Habit-wise classification of the flowering plants from the study area showed that tree (37%) were dominant followed by herbs (26%), shrubs (22%), grasses (9%), climbers (5%) and hydrophytes (1%). It was recorded that family Fabaceae dominates with 30 species followed by Apocynaceae with 15 species. Malvaceae and Poaceae were reported with 11 species each. While 36 families were reported with the genera such as *Hibiscus*, *Calotropis*, *Terminalia*, *Strychnos*, *Pterocarpus*, *Phyllanthus*, *Lagerstroemia*, *Ficus*, *Dalbergia*, *Cassia*, *Albizzia*, *Acacia*, *Sida*, *Ocimum*, *Dracaena*, *Commelina*, *Coleus*, *Blumea*, *Bambusa*,

Passiflora, recorded with more than two separate species while it is quite necessary to indicate that the campus contains nearly seven vulnerable and endangered species. From the study area, seven plants species were found to be vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered (Table-3). It is highly essential to protect these medicinal plants through *in-situ* conservation.

Table 3: List of Endangered, Vulnerable Medicinal species recorded in PNCA Campus. (The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: <https://www.gbif.org/species>)

| Sl.No. | Botanical Name | Common Name | Family | IUCN Status |
|--------|--|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | <i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> Roxb. | Sisoo/ Indian rosewood/ shisham | Fabaceae | Vulnerable |
| 2. | <i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i> Roxb. | Piasala / Indian kino | Fabaceae | Near threatened |
| 3. | <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> L.f. | Rakta Chandan / Red Sandal wood | Fabaceae | Endangered |
| 4. | <i>Santalum album</i> Linn. | Chandan / sandalwood | Santalaceae | Vulnerable |
| 5. | <i>Saracaasoca</i> (Roxb.) Wild | Ashoka/ Sorrowless Tree | Fabaceae | Vulnerable |
| 6. | <i>Rauvolfia serpentine</i> (Linn.) Benth. ex Kurz | Patalagaruda/ sarpagandha/ Indian snakeroot | Apocynaceae | Critically Endangered |
| 7. | <i>Zamia furfuracea</i> L.f. | Cardboard plant | Zamiaceae | Vulnerable |

As recorded in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) (5) *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa, *Desmodiumoojeinense* (Roxb.) H. Ohashi, *Ficus racemosa*L., *Melia azedarach* L., *Phyllanthus emblica* L., *Pterocarpus marsupium*Roxb., *Pterocarpus santalinus*L.f., *Santalum album* L., *Saracaasoca* (Roxb.) Willd., *Strychnosnux-vomica* L., *Strychnospotatorum*L.f., *Terminalia arjuna* (Roxb. ex DC.) Wight & Arn, *Terminalia bellirica* (Gaertn.) Roxb., *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm.f.) Nees, *Carissa spinarum* L., *Cycas circinalis* L., *Euphorbia neriifolia* L., *Rauvolfia serpentina* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz, *Curcuma angustifolia*Roxb., *Plumbago zeylanica* L., *Abrusprecatorius* L., *Asparagus racemosus*Willd., *Dioscoreaalata* L., *Gymnemasylvestre* (Retz.) R.Br. ex Sm., *Mucuna pruriens* (L.) DC., *Paederiafoetida* L., *Piper longum* L., *Acorus calamus* L. and *Hydrilla verticillata* (L.f.) Royle are found to be threatened plants enlisted in table-1.

3.2 Toxic Plants

Out of 35 Indian traditional toxic plants (19), eleven plants like *Cleistanthuscollinus* (Roxb.) Benth. ex Hook.f., *Cascabelathevetia* (L.) H. Lippold, *Ricinus communis* L., *Zamia furfuracea*L.f., *Ageratum conyzoides* L., *Caladium hortulanum* L., *Parthenium hysterophorus* L., *Zephyranthes rosea*Lindl., *Syngonium podophyllum* Schott, *Abrusprecatorius* L (table-1) are reported to be present in the campus having toxic effects though they have medicinal and ornamental values.

3.3 Calculation of Diversity Index

Table 4: Total number of families assessed with their species for valuation of Diversity Index

| Sl. No. | Family | No. of Species (N) | n(n-1) | Sl. No. | Family | No. of Species (N) | n(n-1) |
|---------|----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. | Acanthaceae | 6 | 30 | 37. | Lamiaceae | 11 | 110 |
| 2. | Acoraceae | 1 | 0 | 38. | Loganiaceae | 2 | 2 |
| 3. | Amaranthaceae | 4 | 12 | 39. | Lythraceae | 3 | 6 |
| 4. | Amaryllidaceae | 1 | 0 | 40. | Magnoliaceae | 1 | 0 |

