Floristic Survey in the Campus of Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti Tiruchirapalli Tamilnadu South India

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Abstract - This paper deals with the list of Flora from the campus of Nehru Memorial College Puthanampatti Tiruchirapalli District. Location is bounded between latitude 11.0665807 and longitude 78.6867964. 156 plants were representing in 123 genera, belonging to 52 families were collected. The most dominated family are Euphorbiaceae (11) is followed by Caesalpiniaceae, and Fabaceae each 9 species, Asteraceae and Poaceae (8), Apocynaceae and Malvaceae are (7), Convolvulaceae and Mimosaceae (6), Arecaceae, Moraceae and Rubiaceae (5), Acanthaceae , Amaranthaceae Rutaceae and Verbenaceae 5, and other families having 1 or 2 species are also recorded. Most plant species of the campus are of substantial ecological and economic value, useful as bio resources to wild fauna and human beings. The outcome of the study can be used constructively in planning sustainability of campus environment

Index Terms - Flora, Bio resources college, campus, , Sustainable.

1.INTRODUCTION

From the very beginning of ancient time of human beings on the universe man has relied on plants to fulfill his basic needs for his survival [1] The plant kingdom is directly connected with to provide food, shelter and health. Plants play important role not only in maintaining life system on the earth but also as a source of economically important products. Based on geographical region and edapo-climatic condition plants survive to their specific habitat. It has been estimated that approximately ten million species of plants inhabit the planet earth of which, among that only 1.7 million species are known to science [2] In India rich plant diversity which has been estimated 45,000 species of which about 8000 are known for their medicinal plants. Nearly 75% of the remedially important plant species grows in almost wild conditions [3]. A huge number of flora are available in various bio-geographical zones of India [4], [5]. According to WHO, 20,000 plant species are medicinal uses out of 2, 50,000 all over the world. Of these eight hundred species are being used commercially. In India, the rustic population uses about 8000 herbal plants for medicine.

The plant diversity however is under serious threat due to various human activities and many plant species are going to disappearing. It is hard life being a plant from the pathogens and herbivores to unfavourable weather they are constantly injured or wounded and their sessile life style only adds to the trouble. Many species are becoming extinct even before their The current scenario necessitates the discovery. urgent need of conservation of this diversity. To formulate various strategies for this purpose, the first important step is to explore and inventories the flora. Keeping this perspective in view the present studies were conducted to explore and inventorize the plant species. Therefore an attempt has been made to study the plant species present in the campus. Different Morphological characters are being studied like habit, height, leaf, inflorescence, flowers, and fruits etc representing diversity of plants in the campus of Nehru Memorial College Puthanampatti Tiruchirapalli District.

The study of the distribution of plants helps us to determine the abundance of plant and its ability of any given area. Floristic studies have been used to explain the speciation, isolation, endemism and evolution. Each and every area was not fixed for specific flora, which has been change from time to time. In basically most of the ecosystems have support with the plant diversity fundamentally. The present survey deals with the floristic diversity of college campus in the former sense, i.e., the number of individual species in the area.

METHODOLOGY

Area of study:

The present study was carried out in Nehru Memorial College Campus, Puthanampatti in Thuraiyur taluk of Tiruchirapalli District. Location is bounded between latitude 11.0665807 and longitude 78.6867964:

Field survey

The college campus was surveyed randomly form November 2019 to March2020. The representative specimens of every plant were collected in quadruplicates. Repeated collections were avoided of plants once collected in the campus or anywhere in the district and just recorded. Field numbers were given for every specimen in the field notebook. The photographs of the plants were taken with the help of Sony Digital Camera. (**Plate 1**)

The collected specimens were tied in thick polythene bags. Specimens were then poisoned, dried and were made into herbarium according to methodology described by, [6]. Plant species were identified using regional floras [7][8][9] [10]. The collected materials were poisoned using standard herbarium techniques Well-preserved specimens with voucher numbers were deposited in the Herbarium of the P.G. Department of Botany and Nehru Memorial college, Puthanampatti, Tamil Nadu,, and further confirmed in certain cases, by comparing with the herbarium material housed at Rabinot Herbarium St Josephs college Tiruchirapalli;. A critical care was taken in the confirmation of endemic, threatened taxa and new distributional records.



