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Diversity in ethno-medicinal plant species, their conservation and traditional uses: A case study in North Bank plain zone of Assam, India

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Abstract

The entire north-eastern region of India including Assam is endowed with a wide diversity of plants with high therapeutic value. A case study was conducted with a view to collect the available medicinal plant genetic resources and documentation of their traditional uses in the North Bank Plain Zone of Assam. The information on various aspects *viz.* species diversity, their traditional uses, modes of propagation and nature of plants were collected based on surveying amongst the local inhabitants of the entire zone. A total of 220 plant species with high therapeutic value were collected and maintained in the field gene bank. The collection represented 80 herbs, 42 shrubs, 42 vines and 56 trees. It was observed that the majority of the plants (150) were grown in upland condition followed by 41 in sandy loam, 16 in clay soils and a few were from moist, lowland and swampy habitat. The collected plants were distributed to a total of 90 different plant families. Studies on the modes of propagation revealed that most of the plants are propagated by seed (131), followed by 42 plants by stem cutting and 17 plants by rhizome. Roots, leaves, stems, fruits, bark, oil and seeds of different plants were found to be used for medicinal purpose. Based on uses for the treatment of different diseases, plants were categorized. The established field gene bank and the above documents are expected to serve as the benchmark for further conservation and utilization of medicinal plants of the region.

Keywords: diversity, conservation, traditional use, ethnomedicinal plants, North Bank plain zone of Assam

1. Introduction

Plants are the primary source of drugs in traditional and alternative system of medicine in various forms *viz.*, juice, decoction, crude extracts, and even cooked as well as in raw form. Since time immemorial, numerous plants with various therapeutic properties have been used by men throughout the world to heal their sufferings ^[15, 14]. Worldwide, 80 *per cent* of people depend on herbal medicines for their primary health care with increased demand in both developed and developing countries ^[15].

The North East region of India is an important part of the Indo-Burma hot spot of biodiversity with rich traditional ethnomedicinal knowledge. Being affluent in medicinal plant genetic resources and having many rare and endangered endemic taxa, this region offers great potential for exploring the medicinal plant resources. The region is the home of more than 200 tribes with vast traditional knowledge of using various plants for their healing since ancient time [3, 4, 5, 6]. Assam, being the central interconnecting state for the other six northeastern states is the hub of diversity of indigenous medicinal plants and their traditional uses. Due to their easy access, lesser side effects and low price, a significant portion of the population of rural Assam is still dependent on traditional healing practices using various medicinal plants to treat different ailments [13].

These valuable medicinal plant resources have suffered from gradual extinction due to over harvesting, gradual loss of forest area due to urbanization, habitat expansion and industrial growth. About 90 *per cent* of the medicinal plants are estimated to be harvested from wild sources¹. Even the traditional practices by rural people are also gradually decreasing due to urbanization and the advent of modern allopathic treatment. Therefore, it is theneed of the hour to take scientific attempt to identify and conserve medicinally important plant species along with their associated traditional knowledge. Moreover, conservation and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants are important for the better management of such valuable resources.

Under the present investigation, an attempt, therefore, was made to collect, conserve *ex-situ* and document the diversity and uses of medicinal plants available in the North Bank Plain Zone of Assam, which is one of the biodiversity rich areas of the state situated in the foothills of the Himalayan as a case study.

2. Materials and Method

2.1 Site of study

The area under the study comprised of the North Bank Plain

Zone of Assam covering the six districts of the state *viz.*, Udalguri, Darrang, Sonitpur, Biswanath, Lakhimpur and Dhemaji with a geographical area of 15199 sq. km (Fig 1). The collection site ranged from 91.8°E to 94.7°E longitude and 26.7 °N to 27.6 N latitude with an altitude variation from 48 m to 180 m from mean sea level. The region ranges from the foothills of the Himalayas in the North and the river Brahmaputra in the south. The climate of the region is humid tropical with an annual average rainfall of 3044 mm.

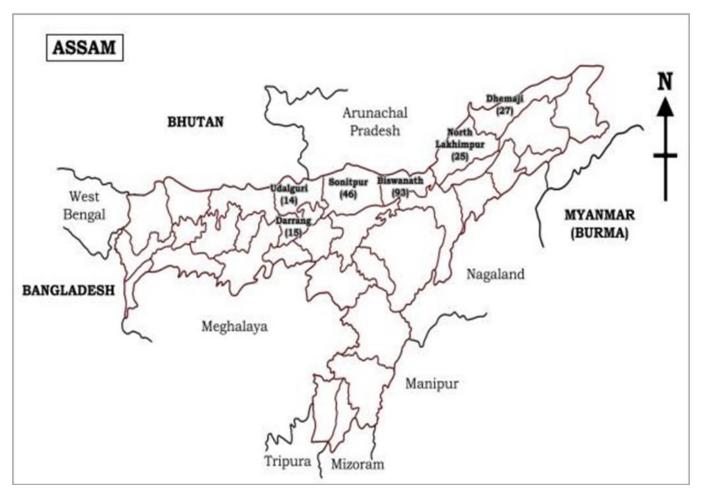


Fig 1: Map of North Bank Plain Zone of Assam, India, The site of collection

2.2. Collection of indigenous herbs with medicinal property

Available indigenous species of medicinal and aromatic herbs of the entire North Bank Plain Zone of Assam was surveyed at their wild and domesticated habitat. Wild habitats included forest villages, boundaries of cultivated fields, forest areas, road sides and railway tracks. Farmer's field and home gardens were considered as domesticated habitat for the collection of sample propagules of herbs. For collection, local people having knowledge of uses of medicinal plants, botanists, students of the nearby institutions and local Vaidyas (traditional herbal practitioners) were consulted. Based on their knowledge and taxonomic identification documents were prepared to list out the various uses of indigenous medicinal plants, their classification and botanical identification. Sample propagules were collected for maintenance in observational field.

2.3. Maintenance of propagules for Conservation

Based on natural propagation techniques, the collected sample

propagules were planted initially in the micro field gene bank under Biotech Hub, BN College of Agriculture, Biswanath Chariali, Assam comprising an area of 0.5 hectares. The saplings of tree and shrub species were then transferred and planted in a permanent field gene bank comprising an area of three hectares. Standard planting methods with the recommended package of practices were followed for planting the species in the field gene bank.

2.4. Survey regarding ethno-medicinal uses of collected plants

Information regarding the traditional useswas collected from local inhabitants and traditional healers during 2018-2020 by interviewing them through interactive questionnaires focusing on local names, parts used and modes of preparation, use and administration. Plant species were identified based on vernacular names, published documents and consulting available herbaria of the region. The collected information was documented and listed as follows:

1. Taxonomic classification of plants with botanical name.

- 2. Family wise distribution of plants.
- 3. Habitat
- 4. Geo-reference
- 5. Mode of propagation
- 6. Plant parts used for medicinal purpose
- 7. Use of the plants for the treatment of various ailments

The plants were also classified against their uses for some specific common illness *viz.*, muscle pain, diarrhoea, Jaundice, Fever, Stomach pain, skin disease, respiratory problem, diabetes, gynecological problem, digestive problem,

urinary tract related problems etc.

3. Results

A total of 220 plants including herbs, shrubs, vines and tree reported having use in the treatment of various ailments were collected from different parts of six districts belonging to North bank Plain Zone of Assam and maintained in the Micro Gene Bank at BN College of Agriculture, Biswanath Chariali (Table 1). The collection after elimination of the duplicates represented 80 herbs, 42 shrubs, 42 vines and 56 trees (Fig 2).

