

In order to promote entrepreneurship, generate awareness about medicinal/aromatic plants of our region and to facilitate *Ex situ* conservation of rare medicinal plants, establishment of herbal gardens has been initiated in various schools of Kashmir Division.

- Earmark at least 500 Sq. m of land for the Herbal Garden.
- Select a group of 10-15 students who will manage & own the herbal garden voluntarily as a Self Help Group.
- Prepare the land by way of fencing, levelling, providing proper drainage, manureing etc.
- The Herbal Garden should have an elegant design
- Open a bank account in the name of Self Help Group.
- Botany lecturer/ Env. Sc. Teacher to be involved
- 10-20 species of medicinal plants to be planted.
- To work out possibility of species specific herbal gardens.
- Linkages shall be established in due course of time with agencies like J&K state Medicinal Plants Board, NMPB, SKUAST, IIIM, Forest department, National Innovation Foundation, TePP OUTREACH Centre Kashmir University, End users, Herb dealers etc.
- *Ex-situ* conservation of rare plants/ herbs to be done.
- Cost- benefit Analysis to be done.
- Development of small nurseries. Plant material/ Herbal produce to be sold to the end users.
- Research activities to be carried out in collaboration with research institutions

Species of Herbs to be grown on priority

- *Rheum emodi*
- *Saussuria lappa*
- *Trillium qovanianum*
- *Nepeta cataria*
- *Podophyllum hexandrum*
- *Lavendula officinalis*
- *Aconitum heterophyllum*
- *Inula racemosa*
- *Atropa acuminata*
- *Picrorhiza kurroa*

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