Plate 1

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A comprehensive survey of Angiosperm flora of Nehru Memorial eco-friendly college campus is presented in this project College areas were of valuable floral species of medicinal value most of the trees are naturally grown and some of the trees, are planted obviously to control pollution and for the beautification of the campus.. However, the species composition particularly of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers and other ground flora have, not yet been inventorised in totality till date, except secondary data from taxonomic literatures by teachers and name of a few species are used for botany practical class During the survey of the college campus from 2019-2020. The Campus has a great wealth of plants. Their scientific names, local names, habit, flowering-fruiting time, uses are enlisted. These results were positively correlated with alphabetical order approx. 156 plants were representing in 123 genera, belonging to 52 families were collected (Table-1) The most dominated family are Euphorbiaceae (11) is followed by Caesalpiniaceae, and Fabaceae each 9 species, Asteraceae and Poaceae (8), Apocynaceae and Malvaceae are (7), Convolvulaceae and Mimosaceae (6), Arecaceae, Moraceae and Rubiaceae Acanthaceae. Amaranthaceae Rutaceae and Verbenaceae 5, and other families having 1 or 2 species are also recorded Fig 1

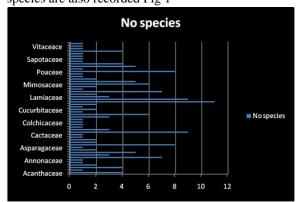


Fig 1

My study show college campus diversity represents area. Recently a row of Royal palms was planted near the main campus, which gives royal look, so added one more feather to the cap of our college, By the by some part of the campus like playground and hostel were covered with wild herbal flora which includes medicinal value plants Clearly this flora is associated

with some local fauna predominantly beautiful and multi-coloured butterflies, caterpillars, bees, beetles, ants and Some different varieties of bird are landing in the campus in behind rainy season and its gives extra beautification to the campus. On the other hand, varieties of birds like wood pecker, owls, sparrows, pigeons, parrots, peacock etc. are regularly visiting for searching food. In view of recent demand on biodiversity conservation, the entire bio rich campus was scanned to collect information of some flora data. Biodiversity survey was done by many researchers but biodiversity survey of college campus still now not yet studied Current study was aimed for identification of different plants like medicinal exotic and ornamental plants in college campus. It obviously offers an interesting botanical study area and as such, the present authors feel to undertake further attempts to provide identification device of each and every plants in form of an artificial key which would be prepared in due course of time and would help in the conservation of the plants for maintaining plant biodiversity of this campus.

The present study suggests that the campus of NMC College campus is rich in natural vascular flora, though the floristic composition is dominated by angiosperms. A higher proportion of the exotic flora of the college campus is represented by ornamental which include Allamanda cathartica, Asparagus racemosus, Catharanthus roseus, Delonix regia, Cesalpinia pulcherrima, Hibiscus rosasinensis, , Lantana camara, , Millingtonia hortensis, Plumeria rubra, and Tecoma stans. These plant species had been planted for the ornamentation of the college campus. Several of the exotics are edible fruit producing plants of the college campus. The exotics grown as avenue plants in the college campus are represented by Bauhinia racemosa, Peltophorum pterocarpum, Butea monosperma and leucaena leucocephala. Several of the exotics are weeds. These conyzoides, include Croton Ageratum bonplandianum, Cynodon dactylon, Cyperus rotundus, Eclipta prostrata, Eragrostis tenella, Euphorbia hirta, Parthenium hysterophorus, Physalis minima, and Tridax procumbens. These exotic floras are naturalized to Indian conditions and hence grow successfully without any human assistance. Of the total plant species reported from the campus of NMC College campus, Parthenium hysterophorus was observed to be harmful to native flora. This American

