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This institute has got outreach programme and it coordinates and monitors research work of 23 centres spread across the country working on various other medicinal and aromatic plants. To its credit, it has released 26 varieties of medicinal plants and seven varieties of aromatic plants.[1] The DMAPR is also maintaining 830 germplasm of medicinal and aromatic plants at their Field Gene Bank.[2]

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