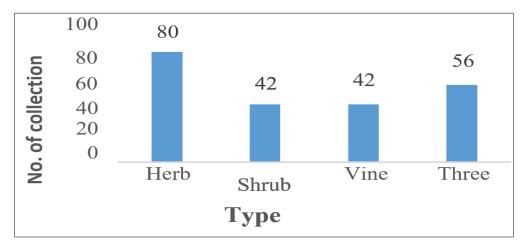


Fig 2: Category-wise distribution of collected plants

The collected 220 plants belonged to a total of 90 different plant families (Fig 3). The highest number of plants belonging to the family Lamiaceae followed by the family Zingiberaceae. Most of the plants were reported to be propagated by seed (131), followed by 42 plants by stem cutting and 17 plants by rhizome. The detail of the mode of propagation is presented in Table 1. Roots, leaves, stems, fruits, bark, oil and seeds of different plants were found to have medicinal properties. Among the plant parts, leaves (89) were the most commonly used, followed by roots (67), fruits (48), bark (40) and seeds (40) (Fig 4). The uses of collected medicinal species against the treatment of various common diseases were presented in Table 1 and catalogued against a

specific group of ailments in Fig 5. Among the collected plant species, the highest number of plants (15) species was found to be used for the treatment of diarrhea / dysentery followed by 13 and 11 species used in the treatment of digestive disorder and skin disease, respectively. Ten species were found useful as a general health tonic and nine in the treatment for muscle pain and jaundice each. Seven and five species were found to be used in the treatment of respiratory problem and diabetes and anaemia, respectively. Four species had uses for stomach pain. Six species were reported to be used in fever, gynecological problem and urinary tract problems each.

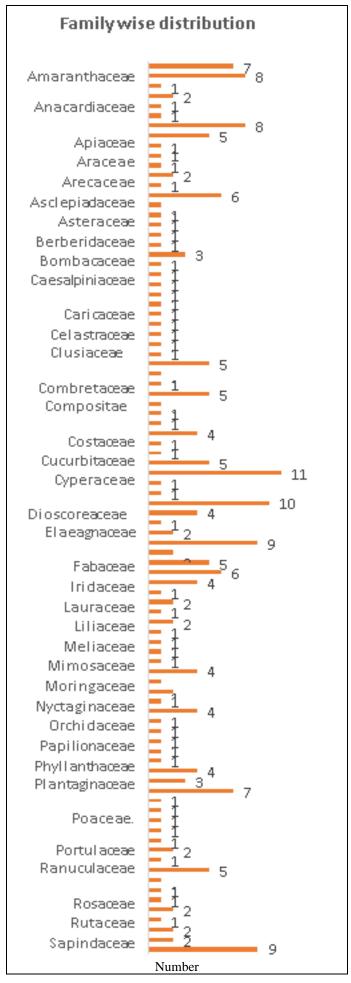


Fig 3: Family wise distribution of collected plants

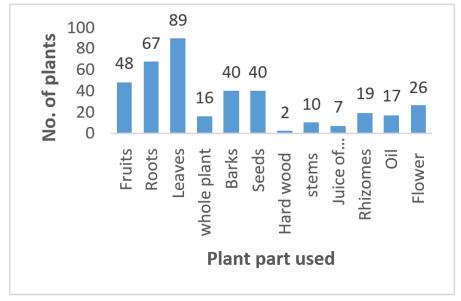


Fig 4: Plant parts used for medicinal purposes

The habitat of the collected plant species was also documented (Table 1) and it was found that most of the plant (150) was grown in upland condition. Other species were

reported to grow in moist (7), sandy loamy (41), clay (16), lowland (3), and swampy (4) habitat.

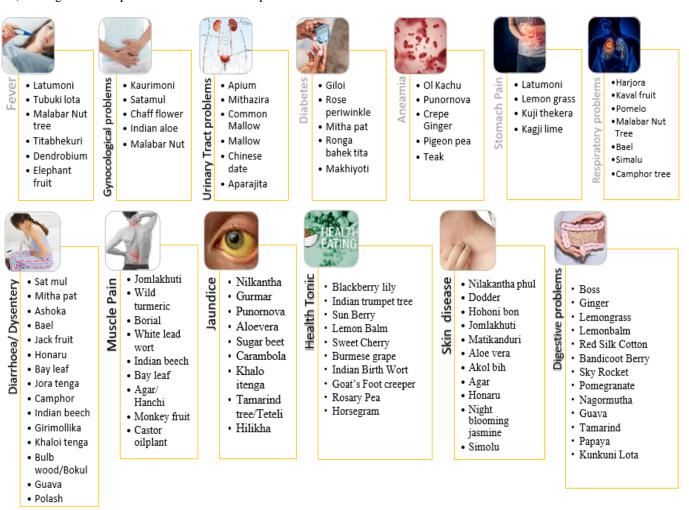


Fig 5: Medicinal plants used against specific group of ailments

Table 1: List of medicinal plants with their habitat, mode of propagation, georeferenced and their uses

Sl. No.	Local Name/ Common Name	Botanical name	Family	Habitat	Propagated by	Туре	Geo reference	Parts used	Used for treatment of
1	Acacia/ Acacia	Acacia leucorrhoea	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'15" N, 94 ⁰ 44'02" E	Barks	Vomiting, burning sensation, blood purifier.
2	Acid lime/ Kaji Nem	Citrus aurantifolia	Rutaceae	Upland	Cutting, seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	Used as eye tonner, in smallpox, disease of lungs and stomach pain.
3	Agar/ Sanchi	Aquilaria malaccensis	Thymelaeaceae	Upland	Shoot cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'53" N, 92 ⁰ 32'58" E	Agar wood oil	Rheumatism, vomiting, skin diseases and ulcers.
4	White Leadwort/ Agiachita	Plumbago zeylanicum	Plumbaginaceae	Upland	Seed, in-vitro propagation	Shrub	26 ⁰ 36'04" N, 92 ⁰ 23'12" E	Roots and oil	Stimulant and digestive, expectorant, laxative, muscular pain and rheumatic diseases.
5	Aloevera/ Ghritkumari	Aloe barbedensis	Asphodelaceae	Upland	Cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 38'06" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Leaves	Jaundice, habitual constipation, loss of appetite and flatulence
6	Alpinia /Tora alu	Alpinia calcarata	Zingiberaceae	Upland	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Rhizome	Headache, lumbago, rheumatic pains, sore throat, and as liver tonic
7	Amaranthus / Marisa Sak	Amaranthus gangeticus	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Stem cutting, seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	The whole plant	Fever, pain, asthma, diabetes, dysentery, urinary disorders, liver Disorders and eye disorders
8	Papaya/Amita	Carica papaya	Caricaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 32'01" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Fruits including gum	To control aphrodisiac and digestive disorders
9	Amsirika	Acacia concinna	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 29'42" N, 94 ⁰ 32'05" E	Leaves, pods	Malarial fever and skin disease
10	Pinapple / Anaras	Ananas caudatus	Bromeliaceae	Upland	Suckers, slip, crown	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Oil	Abdominal pain, as a laxative and used in treating burns.
11	Aniseed /Mithazira	Pimpinella anisum	Umbellifereae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'25" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '31" E	Seeds	Aniseeds possess expectorant, antispasmodic, carminative, and Anti- parasitic properties
12	Annual Wormwood/	Artemisia annua	Asteraceae	Upland	Stem cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 32'01" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Aerial parts and leaves	Malaria and treatment of inflammation
13	Apium/ Joni Saak	Apium graveolens	Umbellifereae	Upland	Seed, stolon	Herb	26 ⁰ 32'11" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Aerial parts	Anti-helminthic, antispasmodic, carminative, diuretic, and laxative.
14	Artemesia/ Comm on mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	Asteraceae	Upland	Stem cuttings	него	26 ⁰ 32'01" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Roots and aerial parts	Pain relief, treatment of fever and used as a diuretic agent.
15	Sorrow less tree/ Ashoka	Saraca asoca	Caesalpiniaceae	Upland	Shoot tip	Shrub	27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32'02" E	Leaves, flowers, barks,	Dysentery, piles, dyspepsia, and ulcers.
16	Assam Lemon/ Nemu	Citrus limon	Rutaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 38'06" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Rinds, juice and oil	Dysentery and vomiting
17	Winter Cherry/ Aswagandha	Withenia somnifera	Solanaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed, shoot tip	Shrub	26033'30" N	Leaves	Toning of uterus, aphrodisiac, sedative and bronchitis.
18	Sweet flag/ Bach	Acorus calamus	Araceae	Swampy, wetland	Rhizome, seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 46'25" N, 91 ⁰ 56'35" E	Leaves and dried rhizomes	Diarrhoea, amnesia, cough, fever, skin disease and increases appetite.
19	Blackberry lily / Surujkanti	Belamcanda chinensis	Iridaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	27º25'19" N, 94º48'17" E	Seeds	The rhizome is recommended as an expectorant, antitussive, Carminative and is used as a purgative.
20	Bandicoot Berry/ Ahina	Leea indica	Vitaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 32'11" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '28" E	Roots, stem	Diarrhoea, dysentery, diabetes, bone fracture, body ache, fever, and wound healing