flora has spread very fast in the last couple of decades in the campus, infesting all types of terrestrial habitats and posing a threat to the biodiversity of the campus. Exotics are referred to as biological pollutants due to their destructive effects on natural and man-managed ecosystems. Serious ecological effects of the fastspreading introduced flora have been reported [12]; [13]. Some of the common climbers found among the collected plants from the campus were Abrus precatorius, Asparagus racemosus, Cardiopsermum helicacabum, Cissus quadrangularis, Clitoria ternatea, Coccinia grandis, Cuscuta reflexa, Gloriosa superba, Hemidesmus indicus, Ipomea pestigridis, Ipomea sepiaria, Merremia tridentata, Mukia maderaspatana, and Pachygone ovata. Grasses contributed to herbaceous ground flora, totalling to 11 species. Among them Eragrostis pilosa and Apluda mutica, were collected from undisturbed areas of the campus. Many species of plants enumerated in the campus are medicinally valuable resources. The important medicinal plants growing in College include, Achyranthes aspera, Albizia lebbeck, Azadirachta indica, Bauhinia purpurea, Boerhaavia diffusa, Calotropis gigantea, Cassia fistula, Coccinia grandis, Commelina benghalensis, Cynodon dactylon, Evolvulus alsinoides, Ficus religiosa, Hyptis suaveolens, Hemidesmus indicus, , Oldenlandia corymbosa, Oxalis corniculata, Phyllanthus amarus, Pongamia pinnata, , Tephrosia purpurea, Terminalia cataba, and Tribulus terrestris. Albizia lebbeck, zadirachta indica, Tectona grandis, Sweitenia mahoghani and Syzygium cuminii are the important timber-yielding tree species. Comparison of Campus Flora of NMC College with that of Different Institutional Campuses in TamilNadu viz., [14] Holy cross college Trichy 56 species [15] S. T. Hindu College) Campus, Kanyakumari District 238 taxo, [16] Bharthiyar university Coimbatore 323 species, Madras Christian College Biodiveristy Thambaram chennai 458 species, [17], Pachaiyappa's College 256 species, such a comparison places the campus flora of NMC college is less number but moderately diverse. The plant diversity of this campus is greater than those of the Holy cross college. The main reason behind this was may be due to many anthropogenic activities made in the campus such as construction of new buildings and undisturbed area of the campus was converted in to the new renovated. So this is the right time to the floristic studies in the campus are

considered as the backbone of the assessment of phytodiversity, conservation, management and sustainable utilization [18]. The campus flora of an institution is a unique opportunity as an outdoor botanical and ecological learning for the campus community.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The present study was mainly concentrated on an overall Floristic survey around the campus like walkway playground and Hostels. The resulted 156 species of angiosperms 123 genera are belonging to 52 families. Among these 124 plants were medicinal

values 24 plants in Aesthetic value. In conclusion the natural beauty of Nehru Memorial College campus, with its native plant diversity, introduced ornamentals and cultivated plant species with great aesthetic value, ecological uniqueness and resource importance. Thus, taking a walk around the campus would enrich the botanical knowledge, ecological consciousness and conservation values, not only of the academia but also the common people. The NMC College campus environment, with its diversity of native plant species and the beautiful, cultivated ornamental plants, provides a unique opportunity for learning as an outdoor classroom exercise.

	Table 1				
Sl. No	Botanical Name	Family Name	Habit	Common Name	Economic Importance
1	Abrus precatorius	Fabaceae	Climber	Kundumani	Medicinal
2	Acacia leucophloea	Mimosaceae	Tree	Velvel	Medicinal
3	Acacia mellifera	Mimosaceae	Tree		Ornamental /Medicinal
4	Acalypha fruticosa	Euphorbiaceae	shrub	Chinni	Medicinal
5	Acalypha indica L.	Euphorbiaceae	Herb	Kupaimeni	Medicinal
6	Acalypha wikesiana	Malvaceae	shrub		Ornamental
7	Achyranthes aspera Linn.	Amaranthaceae	Herb	Naiyuruvi	Medicinal
8	Aerva lanata	Acanthaceae	Herb	SiruPeelai	Medicinal
9	Agave americana	Agavaceae	shrub	Aanai katralai	Ornamental
10	Ageratum conyzoides	Asteraceae	Herb	Pumppillu, Appakkoti	Medicinal
11	Albizia amara	Mimosaceae	Tree	Usil	Medicinal
12	Albizia lebbeck	Mimosaceae	Tree	Vagai	Medicinal
13	Allamanda cathartica	Apocynaceae	Climbing shrub	Allamanda	Medicinal / Ornamental
14	Aloe Vera	Liliaceae	Herb	Sotrukatralai	Medicinal / Ornamental
15	Amaranthus poligonides	Amaranthaceae	Herb	Mullukeerai	Medicinal
16	Amaranthus viridis L.	Amaranthaceae	Herb	Kupai keerai	Medicinal
17	Argemone mexicana	Papaveraceae	Herb	Bremmathndu	Medicinal
18	Asparagus racemosus	Asparagaceae	Climber	Thaneervitan kilangu	Medicinal / Ornamental
19	Azadirachta indica	Meliaceae	Tree	Vembu	Medicinal
20	Barleria prionitis	Malvaceae	Herb	Sem-mulli	Medicinal
21	Bauhinia racemosa	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Aathi	Ornamental
22	Blepharis maderaspatensis	Acanthaceae	Herb	Nethirampoondu	Medicinal
23	Boerhaavia diffusa	Nyctaginaceae	Herb	Mookiratai	Medicinal
24	Boerhaavia eracta	Nyctaginaceae	Herb	Seemai Mookiratai	Medicinal
25	Borassus flabellifer	Arecaceae	Tree	Panimaram	Medicinal
26	Bryophyllum pinnatum	Crassulaceae	Herb	Ranakalli	Medicinal / Ornamental

