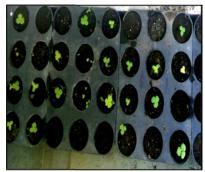
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Achievements:

- More than 50 MAPs have been introduced and IC numbers for 10 species belonging to threatened categories have been received from NBPGR.
- Large scale production in *Saussurea lappa* has been started. It has been standardized that seeds of *Swertia ciliata* provides maximum germination per cent at 25°C. However, seeds of *Podophyllum hexandrum* provides maximum germination per cent at 20°C. The study also revealed that application of GA at 50 ppm enhances percentage germination in Podophyllum *hexandrum*.
- Valeriana jatamansi VJ 2 strain is having maximum essential oil content as well as underground dry weight.
- 12 Accession of *Picrorhiza kurrooa* have been evaluated and varitial release proposal at state level is under progress.
- Agro-technology development is under progress in few high value MAPs. Almost 14,000 planting material of MAPs has been distributed free of cost to farmers.







Seedlings transplanted for seed production of Podopyllum hexandrum





A general view of experimental plots of Picrorhiza kurrooa