21	Barbados nut /Jatropha	Jatropha carcus	Euphorbiaceae	Sandy loam	Seed	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Seed oil	Oil is used as insect repellant. Remedy for itch, and herpes
22	Bastard oleaster /Mirika tenga	Elaeagnus latifolia	Elaeagnaceae	Upland	Cuttings	Shrub	26 ⁰ 39'21" N, 92 ⁰ 41'05" E	Flowers and fruits	It is mainly used in preservative and astringent
23	Bastard teak /Palash	Butea monosperma	Fabaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Leaves, flower, barks, gum,	Diarrhea, gonorrhea, ulcers, and diabetes
24	Bay leaf /Tez pat	Cinnamomum tamala	Lauraceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Leaves and barks	Diarrhea, rheumatism, reduces blood sugar, and in throat irritation
25	Bead tree /Ghora neem	Melia azedarach	Meliaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed		26 ⁰ 44'32" N, 92 ⁰ 34'09" E	Leaves, fruits	Piles, mouth ulcer, skin problems, dandruff, gout, and inflammation.
26	Beautyberry tree / Bonmala/Khoja	Callicarpa arborea	verbenaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 44'32" N, 92 ⁰ 34'09" E	Leaves, barks, stems	Headache, skin diseases, and giddiness
27	Bengal Pogestemon/Suklati	Pogostemon benghalensis	Lamiaceae	Upland	Cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Leaves and tubers	Stimulant and health tonic
28	Bengal Coffee / Kothona	Coffea bengalensis	Rubiaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'37" N	Leaves and flowers	Asthma, whooping cough, typhoid, fever, vomiting, and malaria
29	Bhedai lota /Chinese moon	Paederia foetida	Rubiaceae	Upland	Vine cuttings	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'30" E	Leaves and roots	Diarrhea, dysentery and common intestinal disorder.
30	False Daisy/Bhringraj	Eclipta alba	Asteraceae	Moist area	Seed	Vine	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 48'17" E	Entire plant	Skin disorder, acidity, jaundice and anaemia.
31	Bhuitita /sakalu	Curanga amara	Scorphulariaceae		Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'31" N, 93 ⁰ 8'0" E	Leaves	Stomach disease, febrifuge
32	Bineti /Jhinili	Barleria cristata	Acanthaceae	Upland	Cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 32'02" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '32" E	Leaves, roots	Pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and skin disease
33	Bitter oleander / Girimollika	Holarrhena antidysenterica	Apocynaceae	Upland	Seed		26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Bark, seeds, flowers and leaves	Its bark, seeds, leaves and flowers are widely used for several serious complaints such as anti- diabetic, dysentery and diarrhea.
34	Black berry/ Kala Jamu	Syzygium cumini	Myrtaceae	Deep loamy	Air layering	Tree	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Leaves, seeds, fruits, barks	Astringent, throat bronchitis, asthma, and ulcers
35	Black zedoary / Kolahalodhi	Curcuma caesia	Zingiberaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Rhizomes	Leprosy, cancer, wounds, impotency, fertility, toothache, vomiting, allergies, leucoderma, asthma, tumours, piles, and bronchitis.
36	Monkey Fruit/ Bohot	Artocarpus lakoocha	Moraceae	Clay to loamy	Shoot and Bud culture	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Barks, seeds	Used to pimples, rheumatism, and as laxative
37	Wild Alium/ Bon naharu	Crinum latifolium	Amaryllidaceae	Sandy soil	Bulb, seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Bulbs	The bulb is fragrant and is used in bronchitis, inflammation and blistering.
38	Bottle gourd/ Jati lau	Lagenaria siscaria	Cucurbitaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	Cardio protective, cardio tonic, diuretic, aphrodisiac.
39	Bulb wood/Bokul	Mimusops elengi	Sapotaceae	Sandy, loamy and	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Barks, flowers, fruits, oil etc.	To stop bleeding gums, loose teeth, diarrhoea, and dysentery
40	Bulbous Ceropegia/ Guloti	Ceropegia bulbosa	Asclepiadace	Sand, silty and clay,	Tuber	Vine	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Seeds, tubers	To cure deafness and also used in urinary bladder stones
41	Burflower-tree / Kadam tree	Anthocephalus chinesis	Rubiaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'22" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '45" E	Barks, roots	Pimple, skin diseases, anti-fertility agent
42	Burmese grape / Leteku	Artocarpus lakoocha	Moraceae	Clay to clayey loam	Seed and air layering	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	It is used as a tonic and antidote to snake poison
43	Camphor tree/Korpur	Cinnamomum camphora	Lauraceae	Upland	Cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Roots, leaves, gum, oil, seeds	Typhoid, fever, chest pain, diarrhoea, chest

									pain
44	Candahar tree/Gomari	Gmelina arborea	Verbenaceae	Upland	Seed,	Tree	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Leaves, barks, flowers, fruits,	Used for fever, dyspepsia, stomach pain, burning sensation etc.
45	Cane/ Jati Bet	Calamus rotang	Arecaceae	Upland	Micropropagati on	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'53" N, 92 ⁰ 32'58" E	Shoots and seeds	Young shoots are also used as a bitter tonic. The drug is also used in snake bites.
46	Carambola /Kordoi	Averrhoea carambola	Oxalidaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Leaves, fruits, roots etc.	To control bleeding piles, and jaundice
47	Castor /Era-gach	Ricinus communis	Euphorbiaceae	Sandy loam soil	Tissue culture	Shrub			Used to control joint pains, dermatitis and eczemas
48	Chaff flower/Bonsoth	Achyranthes aspera	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 32'07" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Roots	Diuretic, gynecological, and in dermatological problems
49	Chickweed /Laizabori	Drymaria cordata	Caryophyllaceae	Grassland	Runner	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Juice of leaves	Cough, rickets, urine diseases and useful in headache.
50	Chinese chaste tree / Pasatia	Vitex negundo	Lamiaceae	Sandy loam soil	Stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Rhizomes	Used for treating stored garlic against pests and as a cough remedy. It is also used to control mosquitoes.
51	Chinese date / Bogori	Zizyphus jujuba	Rhamnaceae	Upland	Grafting	Shrub	27 ⁰ 25'20" N, 94 ⁰ 48'15" E	Fruits	Asthma, cough, and laryngitis, constipation, colitis and liver diseases
52	Chinese grapefruit /	Citrus maxima	Rutaceae	Clay to sandy loam	Seed, cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Fruits and juice	dysentery, and leprosy
53	Chinese orange/ Chakala Tenga	Citrus aurantium	Rutaceae	Upland	Cutting and grafting	Tree		Leaves, barks, seeds and roots	viscera.
54	Chinese yam/ adamua	Dioscoria esculanta	Dioscoreaceae	Upland	Tuber	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Tubers	To control insects. It is the source of diosgenin, a steroidal hormone.
55	Citronella /Gandh birina	Cymbopogon winterinus	Poaceae	Grassland	Stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Oil	Used as anti- inflammatory, analgesic, antimicrobial, pesticide, mosquito repellent.
56	Climbing acacia / Kuchia lota	Acacia pennata	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 8'4" E	Barks and leaves	Indigestion, bleeding gums and antidote for snake poison
57	Clover basil / Ramtulsi	Ocimum gratissimum	Lamiaceae	Sandy and loamy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Rhizome, leaves	Rheumatism, urinary disorder, and gonorrhea.
58	Cocoyam /Ban kachu	Colocasia esculenta	Araceae	Swampy	Sucker	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Whole plant	The tubers are rich in starch and used like a potato.
59	Common cucurma/ Halodhi	Curcuma longa	Zingiberaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Rhizome	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Roots, tubers and rhizomes	Used as a domestic remedy in the fresh state of wounds. Its paste is applied to bruise, snake bites and rheumatic pains.
60	Common ginger /Moranada	Zingiber officinale	Zingiberacea	Sandy loamy soil	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Rhizomes	Dysentery, coughs, fever, vomiting, and headache
61	Common Mallow	Malva sylvestris	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'10" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '25" E	Leaves	Bruises, burns, dermatitis, swellings, and various ulcers
62	Common purslane	Portulaca oleraceae	Portulaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'20" N, 94 ⁰ 21'51" E	Entire plant	Cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, rheumatic pain
63	Confederate Rose/ Sthala	Hibiscus mutabilis	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting	Shrub	27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32'02" E	Root and bark	Antispasmodic and to treat gonorrhoea.