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27	Butea monosperma	Fabaceae	Tree	Ilaipurasu	Medicinal / Ornamental
28	Cadaba fruticosa	Capparaceae	shrub	Viluthi	Medicinal
29	Caesalpinia pulcherrima	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Mayilkonrai	Medicinal / Ornamental
30	Caladium bicolor	Araceae	shrub	Elephant's ear	Medicinal / Ornamental
31	Calatropis gigantea	Asclepiadaceae	shrub	Erukku	Medicinal
32	Calotropis procera	Asclepiadaceae	shrub	Vel Erukku	Medicinal
33	Cardiospermum halicacabum	Sapindaceae	Climber	Mudakathan	Medicinal
34	Caryota Urens	Arecaceae	Tree	Koondhal panai	Medicinal / Ornamental
35	Cassia angustifolia	Caesalpiniaceae	shrub	Thirunelveli Avarai	Medicinal
36	Cassia auriculata	Caesalpiniaceae	shrub	Avarai	Medicinal
37	Cassia fistula L.	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Sarakondrai	Medicinal / Ornamental
38	Cassia siamea	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Manjalkondrai	Medicinal / Ornamental
39	Cassine glauca	Celastraceae	Tree	Karuvali	Medicinal
40	Catharanthus roseus	Apocynaceae	Herb	Sudukattu Arali	Medicinal
41	Chloris barbata	Poaceae	Herb	Chevvarakupul,	
42	Chloris virgata	Poaceae	Herb	Kodai pullu	
43	Cissus quadrangularis	Vitaceace	Climbing herb	Pirandai	Medicinal
44	Clausena dentata	Rutaceae	Shrub	Aanan	Medicinal
45	cleome felina	Capparaceae	Herb		Medicinal
46	cleome gynandra	Capparaceae	Herb	Nallavelai	Medicinal
47	Clitoria ternatea	Fabaceae	Herb	Sangupoo	Medicinal
48	Coccinia grandis	Cucurbitaceae	Climber	Kovai	Medicinal
49	Cocculus hirsutus	Menispermaceae	Climber	Kattu kodi	Medicinal
50	Cocos nucifera	Arecaceae	Tree	Thennaimaram	Medicinal
51	Codiaeum variegatum	Euphorbiaceae	shrub		Medicinal / Ornamental
52	Coleus blumei Coleus	Lamiaceae	Herb		Medicinal / Ornamental
53	Commelina benghalensis	Commelinaceae	Herb	Kanavazhai	Medicinal
54	Commiphora berryi	Burseraceae	Tree	Mulkiluvai	Medicinal
55	Cordia sebestena L.	Boraginaceae	Tree		Ornamental
56	Crinum asiaticum	Amaryllidaceae	Herb		Medicinal / Ornamental
57	Crinum Latifoliun	Amaryllidaceae	Herb		Medicinal / Ornamental
58	Croton bonplandianum	Euphorbiaceae	Herb	Rail poodu	Medicinal
59	Cycas circinalis	Cycadaceae	Tree	Madupanai	Medicinal
60	Cycas revoluta	Cycadaceae	Tree		Medicinal / Ornamental
61	Cynodon dactylon	Poaceae	Herb	Arugampul	Medicinal
62	Delonix alata	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Vathanarayanan	Medicinal
63	Delonix regia	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Mayi kondrai	Medicinal / Ornamental
64	Dieffenbachia seguine	Araceae	Herb		Medicinal / Ornamental
65	Duranta erecta	Verbenaceae	shrub		Ornamental
66	Eclipta prostrata	Asteraceae	Herb	Karisilanganni	Medicinal
67	Eleusine indica	Poaceae	Herb	Crowfootgrass	Medicinal
68	Epipremnum aureum	Araceae	Climber		

