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Biodiversity Audit Report Oriental College of Pharmacy

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PREFACE

As we face a growing environmental crisis, the significance of biodiversity has never been clearer. This Biodiversity Audit represents a crucial step toward understanding and safeguarding the incredible variety of life that exists within our ecosystems. By systematically assessing the flora and fauna in our area, we aim to document the health and diversity of our natural surroundings, providing a comprehensive overview of the species that call this region home.

This audit is more than just a data collection; it is a vital tool for education, advocacy, and conservation. It highlights the interconnectedness of all living organisms and the essential roles they play in our environment. By identifying areas of concern and potential threats to biodiversity, we can inform and empower our community to take action toward sustainable practices and responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the UNICEF Green Club, and Green Club volunteers whose dedication and efforts made this audit possible.

Together, we can foster a deeper appreciation for the natural world and inspire collective action to protect our planet's biodiversity for generations to come.

It is part of the Biodiversity Audit UNICEF GREEN CLUB OCP. It was decided to involve faculties, and students in converting the Oriental College of Pharmacy campus into a Green Campus. The activity was agreed to be the biodiversity audit of the campus of Oriental College of Pharmacy Sanpada, Navi-Mumbai. A Biodiversity Audit team of 3 faculties, 13 student volunteers, and non-teaching staff was made.



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Our deepest gratitude to Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Sudha Rathod and Vice Principal Dr. Mohib Khan Oriental College, Mumbai for extending their unconditional support for the identification of trees. Dr. Mohib Khan trained the team in the identification of the trees and was instrumental in getting the identification of trees done correctly. The team is highly indebted to Dr. Vandana Jain for all his constant presence and support for this activity. We would also like to thank Dr. Mohib Khan, Head Department of Pharmacognosy, and Dr. Amol Borade were the major supporters for this activity. The audit would not have been completed without the tremendous hard work and sincerity put in by the entire team of biodiversity audit. Faculties Dr Vandana Jain, Dr Amol Borade, Dr Mohib Khan and student volunteers from the UNICEF GREEN CLUB. Instrumental in getting the work done by working continuously for the entire period of October month starting from 16th October 2024 to 28th October 2024. It is a collective community effort to prepare the identification, and QR code of the trees on the college campus. The success nevertheless underlines the importance of collective strength and unity.



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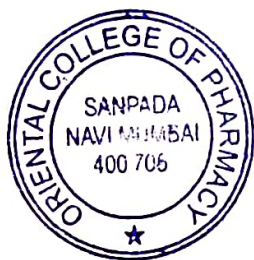
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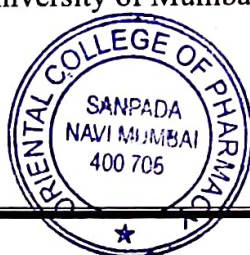
Introduction:

Academic institutions, particularly in India, play a significant role in preserving green spaces within urban landscapes. Established in 2004, Oriental College of Pharmacy, located in Sanpada, Navi Mumbai, and affiliated with the University of Mumbai, spans an area of 3 acres. It is strategically situated in a rapidly developing region, close to major roads such as Palm Beach Road and Sanpada Railway Station, making it highly accessible. However, its central location also means it is subject to the pressures of urban expansion, including increasing traffic congestion and pollution from vehicles.

Traffic congestion around Sanpada has grown due to the rapid urbanization of Navi Mumbai. With more residential and commercial developments in the area, the traffic volume on nearby roads is consistently high, especially during peak hours. This results in higher levels of vehicular emissions, which directly impact air quality and add to the environmental challenges faced by the Oriental College campus. Heavy traffic raises pollution levels and increases noise, which can disrupt the academic environment and diminish the quality of life on campus.

The presence of green spaces and approximately 106 trees on campus serves as a buffer, helping to mitigate some of the negative effects of nearby traffic. These green areas play an essential role in offsetting pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen, and trapping dust and other particulate matter, ultimately contributing to better air quality around the college.

Through this biodiversity audit, Oriental College is actively working to preserve and enhance its green spaces. By documenting and assessing plant species on campus, the audit provides insights into maintaining ecological balance and addressing the environmental impact of urbanization and traffic. This initiative aims to create a sustainable model for green stewardship, which not only supports biodiversity but also helps to reduce the adverse effects of traffic, aligning with the broader sustainability goals of the University of Mumbai.