64	Coppersmith Barbet / Rupohi	Erythrina stricta	Papilionaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed and stem cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Root and bark	Anti-inflammatory activity, cardio protectiveactivity, anti- cataract activity, anti- microbial activity, anti- urolithic activity,
65	Corkwood tree/ Bokphul	Agatis grandiflora	Fabaceae	Upland	Cutting, seedling	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'33" N, 93 ⁰ 8'1" E	Leave, flowers ,fruits, barks	Night blindness, epilepsy and leprosy
66	Country mellow / Sonborial	Sida cordifolia	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed		26 ⁰ 57'06" N, 93 ⁰ 49'57" E	Leaves androots	Used for fat loss, as analgesics, anti- inflammatory, hypotensive, and hepato-protective
67	Crepe ginger/Jamlakhuti	Costus specious	Costaceae	Upland	Rhizome, sucker	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Leaves, tender young, shoots	Used for anaemia, rheumatism, inflammation, snake bite and skin diseases
68	Croton oil plant /Koni bih	Croton tiglium	Euphorbiaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Oil	Treatment of alopecia, erectile dysfunction, ascites, severe constipation
69	Custard apple Atlas	Anona squamosa	Anonaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 33'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'05" E	Leaves, fruits and the seeds	To insect control and it has vermicidal properties.
70	Deeghloti	Litsea salicifolia	Lauraceae	Upland	Shoot cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 57'06" N, 93 ⁰ 49'57" E	Leaves	Possesses antioxidant and anti-parasitic properties.
71	Dendrobium	Dendrobium nobile	Orchidaceae	Upland	Leaf auxiliary shoot		27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32'02" E	Whole plant	Used in Pulmonary tuberculosis, flatulence, general debility, cut and wounds healing, dyspepsia, night sweats, fever and anorexia.
72	Devil tree /Satiyana	Alstonia scholaris	Apocynaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Entire plant	Malaria, troubles in digestion, tumours, ulcers, asthma, and so forth
73	Devil's Cotton/Ulot kombol	Abroma augusta	Sterculiaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Roots and leaves	Dysmenorrhoea, amenorrhoea, and gonorrhoea. The powdered root is an abortifacient and anti-fertility agent.
74	Doddar	Cuscuta reflexa	Cuscutaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits, stems and seeds	Seeds, stems, fruits are used in pains and stomach aches, purification of blood, constipation and also for skin diseases.
75	Drum stick/ Sojona	Moringa oleifra	Moringaceae	Sandy loam	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Leaves, barks, fruits	To treat moderate malnutrition in children.
76	Elephant fruit/Outenga	Dillenia indica	Dilleniaceae	Upland	Seed, air layering	Tree	26 ⁰ 46'25" N, 91 ⁰ 56'35" E	Fruit juices	Used for cough, fever, and to relieve fatigue.
77	Elephant head/ amaranth	Amaranthus bicolor	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Leaves	Used to stop bleeding
78	Fancy leaf bicolor / Sita kosu	Caladium bicolor	Araceae	Upland	Tuber	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'25" N, 94 ⁰ 21'55" E	Roots, tubers	Rheumatism, piles, dropsy
79	Feather acacia/ Chincona	Acacia pennata	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Leaves and barks	Leaves are used in indigestion, bleeding gums and as an antidote for snake poison.
80	Fern /Dhekia	Diplazium esculentum	Athyriaceae	Upland	Runners, rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 34'01" N, 92 ⁰ 54'57" E	Rhizome	Used in urinary complaints
81	Fish mint /Mosundori	Houttuynia cordata	Saururaceae.	Loamy soils	Rhizome	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Rhizome	Stomach complaints and useful in injuries due to burn
82	Foetida/Bon medelua	Casia tora	Caesalpiniaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'45" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '41" E	Leaves, seeds, roots	Skin disease, leprosy, snake bite.

83	Gale of the wind /Bhumi-amlokhi	Phyllanthus niruri	Phyllanthaceae	Sandy loam	Stem	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Whole plant	Used to treat colds, headaches, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and insectand snake bites
84	Gallnut /Silikha	Terminalia chebula	Combretaceae	Sandy loam	Cutting	Tree	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Fruits and seeds	Leprosy, jaundice, skin disease, constipation, and piles.
85	Garden plum/Plum	Prunus domestica	Rosaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 39'21" N, 92 ⁰ 41'05" E	Leaves, flowers, barks,	It acts as a cooling, and laxative agent
86	Garden spinach /Indian palak	Beta vulgaris	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves and roots	Jaundice, heart disease, fever cough, and asthma
87	Giant milk weed/ Akon	Calotropis gigantea	Dogbanes	Upland	J	Herb	26 ⁰ 49'20'' N, 92 ⁰ 31'26'' E	Leaves, flower,seeds	It possesses hepatoprotective, diuretic, anti- inflammatory, anti- stress, antifertility, antimicrobial, antiviral and insecticidal activities.
88	Gilash phool / Allamanda	Allamanda cathartica	Apocynaceae	Upland	Stem tip cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'15" N, 93 ⁰ 8'7" E	Leaves	Abdominal pain, an antidote for poisoning
89	Giloe/ Sagunilota	Tinospora cordifolia	Menispermaceae	Upland	Vine cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Leaves, stemsand roots	Decoction of the stem is used for rheumatic fever, anti-spasmodic, anti-inflammatory and vomiting due to excessive bile secretion. Decoction of leaves is useful in gout. The starch obtained from the roots and stems
90	Glory lily/ Kalihari	Gloriosa superba	Colchicaceae	Upland	Seeds, rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 59'12" N, 93 ⁰ 5 ⁰ '04" E	Leaves, seeds and rhizomes.	Anti-inflammatory; anti-arthritis; anti-gout; analgesic.
91	Goat's food creeper /Sagoli lota	Ipomia biloba	Convulvulaceae	Lowland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Root	The powdered root is used in the emaciation of children and also as tonic, aphrodisiac, and constipation.
92	Gold thread /Mishimi tita	Coptis teeta	Ranuculaceae	Upland	Seed, rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'42" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Rhizomes	Bitter, cooling and a potent bacteriostatic herb. The dried rhizomes of this plant constitute the raw drug.
93	Goria aloo 1	Cissampelos parriara	Menispermaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting	Shrub	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Leaves	Treatment of chronic non-healing ulcers and sinuses, and anti- inflammatory
94	Goria aloo 2/ Stephania	Stephania glandulifera	Manispermaceae	Upland	Tuber	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Tuberous root	Tuberculosis, asthma and intestinal complaints
95	Grapefruit / Gol nemu	Citrus paradisi	Rutaceae	Sandy loam	Cutting, seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	Fruits are stomachic, carminative, diarrhoea, dysentery.
96	Greater plantain / Singapat	Plantago erosa	Plantaginaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	93°49 37 E	Leaves	Diuretic and astringent, and to treat wounds, insect stings, sunburn, skin diseases, eye irritation and inflammation of mouth and throat.
97	Green Milkweed Creeper /	Cosmostigma racemosum	Apocynaceae	Sandy loam	Cutting	Vine	93°1°'40'' E	Leaves	Ulcerous sores.
98	Green shrimp plant/Neelkontho	Ecbolium viride	Acanthaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	94°48'1/" E	Leaves	It is used as a chorea, gastrospasm.
99	Gumra/ Thupuki lota	Stephania japonica	Menispermaceae	Upland	Vine cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Tubers	Used as a medicine for bone fracture