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|-----|-----------------------------|----|-----|-----|------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 5. | Anacardiaceae | 4 | 12 | 41. | Malvaceae | 11 | 110 |
| 6. | Annonaceae | 4 | 12 | 42. | Meliaceae | 4 | 12 |
| 7. | Apiaceae/ Umbelliferae | 1 | 0 | 43. | Menispermaceae | 1 | 30 |
| 8. | Apocynaceae | 15 | 210 | 44. | Moraceae | 6 | 30 |
| 9. | Araceae | 5 | 20 | 45. | Moringaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 10. | Araucariaceae | 1 | 0 | 46. | Musaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 11. | Arecaceae | 6 | 30 | 47. | Myrtaceae | 3 | 6 |
| 12. | Asclepiadaceae | 3 | 6 | 48. | Nyctaginaceae | 3 | 6 |
| 13. | Asparagaceae | 3 | 6 | 49. | Nymphaeaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 14. | Asphodelaceae/ Liliaceae | 1 | 0 | 50. | Oleaceae | 4 | 12 |
| 15. | Asteraceae | 9 | 72 | 51. | Pandanaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 16. | Bignoniaceae | 2 | 2 | 52. | Papaveraceae | 1 | 0 |
| 17. | Brassicaceae | 1 | 0 | 53. | Passifloraceae | 2 | 2 |
| 18. | Burseraceae | 1 | 0 | 54. | Phyllanthaceae | 5 | 20 |
| 19. | Cactaceae | 1 | 0 | 55. | Piperaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 20. | Cannaceae | 1 | 0 | 56. | Plumbaginaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 21. | Capparidaceae | 1 | 0 | 57. | Poaceae | 11 | 110 |
| 22. | Casuarinaceae | 1 | 0 | 58. | Pontederiaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 23. | Celastraceae | 1 | 0 | 59. | Rhamnaceae | 4 | 12 |
| 24. | Combretaceae | 5 | 20 | 60. | Rosaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 25. | Commelinaceae | 3 | 6 | 61. | Rubiaceae | 8 | 56 |
| 26. | Convolvulaceae | 2 | 2 | 62. | Rutaceae | 5 | 20 |
| 27. | Cucurbitaceae | 2 | 2 | 63. | Salicaceae | 2 | 2 |
| 28. | Cupressaceae | 1 | 0 | 64. | Santalaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 29. | Cycadaceae | 1 | 0 | 65. | Sapindaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 30. | Cyperaceae | 1 | 0 | 66. | Sapotaceae | 3 | 6 |
| 31. | Dilleniaceae | 1 | 0 | 67. | Scrophulariaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 32. | Dioscoreaceae | 1 | 0 | 68. | Solanaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 33. | Ebenaceae | 1 | 0 | 69. | Verbenaceae | 4 | 12 |
| 34. | Euphorbiaceae | 9 | 72 | 70. | Vitaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 35. | Fabaceae | 30 | 870 | 71. | Zamiaceae | 1 | 0 |
| 36. | Hydrocharitaceae | 1 | 0 | 72. | Zingiberaceae | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | N | 241 | $\Sigma n(n-1) = 1950$ |
| | | | | | N(N-1) | 57840 | |

Using the values, Simpson's Index (D) = $1950 / 241(241-1)$
= $1950/57840 = 0.03371$

Simpson's Index of Diversity = $1 - D = 1 - 0.03371 = 0.9663$

From the floral data collected from the College campus, the Simpson's Diversity Index value was calculated to be 0.9663 which means that there are several species in the community and the population proportion of species is even. The results showed that the study area has greater level of diversity.

From the analysis it is found that almost all the plants are medicinally significant apart from their specific commercial values like wood, timber, food, oil. Some plants are reported as air purifiers (Table 1). Plants enriches the aesthetic values of the campus as the study area has seven specific gardens with a number of ornamental plants.

4. CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN THE CAMPUS

The consequences of human activity in a natural area initiates the loss of species and unique ecosystems. Invasive species sometimes overtake the biodiversity by reducing the native plants. New construction of buildings is a major cause of depletion of biodiversity in the campus although proper care is taken to protect the plants. The areas rich in biodiversity are free from human activity and grow in their natural habitat. Every year a massive plantation programme is carried out on 19th July, the Forest Festival (Van Mahotsav) Day. The Green Brigade (SabujaBahini) of Eco Club, NCC, Rangers & Rovers, NSS also take care of plants, plantation and campus cleaning on a regular basis. Students are well aware of the biodiversity. The waste management is properly maintained. At present in order to protect the biodiversity it is necessary to reconsider the construction of infrastructure vertically but not in horizontal manner.

5. DISCUSSION

The habit analysis revealed that trees dominate while hydrophytes are very rare because of lack of natural water bodies. Among the angiosperms, Fabaceae is a large, economically and medicinally important family of flowering plants for its productivity and stability of the ecosystem. The contribution of this family to the availability of nutrients, absorption and growth of neighboring species is indeed well described throughout the scientific literature (47,28,23, 39). Collation of data from books, research articles, conducting of ethnobotanical surveys shows that all most all plants are medicinally important. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as many as 80% of the world's people depend on traditional medicine for their primary health care needs. The best means of conservation is to ensure that the populations of species of plants continue to grow and evolve in the wild - in their natural habitats. The forest festival (Van Mahotsav) in the college campus is a best practice to involve the students and spread awareness for in situ conservation of these plants to save the ecosystem.

6. CONCLUSION

It is important to be aware of poisonous plants, especially for students who may come in to contact with them in the outdoors. Staff members and students should be educated about the toxic effect of certain plants. Seeds, flowers, latex, leaves, and roots of such plants are having toxic effect. Even all parts of the plants with toxicity such as *Argemon*, *Lantana*, *Nerium*, *Ricinus*, and *Strychnus* are also found in the campus. The toxic substance found in these plants can cause skin irritation, respiratory problems, digestive problems and even death. Students who enjoy outdoor activities should learn how to identify these plants and how to avoid coming into contact with them. Posters depicting the toxic effect may be erected near the plants for awareness. Posters containing the botanical names, local names along with medicinal values of all plants should be erected as practiced in Botanical Gardens. Students can safely enjoy the beauty of plants inside the campus without putting their health at risk.

NOTE:

The study highlights the efficacy of "Herbal " which is an ancient tradition, used in some parts of India. This ancient concept should be carefully evaluated in the light of modern medical science and can be utilized partially if found suitable.

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