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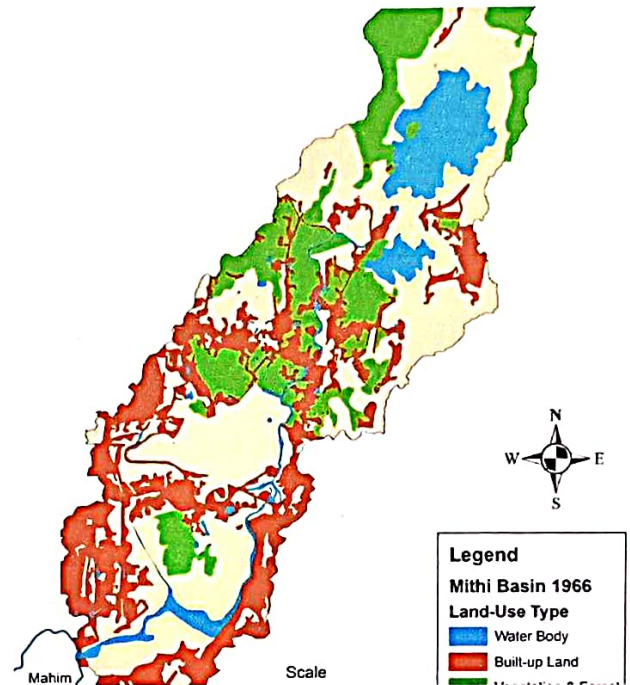
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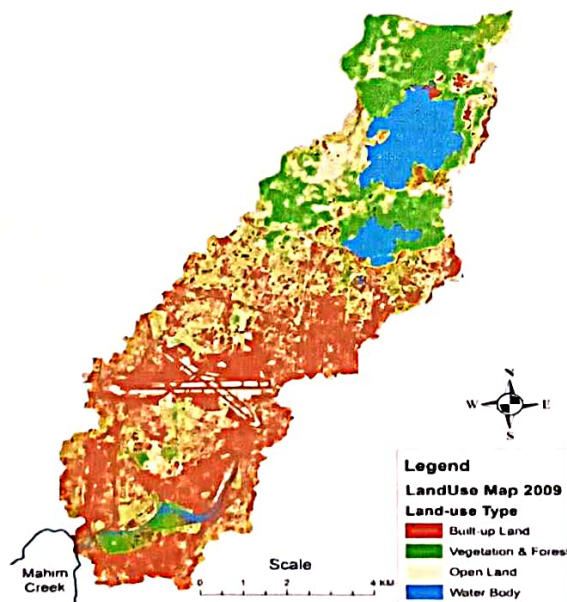
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Palm beach road

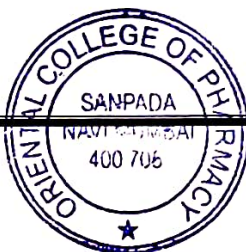


LULC in Palm beach 1966



LULC Palm Beach 2009

Source: The maps have been presented by (Wikipedia, Researchgate)



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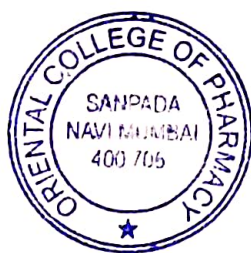
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Palm Beach Road is a major arterial route in Navi Mumbai, with Sanpada situated along its stretch. Known for its scenic views and well-maintained infrastructure, this approximately 10-kilometer road connects key nodes in Navi Mumbai, including Vashi, Nerul, and Belapur. It offers seamless connectivity to other parts of Navi Mumbai and links to significant highways such as the Sion-Panvel Expressway, making it a preferred route for commuters between Navi Mumbai and Mumbai. The accessibility of Palm Beach Road benefits the Sanpada area by allowing easy access to major commercial hubs, residential areas, and recreational sites along its length.

Over the years, Palm Beach Road has experienced a significant increase in vehicle traffic, particularly during peak hours, as new residential complexes, shopping centres, and business hubs have developed nearby. While originally designed as a high-speed route with minimal signals, entry and exit points along the road now experience frequent congestion. Despite this, the road is still a popular spot for cyclists, joggers, and walkers due to its scenic stretch along Thane Creek, making it a favored route for morning and evening outings for residents of Sanpada and neighbouring areas.