100	Gurmar/Madhuna shini	Gymnema sylvestre	Apocynaceae	Upland	Rooted cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 46'25" N, 91 ⁰ 56'35" E	Whole plant	It is useful in the treatment of diabetes, jaundice, bronchitis, leucoderma, asthma, piles and urinary disorder.
101	Prickly amaranth / Hati khutora	Amaranthus spinosus	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'31" N, 93 ⁰ 8'1" E	Whole plant	Bronchitis, appetizer, stomachic, piles, insomnia etc.
102	Heart leaf Sida /Borial	Sida rhombifolia	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 59'12" N, 93 ⁰ 5 ⁰ '04" E	Whole plant	Used to relieve headache, the mucilage is used as an emollient, and the root is used to treat rheumatism
103	Helencha /Helosi	Enhydra fluctuans	Asteraceae	Swampy	Stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Aerial parts	Used to treat inflammation, skin diseases, laxative, bronchitis, nervous affection, neuralgia, leucoderma, gonorrhoea, biliousness and smallpox.
104	Hogweed/ Punornova	Boerhaavia diffusa	Nyctaginaceae	Marshy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Entire plant, roots and	Jaundice, hepatitis, oedema, anaemia, inflammation, and eye diseases
105	Holy basil / Krishna Tulsi	Ocimum sanctum	Lamiaceae	Sandy and loamy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Rhizome	Treatment of bronchitis, bronchial asthma, malaria, diarrhoea, dysentery, skin diseases
106	Horse-eye bean / Bandor kekuwa	Mucuna urens	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Leaves, seeds, roots	Used for the management of male infertility, nervous disorders, and also as an aphrodisiac.
107	Horsegram/ Kulthimah	Macrotyloma uniflorum	Fabaceae	Lateritic soil	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Seeds	Tonic, astringent, diuretic, asthma etc.
108	Indian birth wort/ Arka mul	Aristolochia indica	Aristolochiaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N,	Bark, fresh juice of leaves,	Roots and rhizome are used as a gastric stimulant and liver tonic
109	Indian gooseberry /Amlokhi	Emblica officinalis	Phyllanthaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Leaves, flowers, fruits,barks, seeds, roots	Used for chronic dysentery, diabetes, cough, burns, dropsy, and as liverstimulant
110	Indian night shade/Titabhekuri	Solanum indicum	Solanaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 45'18" N, 93 ⁰ 13'42" E	Leaves	Treating cold, cough, sore throat and asthma
111	Indian oleander/ Korobi	Nerium odorum Soland	Apocynaceae	Upland	Stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ //3'21" N	Seeds and leaves	Oleander is used for heart conditions, asthma, epilepsy, cancer, painful menstrual periods, leprosy, malaria, ringworm, indigestion.
112	Indian penny wort/ Bor Manimuni	Centalla asiatica	Apiaceae	Marshy Wetland	Stem, runner cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Entire pant	Insomnia, epilepsy, asthma, fever etc.
113	Indian sarsaparilla/Anant	Hemidesmus indicus	Asclepiadaceae	Upland	Seed, vine cutting		26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Leaves, stemsand	Syrup made from the root is used as a flavouring agent and in the preparation of a sherbet which has cooling properties.
114	Indian Spider plant/ Safed musli	Chlorophytum borivilianum	Liliaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Tuber	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Tuberous root	Useful in aphrodisiac, as neutraceutical, in gonorrhoea, and asthma etc.
115	Indian trumpet tree / Bhatghila	Oroxylum indicum	Bignoniaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32'02" E	Leaves, barks, flower, seeds, fruits,	The root bark of plant is acrid, bitter, pungent, astringent to the

								roots	bowels, cooling, aphrodisiac, tonic, increases appetite, useful in "vata", biliousness, fevers, bronchitis, intestinal worms, vomiting, dysentery, leucoderma, asthma and inflammation.
116	Indian valeiana / Togor	Valeriana wallichii	Valerianaceae	Upland	Shoot tip	Shrub	27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32,02" E	Flowers	It is useful in neurosis and epilepsy.
117	Indian wormwood/Domo	Artimesia nilgirica	Compositae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'20" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '43" E	Leaves	Headache, burns
118	Indian Spurge Tree /Common milk	Euphorbia neriifolia	Euphorbiaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cuttings	Herb	27016'29" N	Oil	Useful in enlargement of liver and spleen, dropsy, leprosy, snake bite etc.
119	Intellect plant /Kunkuni Lota	Celastrus paniculata	Celastraceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Seeds and oil	Analgesic; nerve stimulant; antidepressant; digestive
120	Iron wood/ Nahor	Mesua ferra	Callophylaceae	upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Woods, buds, fruits, trees.	Used to cure gastric, bronchitis, wounds, scabies, piles, and dysentery
121	Ivy gourd / Kaval fruit	Cephalandra indica	Cucurbitaceae	Upland	Cutting			Leaves, barks, fruits and roots.	Leaves are used in diabetes, intermittent glycosuria and applied to the bites of an animal. Leaves are also used to cure chronic diarrhea, asthma, skin diseases and gonorrhea.
122	Jack fruit/ Kothal	Artocarpus heterophyllus	Moraceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	All parts of the tree	Blood pressure, diarrhoea, and dysentery
123	Java cedar /Poniyol	Bischofia javanica	Phyllanthaceae	Upland	Seed, cuttings	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves	The juice of leaves is considered as a cure for sores
124	Wax Gourd/ Joha Komora	Benincasa cenifera	Cucurbitaceae	Sandy loam	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Fruit	Antiperioic, aphrodisiac, laxative lung diseases
125	Indian Beech/ Karach	Pongamia pinnata	Fabaceae	Stony to sandy	Seed, cutting, layering	Tree	26 ⁰ 38'06" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Leaves, flowers, seeds,	To control diarrhea, cough, cold, chest pain etc.
126	Indian beech/ Karach	Pongamia glabra	Fabaceae	Lowland	Seedling, stump	Tree	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Seeds and oil	Oil is used as a liniment for rheumatism. Leaves are active against micrococcus; their juice is used for colds, coughs, diarrhea, dyspepsia
127	Indian barberry/ Kath halodhi	Berberis aristate	Berberidaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 32'12" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Fruit, stem- woods, root,	Dysentery, jaundice, and stomach problem
128	Clutch tree / Khoyar	Acacia catechu	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 29'11" N, 94 ⁰ 31'02" E	Extract, gum, backwoods	Cough, diarrhoea, nasal bleeding asthma
129	Day flower/ Kona Simolu	Commelina benghalensis	Commelinaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N	Leaves	Juice is used for earache, decent, refrigerant, treatment of leprosy etc.
130	Indian gambogetree/ Kuji thekera	Garcinia morella	Clusiaceae	Upland	Stem cuttings		26 ⁰ 58'13" N, 93 ⁰ 5 ⁰ '52" E	Fruits and bark	Fruits are used in the treatment of dysentery, gastritis, etc. And is said to have anti-inflammatory properties. When the bark is cut it exudes a yellow resin called

									gamboge that is used in food, paints and
131	Rosary pea/ Latumoni	Abrus precatorius	Leguminosae	Upland	Seed		26 ⁰ 49'28" N, 93 ⁰ 13'08" E	and roots	Leaves are used in cold, cough, hoarseness and leucoderma. Leaves, seeds and roots are applied in painful swellings, applied to leucodermatic spots. Roots are tonic, diuretic and emetic.
132	Lawn pennywort/ Soru manimuni	Hydrocotyl rotundifolia	Araliaceae	Swampy	Stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Oil	Used in dysentery, diarrhoea, fever, cough, various skin diseases.
133	Lemongrass/ Nemu-ghah	Cymbopogon flexuosus	Poaceae.	Swampy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Juice of leaves	Digestive tract spasms, stomach ache, high blood pressure, convulsions, pain, vomiting, cough, achy joints (rheumatism), fever,
134	Lettuce leaf/ blumea	Blumea laceara	Asteraceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'22" N, 94 ⁰ 21'52" E	Whole plant	Astringen, stomachic, diuretic, and antispasmodic.
135	Leucas /Duronbon	Leucas cephalotes	Lamiaceae	Sandy	Seed		26 ⁰ 33'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'05" E	Roots	Use of this herb is for treating snakebite, cough, fever scorpion stings, etc. It is also used in treating liver disorders, jaundice, asthma, cough cold etc.
136	Litchi/ Lichu	Litchi chinensis	Sapindaceae	Upland	Air layering,	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits, roots, flowers, roots.	Cough, flatulence, stomach ulcers, diabetes, obesity, testicular swelling, hernia-like conditions, and epigastric and neuralgic pains.
137	Long pepper /Pipali	Piper longum	Piperaceae	Upland	Seed, sucker, cuttings	Vine	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Fruits and roots	Fruits are used in stomachic, laxative, anti diarrhoetic, antidysenteric, asthma,
138	Luck plant / Makhiyoti	Flemingia strobilifera	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Roots	Use decoction of roots for tuberculosis and diabetes
139	Madras pea pumpkin	Mukia scabrella	Scabrellaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Fruits. Leaves, tenders	Cough, cold, burning sensation etc.
140	Magin/Aporajita	Clitoria ternatea	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed, cuttings	Vine	26 ⁰ 46'25" N, 91 ⁰ 56'35" E	Leaves, seed, roots	Mental retardation, memory power, burning sensation, epilepsy etc.
141	Malabar nut tree /Boga bahok	Adhatoda vasica	Acanthaceae	Upland	Seed, Nodal cutting	Shrub	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Leaves flowers and roots	Cold, cough, chronic bronchitis and asthma
142	Mallow /Moon flower	Abutilon indicum	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 42'14" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '23" E	Roots, leaves	Anti-arthritic activity, analgesic and, antioxidant and, anti- diabetic, anti-cancer, antidiarrhoeal, wound healing etc
143	Mango ginger /Amada	Curcuma amada	Zingiberaceae	Sandy loam soil	Rhizome	Herb	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Rhizomes	Used as diuretic, laxative, expectorant, aphrodisiac and more. It is also used to relieve cold and cough and bronchitis.

