

An Experiment in Acclimatization of Medicinal Plants

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Medicinal plants are facing depletion at an alarming rate because of indiscriminate and haphazard collection by man for commercial exploitation etc. In the Ranikhet farm/garden of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (C.C.R.A.S.) m.q.s.l. 1710, which is located in Kumaon hills in a pine dominated temperate region, experiments have been carried out to grow and acclimatize the plants from plains, sub-tropical, alpine and sub-alpine zones for two decades. The present paper summarises the results of successful as well as unsuccessful ones. In the temperate climate of Ranikhet a numbers of plants from plains/sub-tropical areas have acclimatized themselves, grew and developed at normal rate,

plants of alpine (High Himalayan) region normally did not survive here.

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