However, the road's rapid urbanization has raised some environmental concerns. Running near Thane Creek, an ecologically sensitive area that hosts diverse bird species, including migratory birds, Palm Beach Road's proximity to Sanpada provides a valuable green buffer. Yet, increased pollution from vehicular emissions and nearby development may impact this natural space. Additionally, the road has seen numerous accidents due to overspeeding, even with speed bumps and surveillance in place, highlighting safety concerns near intersections in Sanpada. Its prime connectivity and scenic appeal have also attracted rapid real estate development, leading to higher property values but also adding to the area's environmental and safety challenges.



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2. Objectives:

The survey was planned to have a focused study of the floral biodiversity in the Oriental College of Pharmacy Campus. We have achieved the following objectives through our study.

Identification and documentation of the flora mainly trees with the help of Dr. Mohib Khan, Dr. Amol Borade & Dr. Vandana Jain. Preparation of QR codes for each plant species. Species-based distribution of plants and the number of plants per species have been calculated. Suggestions and Solutions for Ecological restoration and management. Planning and promoting conservation practices by involving the non-teaching, teaching, and student community.

3. Methodology:

Identification of flora has been done with the help of Pharmacognosist, Dr. Mohib Khan by conducting field surveys mainly for the identification of trees. Preparation of the IUCN list using the data published by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Collection of information about the plants – Common name, Botanical Name, Local Name, IUCN status, medicinal use, commercial use, traditional use and other important information.



**Observations and Findings:****4.1 Preparation of a comprehensive directory of species found on the campus**

The output of the biodiversity audit could be seen in the compilation of detailed information about plants, mainly trees that have been there in the Oriental College of Pharmacy Campus for decades together. There are a total of 229 trees & plants that have been identified and detailed information has been documented about every tree. A total of 106 species of plants have been identified.

Table - A List of Species of Trees on the Oriental College Campus

Oriental College Of Pharmacy Affiliated by PCI DTE Affiliated to University of Mumbai & certified by ISO 9001:2015 Accredited by NAAC "A" Grade Biodiversity Audit Organised by UNICEF Green Club							
List of Flora							
					Date: 16 / 10 / 2024		
Serial No.	Common Name	Botanical Name	Family	No. Trees	Auditor's Remark	Auditor's Remark	Auditor's Remark
1	Agada Plant	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Amaranthaceae	5	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Akkal kara	<i>Anacyclus pyrethrum</i>	Asteraceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
3	Aloe vera	<i>Aloe vera</i>	Asphodelaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Anant Plant	<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i>	Rubiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Apta Plant	<i>Bauhinia racemosa</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Arandi Plant	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Arjuna Bark	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Combretaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Ashoka Bark	<i>Saraca indica</i>	Leguminosae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Astilbe Plant	<i>Astilbe biternata</i>	Saxifragaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Bada Amla	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Phyllanthaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Badam	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Rosaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Bamboo	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	Poaceae	23	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Banana	<i>Musa balbisiana</i>	Musaceae	14	Yes	Yes	Yes



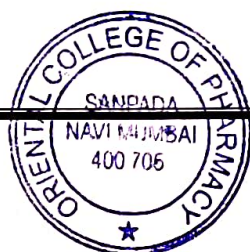


14	Basmati Paan	<i>Piper betel</i>	Piperaceae	6	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Bel	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Rutaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	Bhokar Plant	<i>Cordia dichotoma</i>	Boraginaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Brahmi Plant	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Plantaginaceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
18	Camphor	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Lauraceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	Chandan	<i>Santalum album</i>	Santalaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Chekur Manis	<i>Breynia androgyna</i>	Phyllanthaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
21	Chinese Plantain	<i>Plantago asiatica</i>	Plantaginaceae	7	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	Chitak	<i>Plumbago</i>	Plumbaginaceae	4	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	Chui Mui Plant	<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Clove	<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i>	Myrtaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	Cluster fig (umbar)	<i>Ficus racemosa</i>	Moraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	Coconut	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Arecaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Curry Leaf Plant	<i>Murraya koenigii</i>	Rutaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Daalehini	<i>Cinnamomum verum</i>	Lauraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
29	Datura	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Solanaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
30	Drum stick	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Moringaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
31	Passion Fruit	<i>Passiflora edulis</i>	Passifloraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
32	Ficus Plant	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Moraceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
33	Ganesh Vel	<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i>	Convolvulaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
34	Ganja	<i>Cannabis indica</i>	Cannabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Garlic	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Amaryllidaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
36	Ghaneria	<i>Lantana</i>	Verbenaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
37	Guggul	<i>Commiphora wightii</i>	Burseraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
38	Gulan Plant	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Rosaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
39	Gulbakshi	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Nyctaginaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
40	Haldi	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Zingiberaceae	7	Yes	Yes	Yes
41	Harada	<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	Combretaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
42	Heena	<i>Lawsonia inermis</i>	Lythraceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
43	Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>	Malvaceae	15	Yes	Yes	Yes
44	Imli	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Insulin Plant	<i>Chamaecostus cuspidatus</i>	Costaceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch





