

Medicinal Herbal Garden:

The department of Pharmacognosy, Faculty of Pharmacy maintains a medicinal herbal garden in 3 acres at Sri Ramachandra University campus. A green house stretched in an area of 1500 Sq. ft. which houses 100 species of plants of which 50 species are endangered and is of rare collection. To mention a few, Nilavembu (*Andrographis paniculata*), Brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*), Mudakkattan(*Cardiospermum halicacabum*), Vallari (*Centella asiatica*), Pirandai (*Cissus quadrangularis*), Karpura valli (*Coleus aromaticus*), Akasa karudan kilangu (*Corallocarpus epigaeus*), Umathai (*Datura metal*), Manjal Karisalai (*Wedelia calendulacea*), Sirukurinjan (*Gumnema sylvestre*), Thuthuvalai (*Solanum trilobatum*), Shangupuspi (*Clitoria ternatea*), Vellarugu (*Enicostema axillare*), Kumalan (*Gmelina asiatica*), Silver oak (*Grevillea robusta*), Sarpagandha (*Rauwolfia serpentina*), Nannari (*Hemidesmus indicus*), Poduthalai (*Lippia nodiflora*), Illupai (*Madhuca longifolia*), Musumusukkai (*Melothria maderaspatana*), Elumbotti (*Ormocarpum cochinchinense*), Fig (*Ficus carica*), Novel (*Eugenia jambolana*), Badam (*Terminalia catappa*), Nochi (*Vitex trifolia*), Guava (*Psidium guajava*), Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Arjuna (*Terminalia arjuna*), Henna (*Lawsonia inermis*) etc.

The garden has facilities for water resource viz. bore wells and various equipments for pruning, ploughing, controlling weeds & pests besides adequate man power. The plants raised in the garden are utilized for regular conduct of practical session for UG, PG & Pharm.D students. The B.Pharm I year students prepares herbarium as a part of curriculum with the help of herbal garden. The research activities which involve medicinal plants are procured from the garden. The marketing initiation of selected medicinal plants viz. *Lippia nodiflora*, *Lawsonia inermis*, *Wedelia calendulacea*, *Indigofera tinctoria* has been undertaken and fresh medicinal plants are supplied to Rumi herbals, Chennai., Impcops, Chennai & other small scale herbal industries. Many conferences & seminars are organized highlighting herbal garden. The collection of all the medicinal plants are compiled in the form of a book & a handout for ready reference.