144	Mango/ Aam	Mangiferaindica	Anacardiaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed, grafting	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Fruits, barks, stems etc.	Used in control of heart diseases, urinary disorders, dysentery, eye diseases, diarrhoea, syphilis, ulcer, diabetes, kidney stone, sunstroke, tuberculosis, intestinal disorder, blood purification
145	Melissa/ Lemon balm	Melissa officinalis	Lamiaceae	Swampy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Roots	Digestive, carminative, antispasmodic, sedative, analgesic, tonic, and diuretic properties, as well as for functional gastrointestinal disorders
146	Menthol mint / Podina	Mentha arvensis	Lamiaceae	Moist	Seed rooted cutting		26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves and bulbs	Used as a food seasoner, household remedy and industrial purposes. It is used in hypertension and patients with ischemic heart disease
147	Mermeri lota	Dalberiga rimosa	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	27 ⁰ 25'11" N, 94 ⁰ 48'12" E	Leaves, roots	Gonorrhoea
148	Miracle leaf / Dupor	Bryophyllum calycinum	Crassulaceae	Sandy	Stem cutting, seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves	Hypertension, bronchial problems, and sprains
149	Mitha pat/	Scoparia dulcis	Scrophulariaceae	Upland	In vitro culture	Herb	27 ⁰ 29'49" N, 94 ⁰ 32'02" E	Whole plant	Diarrhoea, stomachache, kidney stones, kidney problems, and fever. Scoparia dulcis is a rich source of flavones, terpenes and steroids
150	Neem / Mohaneem	Azadirachta indica	Meliaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Whole plant	Dental and gastrointestinal disorders, malaria fevers, skin diseases, andas insects repellent
151	Monkey bread tree/Baobab	Adansonia digitata	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'13" N, 94 ⁰ 48'15" E	Leaves, roots, flower, fruits	Diarrhoea, malaria, asthma, and anaemia
152	Moon flower/	Calonyction bonanocs	Convolvulaceae	Upland	Stem cutting, seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E		The root bark possesses purgative properties, constipation, and filariasis.
153	Multivitamin	Sauropus androgynus	Euphorbiaceae	Sandy loam	stem cutting		26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E		The leaves of this plant have been traditionally used to treat certain diseases, for weight loss, and as vegetable dishes.
154	Musk mallow/ Kosturi bhendi	Abelmoschus moschatus	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed, small tuber,	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Seed oil	Perfumes making
155	Indian Bay Loof /	Cinnamomum obtusifolium	Lauraceae	Sandy loam soil	Cutting	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Dark	Useful in dyspepsia and as liver tonic.
156	Nal/Nol	Arundo donax	Graminae	Upland	Stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves, shoots, seeds	Leprosy, fever, and haemoptysis
157	Needle creeper/Star	Quamoclit pinnata	Convolvulaceae	Upland	Vine cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Roots, leaves,stems	Piles, diabetes, fever, uterine problems
158	Nicker bean/Borgilla	Entada scandens	Mimosaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 42'03" N, 92 ⁰ 38'41" E	Leaves, seedsand roots	The shell of the seeds is used for polishing the borders of dhotis. The seeds contain saponin. They are made into a paste and used as a substitute for soap especially for washing the hair.

159	Night blooming jasmine / Shewali	Cestrum nocturnum	Solanaceae	Sandy	Root cutting, stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Flowers	Used in skin diseases and eye diseases
160	Nut grace/	Cyperus scariosus	Cyperaceae	Upland	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 39'21" N, 92 ⁰ 41'05" E	Oil	Used for fevers, digestive system disorders, dysmenorrheal
161	Nux vomica/ Nak Somika	Strychnos nux vomica	Strychnaceae	Laterite sandy	Seed, stem bark	Tree	26 ⁰ 44'32" N, 92 ⁰ 34'09" E	Leaves and seeds	Treatment of skin diseases, diabetes, ulcers, joint pains.
162	Voodo lily / Ol kachu	Amorphallus bulbifera	Araceae	Upland	Tuber	Herb	26 ⁰ 33'31" N, 92 ⁰ 55'02" E	Rhizomes	Dysentery, piles, tumours, anaemia, pimples
163	Olive tree/ Jalphai	Olea curopia	Oleraceae	Sand, silt and clay	Twig, shoot propagation	Tree	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Fruits, barks	Diuretic, hypotensive, emollient, laxative, febrifuge, skin cleanser, cholagogue, and also used for the treatment of urinary infections,
164	Operculanum	Operculina tarpethum	Convolvulaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Roots and bark	Root and root bark are cathartic and laxative. The tuberous roots are also efficacious in dropsy, melancholia, gout, leprosy, and rheumatism
165	Palmarosa	Cymbopogon martini	Poaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Offshoots, cuttings	Herb	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Oil	Mainly the oil is used in skincare and aromatherapy.
166	Passion fruit/ Khasia bel	Passiflora edulis	Passifloraceae	Lowland	Seed, stem cutting	Vine	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Flowers, fruits	Treatment of nervous system, bronchial asthma, insomnia etc.
167	Patchouli	Pogostemon cablin	Lamiaceae	Loamy to clayey soil	Rooted stem cutting, terminal	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Whole plant	Widely used in the fragrance industries. In traditional medicinal practices, it is used to treat colds, headaches, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, insect and snake bites
168	Peepal tree /Ahot	Ficus religiosa	Moraceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits, stems, barks	It is used in gonorrhoea, skin diseases, toothaches, and urinary complaints
169	Pigeon pea / Rohor	Cajanus cajan	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 42'16" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '20" E	Seed, pod, leaves	Coughs, bronchitis, diarrhoea, haemorrhages, sores, and wounds.
170	Pomegranate/ Dalim	Punica granatum	Punicaceae	Upland	Stem cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 33'27" N, 92 ⁰ 15'53" E	Fruits	To treat sore throats, coughs, urinary infections, digestive disorders, skin disorders, arthritis, and to expel tapeworms.
171	Pomelo / Rabab tenga	Citrus decumana	Rutaceae	Upland	Seed, grafting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	Useful in epilepsy, relieves sore throat, asthma, digestion.
172	Golden Shower tree/Sonaru	Cassia Fistula	Caesalpiniaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting, layerings	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves, flower, fruits and roots	To control skin diseases, anti-fertility, asthma, diarrhoea, blood Purification.
173	Purple veteh/Urohi	Lablab purpureus	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruit	Eczema, skin irritations, antiseptic etc.
174	Purple yam / Jopora aloo	Diascoria globose	Dioscoreaceae	Upland	Tuber	Vine	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Tuber	The tubers are medicinally used for chronic diarrhoea, asthma, dry coughs, frequent or