46	Jackfruit	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>	Moraceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
47	Jaiphal	<i>Myristica fragrans</i>	Myristicaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
48	Jamun	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Myrtaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
49	Jatropha	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Euphorbiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
50	Jungli Badam	<i>Sterculia foetida</i>	Malvaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
51	Kali Mirch	<i>Piper nigrum</i>	Piperaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
52	Kate ringani	<i>Solanum surattense</i>	Solanaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
53	Kadu Kirayata	<i>Swertia chirata</i>	Acanthaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
54	Kadu Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Meliaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	Kaju	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>	Anacardiaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
56	Kala Adulsa	<i>Justicia adhatoda</i>	Acanthaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
57	Kaner	<i>Cascabela thevetia</i>	Apocynaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
58	Karonda	<i>Carissa carandas</i>	Apocynaceae	4	Yes	Yes	Yes
59	Kasturi Benda	<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i>	Malvaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
60	Kavat	<i>Limonia acidissima</i>	Rutaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
61	Khus (Vala)	<i>Chrysopogon zizanioides</i>	Poaceae	5	Yes	Yes	Yes
62	Krishna Kamal	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Passifloraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
63	Kum Kum	<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
64	Laal Gunj	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
65	Lemon	<i>Citrus limon</i>	Rutaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
66	Lendi pipal	<i>Piper longum</i>	Piperaceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
67	Madar	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Apocynaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
68	Madhu Nashini	<i>Gymnema sylvestre</i>	Apocynaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
69	Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Anacardiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
70	Miswak	<i>Salvadora persica</i>	Salvadoraceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
71	Mogra	<i>Jasminum sambac</i>	Oleaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
72	Money Plant	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>	Araceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
73	Murudh Sheng	<i>Helicteres isora</i>	Malvaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
74	Nilgri	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	Myrtaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
75	Nirgundi	<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Lamiaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
76	Orange	<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Rutaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
77	Paan Puti	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>	Crassulaceae	3	Yes	Yes	Yes
78	Pangara	<i>Erythrina variegata</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes





79	Papaya	<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	7	Yes	Yes	Yes
80	Parijat	<i>Nyctanthes arbor-tristis</i>	Oleaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
81	Peru	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	Myrtaceae	4	Yes	Yes	Yes
82	Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Zingiberaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
83	Pili Kaner	<i>Cascabela thevetia</i>	Apocynaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
84	Pineapple	<i>Ananas comosus</i>	Bromeliaceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
85	Piper Betel	<i>Piper betel</i>	Piperaceae	1	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch	Yes, bunch
86	Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>	Punicaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
87	Raat rani	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>	Solanaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
88	Rai Amla	<i>Phyllanthus Niruri</i>	Phyllanthaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
89	Lemon grass	<i>Cymbopogon</i>	Poaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
90	Ritha	<i>Sapindus mukorossi</i>	Sapindaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
91	Rohitak	<i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i>	Meliaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
92	Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Apiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
93	Samundrphal	<i>Barringtonia acutangula</i>	Lecythidaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
94	Sabudana	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
95	Shankasur	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
96	Shatavari	<i>Asparagus racemosus</i>	Liliaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
97	Shikakai	<i>Acacia concinna</i>	Mimosaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
98	Singapore Cherry	<i>Muntingia calabura</i>	Muntingiaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
99	Sita Ashok	<i>Saraca asoca</i>	Fabaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
100	Sitafal	<i>Annona squamosa</i>	Annonaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
101	Sugarcane	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>	Poaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
102	Tez Pata	<i>Cinnamomum tamala</i>	Lauraceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
103	Tradescantia	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	Commelinaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
104	Tulsi	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i>	Lamiaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
105	Vasaka Leaf	<i>Justicia adhatoda</i>	Acanthaceae	2	Yes	Yes	Yes
106	Vinca Plant	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Apocynaceae	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
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It is revealed through data that many trees belonged to the exotic variety. This could be because of the general tendency of the gardeners to plant trees that grow quickly and turn the landscape.



