Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has been involved in survey and documentation of medicinal plants of India used in Ayurveda system of medicine. Through its 5 peripheral Institutes, namely RARIMD Bengaluru, RARIGID Guwahati, RARI Itanagar, RARI Jhansi and RARI Ranikhet, The Council has surveyed part of every phytogeographic regions across the country including the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep; collected and preserved more than 1,00,000 herbarium specimens and about 2830 museum specimens. The survey team also collects and supply authentic raw drug samples for studies under various projects inside and outside the Council including the projects under Central Scheme of Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee (APC). Herbarium and Museum centres located in various Institutes of CCRAS are being used as reference centers for UG/PG/M.Phil/Ph.D students and researchers for correct identification/authentication of their plant specimens or raw drug materials. Further, the folk-claims collected during the exploration work provide lead for validation and effective development of drugs based on traditional knowledge and not from any codified system of medicine.

**Herbarium centres of four peripheral institutes of CCRAS have got International recognition as these are listed in the INDEX HERBARIORUM and accredited with acronyms by the New York Botanical Garden.**

**Table-1: Name of the Institutes and respective herbarium acronyms**

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