									uncontrollable urination and diabetes.
175	Quail grass / Leheti	Celosia argentea	Amaranthaceae	Moist area	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 42'45" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '41" E	Seeds	Dysentery, diarrhoea, ulcers
176	Racaba/Matikand uri	Alternathera Sessilis	Amaranthaceae	Moist area	Stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves	Skin disease, leprosy, burning sensation
177	Red silk cotton /Simolu	Bombax ceiba	Bombacaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 32'01" N, 92 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '30" E	Flowers and gum	To control aphrodisiac, digestive disorders, pimples, anaemia, asthma, chickenpox, and leprosy
178	Ronga bahek tita / Dhopat tita	Phlogocanthus thrysiflorus	Acanthaceae	Upland	Cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 33'27" N, 92 ⁰ 15'53" E	Roots, leaves and fruits etc.	To possess antibacterial, antifungal, anti- diabetic, anti- inflammatory, anti-cancerous, hypolipidaemic and hepatoprotective activity.
179	Rose periwinkle /Nayan tora	Catharanthus roseus	Apocynaceae.	Sandy soil	Tip cuttings, seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Root, shootand	Antimicrobial and antiprotozoal applications, as well as for use in diabetes and wound healing
180	Roselle/ MestaTenga	Hibiscus sabadariffa	Malvaceae	Upland	Seed		27 ⁰ 29'18" N, 94 ⁰ 31'08" E	Leaves, fruits, seeds	Herbal drinks, in hot and cold beverages, as a flavouring agent in the food industry and as a herbal medicinal
181	Sandalwood/ Boga Chandan	Santalum album	Santalaceae	Upland	Air layering, rootsucker	Tree	26 ⁰ 58'13" N, 93 ⁰ 5 ⁰ '52" E	Barks, seeds, hardwood, sandalwood	Sedative, aromatic, diuretic, diaphoretic, disinfectant, aphrodisiac, cardiotonic, expectorant, haemostatic and antipyretic properties whichcan help to treat problems like acidity, gonorrhoea, bronchial and skinailments.
182	Chloranthus / Sansib	Chloranthus officinalis	Chloranthaceae	Swampy	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves and roots	Used as a contraceptive, and the root and the bark act as an Anti-spasmodic during childbirth. The leaf extract is considered a cure
183	Sarbahugandhi/ Allspice	Pimenta dioica	Myrtaceae	Upland	Cutting, air layering	Tree	26 ⁰ 57'06" N, 93 ⁰ 49'57" E	Oil	Allspice is used for indigestion (dyspepsia), intestinal gas, abdominal pain, heavy menstrual periods, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, colds, high
184	Asparagus/Satmul	Asparagus racemosus	Liliaceae	Upland	Seed or through root division	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Roots, shoots, bark.	Nervous disorder, diarrhoea, leprosy, dysentery, and epilepsy
185	Sesham/Shishu	Dalbergia sissoo	Fabaceae	Upland	Stem cuttings	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'32" N, 92 ⁰ 55'40" E	Leaves,barks,ro ots	menorrhagia
186	Shampoo ginger/gathian	Zingiber zerumbet	Zingiberacea	Sandy loamy soil	Bulb	Herb	27 ⁰ 25'19" N, 94 ⁰ 44'04" E	Leaves and bulbs	Useful in cough, asthma, leprosy, and toothache.
187	Sky Rocket / Akol Bih	Clerodendrum indicum	Lamiaceae	Upland	Stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Whole plant	Roots and leaves are used in skin and digestive disorders

188	Slender amaranth/ Khutora Xaak	Amaranthus	Amaranthaceae	Upland	Seed, bulbil	Herb	26 ⁰ 49'20" N, 92 ⁰ 31'26" E	Whole plants	Used in snake bite and
189	Smilex/ Kumarika	virids Smilex macrofila	Smilacaceae	Upland	Vine cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰⁰ 8'03" E	Root	scorpion sting Used to reduce inflammation and pain of rheumatism
190	Spanish Jasmine/ Dua mali	Jasminum grandiflorum	Oleaceae	Upland	Semi- hardwood cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 33'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'05" E	Leaves and flowers	It is externally applied in skin diseases and headache.
191	Spiked ginger lily / Karpurkachari	Hedychium spicatum	Zingiberaceae	Upland	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Rhizome	Aromatic, acidic, bitter, pungent, carminative, stomachic, stimulant, expectorant, anti- asthmatic, antiseptic
192	Sponge gourd/ Jika	Luffa cyllindrica	Cucurbitaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruit /vegetables	Hypolipidemic, antifungal, antioxidant, antihypertensive, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory.
193	Sugandhmantri/ Gan-kachu	Homalomena aromatica	Araceae	Upland	Rhizome division	Herb	26 ⁰ 34'01" N, 92 ⁰ 54'57" E	Entire plant	Used for aromatic and stimulant. It is useful in dysentery and post- natal care.
194	Sun berry/Kopalfuta	Physalis minima	Solanaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Herb	26 ⁰ 33'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'05" E	Whole plant	Bitter, appetizing, tonic, diuretic, laxative, useful in inflammations, enlargement of the spleen and abdominal troubles
195	Sweet cherry	Prunus avium	Rosaceae	Upland	Root cutting	Tree	27 ⁰ 21'01" N, 94 ⁰ 53'32" E	Root, root bark,seeds	Used as astringent, anti- inflammatory, aphrodisiac, expectorant, anthelmintic and tonic. diarrhoea and dysentery.
196	Tamarind /Teteli	Tamarindus indica	Fabaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'15" N, 94 ⁰ 48'25" E	Fruit	Healing, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, dysentery, parasitic infestation, fever, malaria and respiratory problems
197	Teak / Segun	Tectona grandis	Lamiaceae	Upland	Grafting	Tree	27 ⁰ 25'10" N, 94 ⁰ 48'12" E	Seeds, wood, bark, flower	Piles, leucoderma, dysentery, kidney stone, renal problems, bronchitis etc.
198	Thanberg/ Kauri lota	Thunbergia grandiflora	Acanthaceae	Sandy and upland soil	Seed, cutting, layering	Vine	26 ⁰ 36'04" N, 92 ⁰ 23'12" E	Leaves, roots	Decoction of leaves is used for stomach complaints, reduce pain of teeth. It is useful in the treatment of bone fracture.
199	Thorn apple/Dhatura	Datura stramonium	Solanaceae	Upland	Seed	Shrub	26 ⁰ 39'21" N, 92 ⁰ 41'05" E	Leaves, flowers, fruits	It is applied over the scalp to treat hair fall, hair loss, and dandruff
200	Thyme leaved gratiola/ Brahmi	Bacopa monnieri	Plantaginaceae	Marshy	Micropropagati on	Herb	27º25'19" N, 94º48'17" E	Entire plant	Constipation and as a diuretic medicine i.e. To promote urination, memory enhancer.
201	Tiny-Head Knotweed	Polygonum microcephalu	Polygonaceae	Moist	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Leaves and roots	Useful in female weakness, bruises, piles and inflammation
202	Toothache plant / Suhonibon	Spilanthes acmella	Asteraceae	Moist	Seed	Herb		Leaves, flowers, barks	Used in toothache and periostites.
203	Toothbrush tree/ Soura	Streblus asper Lour.	Moraceae	Red loamy lateritic	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'01" N, 92 ⁰ 54'57" E	Branches and roots	Used for toothache, leprosy, piles, and tuberculosis