Chrysopogon zizanioides



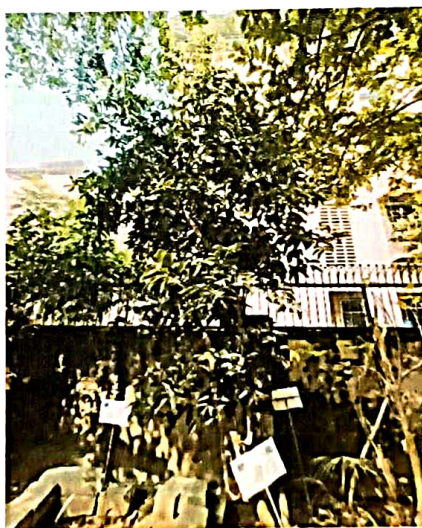
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Hibiscus rosa-sinensis



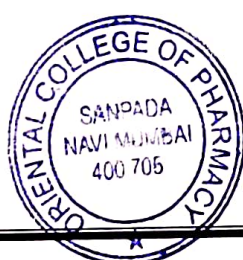
Cymbopogon



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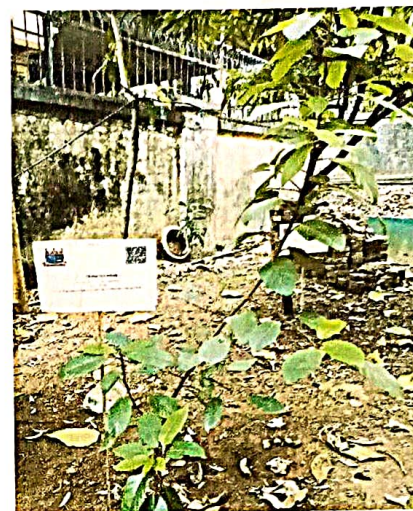




Cocus nucifera



Annona squamosa



Ficus racemosa

4.2 QR Coding of the Trees

Generation of Quick Response Code (QR Code) has been initiated as the next step in arriving at a logical conclusion to the Biodiversity Audit. For each species of tree, QR codes have been generated. These QR codes have been installed on the trees in the form of plates. The QR code has all the necessary information about the tree like Place, Botanical Name, Common Name, Family, and IUCN Status.

The objective behind putting the QR codes is to create awareness among all stakeholders on the college campus about the importance of trees and the kind of biodiversity that is maintained on the campus. Visitors or new students are also expected to be encouraged to scan the codes and read the information about the tree.

The younger generation, who are more into digital and virtual space, would find the QR codes interesting and be encouraged to scan them to learn about the tree.

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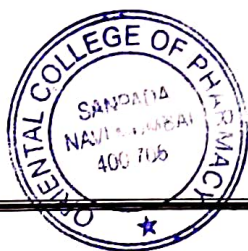
Tree Number: 1

Botanical name: *Saraca indica* Common Name: Ashoka Baru Flowering: from December to May Family: Fabaceae

