**Western Regional Centre**

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The botanical museum of Western Regional Centre showcases rich floristic exhibits in the heritage building. It displays collection of about 1000 articles including carpological materials, paintings, posters, ethno-botanical material, fossil collections and wooden artifacts. Panels depicting various plant groups, vegetation types, herbarium specimens of threatened and endangered species, poisonous plants, etc. have been displayed in the museum. Representative specimens of different groups of Algae, Fungi and Lichens are also displayed to make visitors acquainted with Cryptogam diversity of the region. Posters and antiquated portraits of different plant groups featuring floristic richness of Western Ghats Biodiversity Hotspot is wall mounted for educational awareness purpose. Notes on discoveries/novelties and contribution of several eminent scientist and scientific philosophers have been framed and displayed. Botanical painting of orchids and other plants painted with natural dyes fascinate visitors. Ethno-medicinal exhibits attract students from the field of Pharmacognosy and Ayurveda and foreign visitors. ‘Botanical Curiosity Section’ comprising parasitic, saprophytic, insectivorous plants, fruiting body of macro fungi, cones of gymnosperm, fossils and artifacts have always been a centre of attraction for school children, young visitors and enthusiasts.