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Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya botanical garden to have medicinal plants & fruit trees

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INDORE: Spread over eight acres on Takshashila campus, the botanical garden of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) will now get an upgrade with the help of forest department.

The varsity would procure around 3000 medicinal plants including some distinctive species for the garden. Some of the include ---- Chamaecostus cuspidatus (insulin plant), Cinnamomum tamala (bay leaf), Stevia rebaudiana (candy leaf), betel leaf, lemon grass, hybrid Thai jamun, sheesham, manilkara hexandra (khirni), holoptelea integrifolia, madhuca longifolia (mahua), safflower (carthamus tinctorius), alangium salviifolium (ankola tree), and baobab tree (Mandu Imli).

“The varsity has collaborated with forest department for their plantation and also to ensure that they are managed and taken care of for a year. DAVV has also planned herbal and fruit trees such as mango, custard apple, mulberries, guava besides the medicinal plants,” DAVV Takshashila campus in-charge Dr Deepak Mehta told TOI.

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DAVV had planned to revive the botanical garden in 2019. At that time, the-then vice-chancellor Dr NK Dhakad had procured a variety of plants in alphabetical order besides their family from bulb (underground plant with structurally short stem), herbs, shrubs, bush plants, semi height plants, trees, water plants, climbers and even mountain plants too in order to make it at par with the national gardens.



Though there is no specific budget for the garden, DAVV has been carrying out its redevelopment with the assistance of Rs 71 lakh which it receives every year for Takshashila campus.

The size of the garden will be slightly reduced this time to accommodate the extension of University Teaching Department's International Institute of Professional Studies (IIPS). The institute will have a 200-seat auditorium, classrooms, and a staff room and for that DAVV has planned to take some portion of the land from the garden.