IUCN status: Vulnerable



QR Code and the Description after Scanning

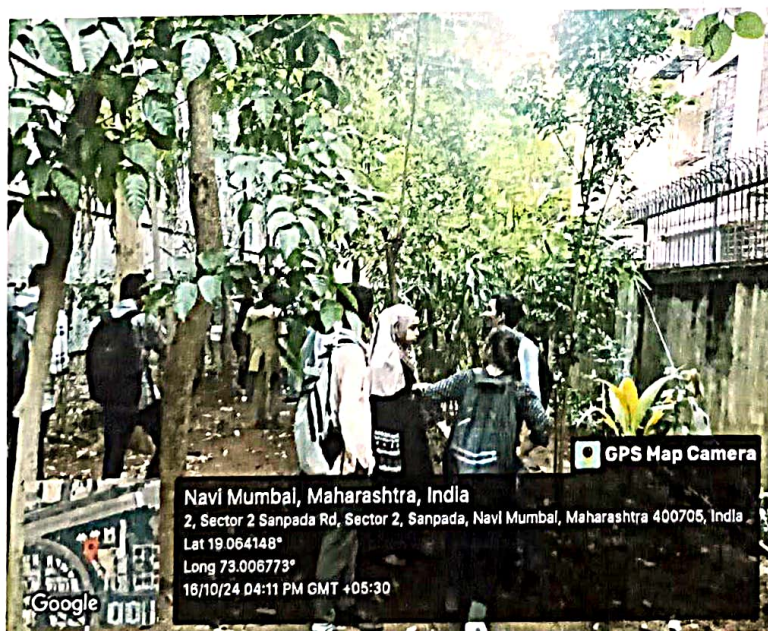
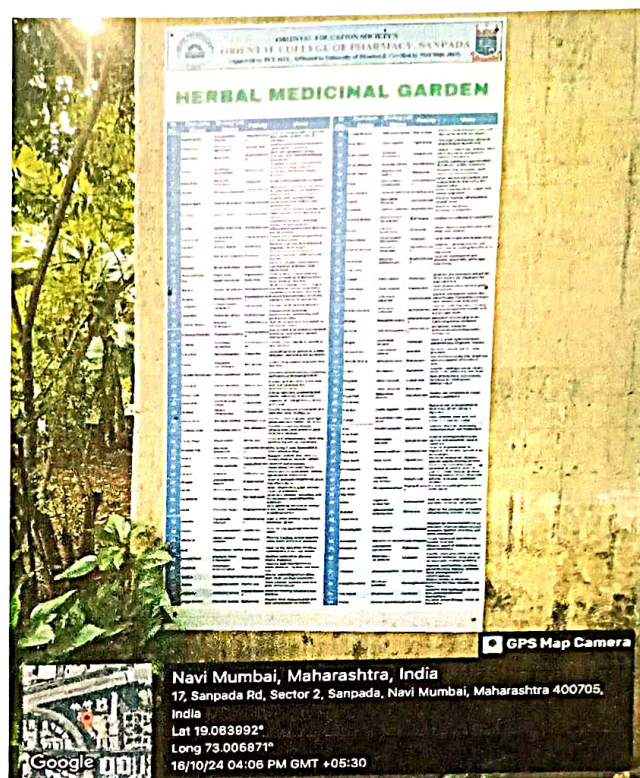
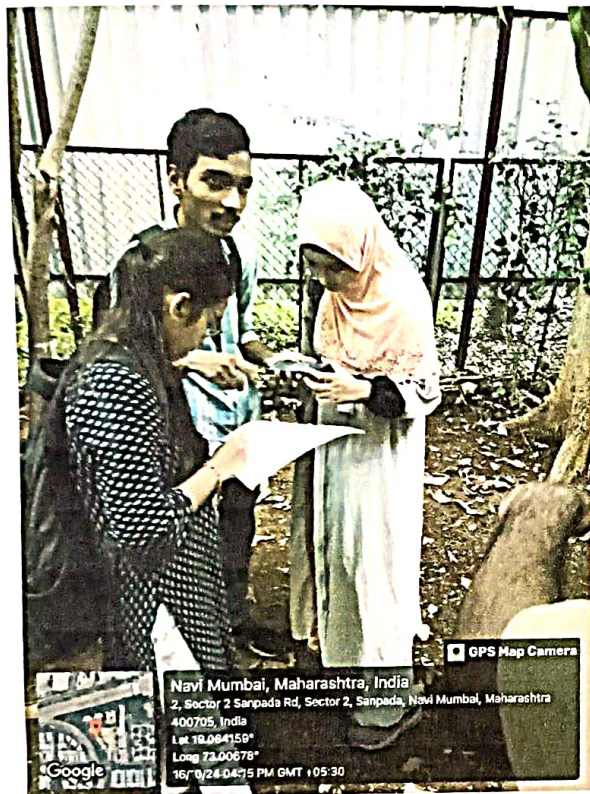


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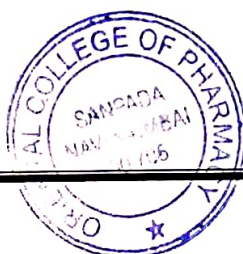


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UNICEF (Green Club) Biodiversity Audit





Suggestions and Conclusions:

The effort of documenting, geotagging and collecting detailed information on flora and fauna in the Oriental College of Pharmacy campus has emerged as one of the innovative endeavors of approaching the current issues relating to ecological and environmental deterioration. The need to create awareness about various environmental problems could be fulfilled by involving the various stakeholders in the biodiversity audit survey. College can support local and regional projects that aim to tackle biodiversity loss.

The future path of ecological and sustainable development of the campus should be done by promoting the selective afforestation of the indigenous species of plants.

Some focused efforts can be directed towards the development of the environment and climate.

We can add more rare species of plants to our botanical garden.

The college campus already has one botanical garden. This garden can be developed and expanded to have more diverse plants.

The biodiversity audit survey must be conducted every five years to update the information.

NRI Seawoods wetlands can be included in the biodiversity audit for better results

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