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69	Eragrostis pilosa	Poaceae	Herb		
70	Eragrostis tenella	Poaceae	Herb		
71	Euphorbia hirta	Euphorbiaceae	Herb	Amman patcharisi	Medicinal
72	Euphorbia milli	Euphorbiaceae	Herb		Ornamental
73	Euphorbia rosea	Euphorbiaceae	Herb		
74	Euphorbia tithymaloides	Euphorbiaceae	shrub		Ornamental
75	Evolvulus alsinoides	Convolvulaceae	Herb	Visnukiranthi	Medicinal
76	Ficus benghalensis L.	Moraceae	Tree	Alamaram	Medicinal
77	Ficus benjamina	Moraceae	Tree		
78	Ficus religiosa	Moraceae	Tree	Arasamaram	Medicinal
79	Ficus tinctoria	Moraceae	Tree	Kaliatthi	Medicinal
80	Fleuggea leucopyrus	Euphorbiaceae	shrub	veppoolan	Medicinal
81	Gloriosa superba	Colchicaceae	shrub	Senganthal	Medicinal
82	Glycosmis pentaphyla	Rutaceae	shrub	kattu-k-konci,	Medicinal
83	Gmelina arbora	Verbenaceae	shrub	Kumil	Medicinal
84	Gmelina asiatica	Verbenaceae	Tree	Nila kumil	
85	Hemidesmus indicus	Apocynaceae	Climber	Nannari	Medicinal
86	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Malvaceae	Shrub	Sembaruthi	Medicinal / Ornamental
87	Hybanthus enneaspermus	Violaceae	Herb	Orithalhamarai	Medicinal
88	Hyptis suaveolens	Lamiaceae	Herb	Kanga Thulasi	Medicinal
89	Indigofera astragalina	Fabaceae	Herb		Medicinal
90	Indigofera cardifolia	Fabaceae	Herb		
91	Indigofera linnaei	Fabaceae	Herb	Seppu nerinji	Medicinal
92	Indigofera trifolia	Fabaceae	Herb		Medicinal
93	Ipomoea pes tigridis	Convolvulaceae	climber	Pulichovadi	Medicinal
94	Ipomoea pes-caprae	Convolvulaceae	climber	Horse foot	Medicinal / Ornamental
95	Ipomoea sepiaria	Convolvulaceae	climber	Thalikodi	Medicinal
96	Ipomoea staphylina	Convolvulaceae	climber	Onankodi	Medicinal
97	Iresine herbstii	Amaranthaceae	Herb	Bloodleaf	ornamental
98	Ixora coccinea	Rubiaceae	Shrub	Idli poo	Medicinal / Ornamental
99	Justicia tranquebariensis	Acanthaceae	Herb	Thavasumurungai	Medicinal
100	Lannea coromandelica	Anacardiaceae	Tree	Udhiyen	Medicinal
101	Lantana camara	Verbenaceae	shrub	Unni	Medicinal / Ornamental
102	leucaena leucocephala	Fabaceae	Tree	Subapul	Medicinal
103	Limonia acidissima	Rutaceae	Tree	Vila	Medicinal
104	Madhuca longifolia	Sapotaceae	Tree	Ilupai	Medicinal
105	Martynia annua	Martyniaceae	shrub	Kakamul	Medicinal
106	Melhania incana	Malvaceae	Herb		Medicinal
107	Merremia tridentata	Convolvulaceae	Climber	Eli kathilai	Medicinal
108	Millingtonia hortensis	Bignoniaceae	Tree	Panneermaram	Ornamental