				soil					
204	Velvet grape / Harhjora	Cissus quadriangula	Vitaceae	Upland	Cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'03" E	Whole plant	Used as a blood purifier. Powdered root and stem paste are used in bone fractures. Also useful in asthma, bowel complaints, epistaxis, scurvy and irregular menstruation.
205	Velvet leaf/ Tubuki lota	Cissampelos pareira	Menispermaceae	Upland	Seed, cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'53" N, 92 ⁰ 32'58" E	Leaves	Beneficial for dysentery, fevers, ulcers, urinary incontinence, urinary incontinence, inflammation, swelling, cataract, heals cuts and bruises.
206	Vetiver	Vetiveria zizanioides	Poaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Clump	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'30" E	Roots	Detoxification and phytoremediation of soils contaminated with fly ash from thermal power plants.
207	White gourd/ Komora	Benincasa hispida	Cucurbitaceae	Upland	Seed	Vine	26 ⁰ 47'43" N, 92 ⁰ 58'19" E	Fruit, fruit juice	Antiperiodic, aphrodisiac, asthma, coughs and cold.
208	White teak/Gamhar	Gmelina arborea	Lamiaceae	Upland	Cutting	Tree	26 ⁰ 34'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'42" E	Leaves, young fronds are eaten	The root and bark are used in stomach disorder, as laxative and anthelmintic; improve appetite, useful in hallucination
209	White turmeric/Bonhalo	Curcuma zedoaria	Zingiberaceae	Sandy loamy soil	Rhizome	Herb	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Rhizome	Diarrhoea, cancer, flatulence and dyspepsia
210	White yam /Kathalu	Dioscorea alata	Dioscoreaceae	Upland	Tuber	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Tubers or rhizome s	Used in gout and rheumatism, to check vomiting, snake bite and usefulin leprosy, piles and gonorrhoea.
211	Wild gooseberry/ Jetuli poka	Rubus hexagynous	Rosaceae	Upland	Softwood cuttings,	Vine	26 ⁰ 44'32" N, 92 ⁰ 34'09" E	Leaves, fruits and roots.	Used for diarrhea dysentery, juices of roots are used for the cure of piles.
212	Wild Mango/Amora	Spondias pinnata	Anacardiaceae	Sandy loam soil	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Leaves, flowers, fruits,	Rheumatism, stomach aches, dysentery, and cholera.
213	Wild rose / Golap lota	Rosa involucreta	Rosaceae	Sandy loam, upland soil	Stem cutting	Vine	26 ⁰ 33'39" N, 92 ⁰ 55'05" E	Petal, fruits	Inflammatory, aphrodisiac, and diarrhea
214	Wild turmeric /keturi	Curcuma aromatic	Zingiberaceae	Upland	Rhizome	Herb	27 ⁰ 16'28" N, 94 ⁰ 21'50" E	Roots, tubers and rhizomes	Used as a domestic remedy in the fresh state of wounds. It is used as a pain reliever.
215	Wild yam/Moaalu	Dioscorea spinosa	Dioscoreaceae	Upland	Tuber	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Tubers	Used to control insects. Also useful in treatment of rheumatic arthritis, asthma, allergic manifestation and shock and preparation of oral contraceptives.
216	Willow-leaved justicia/ Kola bahek	Jasticia gendarussa	Acanthaceae	Upland	Seed	Herb	26 ⁰ 45'18" N, 93 ⁰ 13'42" E	Whole plant	Respiratory disorders like cough, cold, bronchitis, throat infections, pulmonary infections.
217	Wood apple/ Bael	Aegle marmelos	Rutaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'21" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '40" E	Fruits	Chronic diarrhea, dysentery, and peptic ulcers, as a laxative and

									to recuperate from
									respiratory affections in
									various folk medicines.
218	Wooly morning glory / Sonparua	Argyreia speciosa	Convolvulaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cuttings	Vine	26 ⁰ 43'22" N, 93 ⁰ 1 ⁰ '41" E	Leaves, roots	Skin disease, used in swelling and pain of joints.
219	Yellow oleander/ Halodhia Korobi	Thevetia peruviana	Apocynaceae	Upland	Seed, stem cutting	Shrub	26 ⁰ 39'21" N, 92 ⁰ 41'05" E	Roots, flowers, root bark	Used to control insects.
220	Zebra plant /Sanchizia	Sanchezia speciosa	Acanthaceae	Upland	Seed	Tree	26 ⁰ 43'37" N, 93 ⁰ 8'3" E	Root and bark	Commonly used to treat gastritis disease.

4. Discussion

From the above study, it was revealed tha the entire North Bank Plain Zone is endowed with a large number of medicinal plants including herbs, shrubs, vines and trees. The study indicated highest number of plants having therapeutic value belonged to the category herb (80) followed by tree (56), shrub (42), and vine (42). All these plants are currently in use by the village people for remedies against various common diseases. It clearly indicated how rich has been the region in terms of the availability of medicinal plants and their potential use for the treatment of various ailments since times immemorial. Here, lies the necessity and scope for further documentation and scientific investigation for their proper conservation and commercial exploitation. A similar study was conducted by Sharma *et al.* [8]

Who reported great diversity and potential therapeutic applications of 135 traditional medicinal plants in Mizoram. Although the maximum number of plants (131) was reported to be propagated by seeds, out of these, fifty-three plants were observed to be facultatively propagated in nature. These plantscan be propagated by other vegetative modes viz., stem cutting, bulbils, stolon, bulb etc. In this sense, it is important that the facultatively propagated plants are advantageous for the generation of variability and also to fix the elite variant for commercial purpose. Seventy-eight plants were found to be propagated exclusively by seeds including plants viz., elephant head amaranth, garden spinach, hogweed, Leucas, cover basil etc. with important medicinal property. Most of the trees and shrubs were reported to be grown in upland condition whereas sandy loamy, swampy, moist and clay soil were found to be favourable for most of the herbs. Apart from trees and shrubs, the upland condition was found to be favourable for many herbs and vines as well. The study revealed that all the collected plants have their traditional uses in the treatment of one or more ailments, which have been practiced by various rural practitioner and traditional healers. There exists ample variation as to their uses of various plant parts as medicines. In seventeen plants, it was observed that the whole plant could be used for the rapeutic purpose. Many of these, viz., amaranthus, patchouli, gale of the wind, prickly amaranthus, Indian pennyworts,

Sunberry, gurmar were found to have multiple medicinal properties. Slender Amaranthus, White Yam, Patchouli, Foetida, Common Milk Ledge, Cane, Leucas, Crepe ginger are traditionally used in the treatment of snakebite. Ten plants including Artemesia, Amsirika, Tamarind etc., are reported to be used in the relief of malaria fever. Velvet Grape commonly known as Harhjora is a worth mentioning vine with many medicinal properties of the whole plant. The powdered root and stem paste is traditionally used in bone fractures. This plant is also useful as a blood purifier and is used in the treatment of scurvy, irregular menstruation, chronic ulcer, tumours, epilepsy and convulsions. Ethno-medicinal studies of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh were made earlier by

several authors and reported great diversity of medicinal plants and their uses [10, 12]. Jain and Borthakur [2] studied the Ethno-botany of Mikirs of Karbi Anglong district of Assam and analyzed the use of plants in folklore and folk life among the Mikirs. Another important study by Sikdar and Dutta [11] reported 62 medicinal plant species used in different types of treatment among the Nath community of Assam. Saikia et al. [13] carried out a study on the diversity of medicinal plants and their uses in home gardens of upper Assam and indicated that the area is very rich in traditional knowledge. The use of medicinal plants in traditional health care practices by tribes of Dhemaji district, Assam, was studied by Gogoi et al. [19]. However, no further elaborate study was made to assess the diversity and uses of medicinal plants in the North Bank Plain Zone of Assam which is an important biodiversity rich zone inhabited by a large number of ethnic communities having a long history of settlement and wide climatic and geographical diversity. Thus, the findings of the present investigation would not only contribute to the documentation of the indigenous medicinal plants and their traditional uses but also their *ex-situ* conservation. This will pave the way for further scientific studies on traditional medicinal plants and the discovery of new drugs in future.

5. Conclusion

The findings of this study indicate that the knowledge of herbal medicine is rooted in society and village people are dependent on these plants to a considerable extent. However, with the advent of modernization and urbanization, knowledge of these herbal medicines has been diminishing and has been restricted to a few rural inhabitants only. Moreover, many of these therapeutically beneficial plants are on the verge of extinction due to lack of interest in traditional herbal medicines among the young generation as well as their tendency to migrate to cities for the wealth of knowledge, job etc. Increase in the market facility and availability of modern medicines have also influenced the decreasing useof the plants with medicinal value. Thus, it is the need of the hour to document and preserve these valuable resources and to make the new generation aware of their enormous benefits for a sustainable future. The documentation resulted out of the present investigation and the collected medicinal plant species being conserved in the field gene bank of BN College of Agriculture of Biswanath Chariali, Assam, would act as a valuable resource for further research and development works on traditional medicinal plant genetic resources and their economic uses.

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