**Western Regional Centre, BSI, Pune**

**INTRODUCTION**

Established on 12th December 1955, the Western Regional Centre of BSI leads floristic explorations in the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot region, along with Western Coast of India covering the entire states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and Union Territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu. Located in its own premises at 7-Koregaon Road, Pune (Maharashtra), this prime floristic research centre in the Western India house vast plant collections from Western Ghats endemism megacentre and adjoining coastal and peninsular regions, thus representing richest herbarium repository of Western India. Additionally, there are also collections from erstwhile Bombay Presidency Region, which includes adjoining regions of semi-arid grassland and plateaus, and also a few collections from states of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Kerala. The Centre has different research sections such as Herbarium, Botanic Garden, Museum, Library, Scanning Electron Microscopy Section, Mycological Research Laboratory, Molecular Laboratory, Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory and Cytology & Anatomy Laboratory.