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109	Mimosa pudica	Mimosaceae	Herb	Thottal surungi	Medicinal
110	Morinda tinctoria	Rubiaceae	Tree	Nuna	Medicinal
111	Mukia maderaspatana	Cucurbitaceae	Climber	Musumusukai	Medicinal
112	Muntingia calabura	Tiliaceae	Tree		Ornamental
113	Murraya koenigii	Rutaceae	shrub	Karivepilai	Medicinal
114	Mussaenda erythrophylla	Rubiaceae	shrub		Ornamental
115	Nerium indicum	Apocynaceae	Shrub	Sevarali	Ornamental
116	Ocimum sanctum	Lamiaceae	Herb	Thulasi	Medicinal
117	Oldenlandia aspera	Rubiaceae	Herb	Impural	
118	Oldenlandia corymbosa	Rubiaceae	Herb	Kattu sayaver	Medicinal
119	Opuntia dillenii	Cactaceae	shrub	Sapathikalli	Medicinal
120	Pachygone ovata	Menispermaceae	Climber	Sirukattukodi	Medicinal
121	Parthenium hysterophorus	Asteraceae	Herb	Parthenium	
122	Peltophorum pterocarpum	Caesalpiniaceae	Tree	Perumkondrai	Medicinal / Ornamental
123	Perotis indica	Poaceae	Herb	Narival pul	
124	Phoenix humilis	Arecaceae	Tree	Eechan	Medicinal
125	phyllanthus maderaspatensis	Euphorbiaceae	Herb	Melanelli	Medicinal
126	Phyllanthus niruri	Euphorbiaceae	Herb	Keelanelli	Medicinal
127	Plumeria rubra	Apocynaceae	Herb	Kattumullangi, Narakkarandai	Medicinal / Ornamental
128	Polianthes tuberosa.	Apocynaceae	Tree	Nila sambangi	Medicinal
129	Polyalthia longifolia	Annonaceae	Tree	Netilingam	ornamental
130	Polycarpa corymbosa	Caryophyllaceae	Herb	Nilaisedachi,	Medicinal
131	Pongamia pinnata	Fabaceae	Tree	Pungan	Medicinal
132	Portulaca grandiflora	Portulacaceae	Herb	Table rose	Ornamental
133	Prosopis juliflora	Mimosaceae	Tree	Seemai Karuvel	Medicinal
134	Rauvolfia tetraphylla	Apocynaceae	shrub	Pampukaalaachchedi	Medicinal
135	Roystonea regia	Arecaceae	Tree		Ornamental
136	Ruellia tuberosa	Acanthaceae	Herb	Kiranthinayagam	Medicinal
137	Sansevieria roxburghiana	Liliaceae	Herb	Marul	Medicinal
138	Scoparia dulcis	Plantaginaceae	Herb	Kalluruki	Medicinal
139	Sida acuta	Malvaceae	Herb	Arivalmanai poondu	Medicinal
140	Sida cordifolia	Malvaceae	Herb	Chithamutti	Medicinal
141	Streblus asper	Moraceae	Tree	Puramaram	Ornamental
142	Synedrella nodiflora	Asteraceae	Herb	Mudiyan puchai	Ornamental
143	Tecoma stans	Bignoniaceae	Tree	Sonnapatti	Ornamental
144	Tectona grandis	Verbenaceae	Tree	Thekku	Medicinal
145	Terminalia catappa	Combretaceae	Tree	Vadhamaram	Medicinal
146	Thespesia populnea	Malvaceae	Tree	Puvarasu	Medicinal

147	Thevetia peruviana	Apocynaceae	Shrub	Arali	Medicinal
148	Thuja occidentalis	Cupessaceae	Tree		Medicinal
149	Tradescantia pallida	Commelinaceae	Herb		Ornamental
150	Tradescantia spathacea	Commelinaceae	Herb		Ornamental
151	Tribulus terrestris	Zygophyllaceae	Herb	Nerunjil	Medicinal
152	Trichodesma indicum	Boraginaceae	Herb	Kavilthumbai	Medicinal
153	Tridax procumbens	Asteraceae	Herb	Vettukayapoondu	Medicinal
154	Vernonia cinerea	Asteraceae	Herb	Seera shengalaneer	Medicinal
155	Vicoa indica	Asteraceae	Herb	Jemikipoondu	Medicinal
156	Waltheria indica	Sterculiaceae	Herb	Sleepy Morning	Medicinal

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