Preliminary Study on Angiospermic Flora of Lalgarh Government College Campus In West Bengal

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Abstract- The present article reflects a compilation of floristic account available in a Government General Degree College Campus, Lalgarh in Jhargram District of West Bengal, India. The campus is newly designed and construction work is going on which started its journey since 2014 with faculties of Humanities though later on Bio-sciences introduced in the last year for academic session 2016-2017 with General degree courses affiliated to Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India. The campus is scenic and harbours grassy cover admixed with a few tree species scattered here and there. Succession of pioneer stages changes the vegetation pattern hitherto to establish different floral elements by different means in the campus habitat. Now, a general study on floral composition has been encountered to know about the botany of plants in the said campus.

Keywords- Lalgarh Government College campus- Floral composition-Botany.

I. INTRODUCTION

College campus flora is available in some cases though it is not complete in all cases, because of the fragility of the habitat excluding the conservational sites created artificially in and around the campus. But for general consideration, it is essential to know the plants or ecology available in the campus even to study the different aspects later on to know the altered condition in near future. In West Bengal, our area have a large number of Institutions including Universities like Kalyani University, Vidyasagar University and Indian Institute of Technology where floristic study have been done earlier by authors time to time (Ghosh and Dutta, 2000; Das and Ghosh, 1999; Das et al. 2002 and Anonymous, 2001). Ghosh et al. (1999) have done on campus flora of Raja Narendra Lal Khan Womens' College, Gope Palace Midnapore, to record the floral elements. Similarly, the present author has done campus flora of Jhargram Raj College (Das et al., 2009) and ecology of herbaceous vegetation of Darjeeling Govt. College campus (Das, 2017). In other areas over the country college campus flora were studied by some authors (Sharma and Malik, 2005; Dubey, 2017) time to time to record the floral elements but actually no proper records have been gathered. The recent study aims to get importance

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on Botany in and around the Lalgarh Govt. College campus (Fig. A) for enriching knowledge on Botany for students and other academicians interested in Botany. Therefore, the compilation is a treatise on taxonomy and some aspects on Botany in the campus flora for Lalgarh Govt. College Campus (Fig. B). The present study therefore obviously will reflect the study of landscape regionally but may be included later in global way or to incorporate the same in a global literature. The present investigation is therefore a preliminary study to docket species in a College campus under Jhargram District, West Bengal. In this study, 36 plant families have been placed under which 103 plant species was recorded. All plant species and the landscape have their great importance on ecological stand point in near future to develop the local environment eco-friendly.

When it comes to the planning which is the prominent step in the industry it helps in the defining the needs and the objectives and functional causes of the systems and supporting technologies, the planning is done by the consultants and the developers in the team association with the plant management and engineering and finance and operation departments. In order to improve the operational efficiency, the material handling it should be deployed with sturdy consistency and predictability.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Survey of campus flora was started from July 2016 to till date with the help of our departmental students to gather knowledge based on the plants available locally in and around the locality, Lalgarh under earlier district Paschim Medinipur. Now, it is under Jhargram District of West Bengal State since 4th April, 2017. Previously it was under the Paschim Medinipur District of the same state that demarcated under the Community Development Block Binpur-I. During monsoon, winter and in summer regular field visits were conducted from Botany Department of the same College with the assistance of some students. The plant specimens were collected, carried out, and critically studied at laboratory for species identification. Phenological and ecological data were collected and record photographs were stored in hard disc device of computer. Floras, monographs, reference books and literature were consulted available in our Library, library of Vidyasagar University, Midnapore to compare the data collected from field. Results on other studies, including study of soil and ecological parameters were recorded to know more about the flexibility of species in an ecosystem. Seasonal studies on propagules and vegetative growth of the plants were determined using photographic camera and measured in terms of day basis study. The similar study was also conducted from the basin of Kansai river (Fig. C) nearer to College campus which is 1/4th Km apart from the Department. To record the local names of plants, knowledge of local people, mainly people of Sankhakhula village were consulted. To study the succession, marked plots were used randomly in the area specified nearer to the college canteen. Seasonal pattern and phenology of plants have been made using floras published time to time including website of the different institutes. Overall collections on plant species was housed in departmental herbarium for ready reference and study for future generations.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This campus includes 103 species under 85 genera and 36 families (Table 1). Family Poaceae (Graminae) showed highest number (12) of species in monocots while Fabaceae showed highest number (12) in dicots which present round the year. The campus has a least number of tree species than herbs than shrubs. The campus is newly constructed in which trees are mainly planted by College authority while some tree species are dispersed by natural and artificial means. Herbs are scattered here and there and dispersed by several means. A lees number of climbers are growing in the campus (Figure 41) but all are medicinal.

Table 1. Plants in Lalgarh Government College Campus of Jhargram District, West Bengal

S1.	Scientific Name	Family	Plat
No.			e
			No.
1	Acathospermum	Asteraceae	
	hispidum DC.		
2	Achyranthes aspera	Amarantha	
	L.	ceae	
3	Aeschynomene	Fabaceae	
	indica L.		
4	Alstonia scholaris	Apocynace	
	(L.) R. Br.	ae	
5	Alternanthera	Amarantha	
	sessilis (L.) R. Br.	ceae	

	ex DC.		
6	Alysicarpus vaginalis (L.) DC	Fabaceae	Fig. 17
7	Amaranthus blitum	Amarantha	17
8	Amaranthus	Amarantha	
0	spinosus L.	ceae	Fig
	L.	ceae	27
10	Andrographis paniculta (Burm f)	Acanthacea	
	Wall. ex Ness	•	
11	Aristida adscensinoides	Poaceae	
12	Azadirachta indica J. Juss.	Meliaceae	
13	Bauhinia variegate L.	Fabaceae	Fig. 40
14	Biophytum sensitivum (L.) DC.	Oxalidacea e	
15	Blumea oxyodonta DC.	Asteraceae	Fig. 13
16	Bryophyllum calycinum Salisb.	Crassulace	
17	Calotropis gigantea	Asclepiada ceae	
18	Cassia alata L.	Caesalpina ceae	Fig. 1
19	Cassia occidentalis L.	Caesalpinia ceae	
20	Cassia tora L.	Caesalpina ceae	
21	Chloris barbata Sw.	Poaceae	
22	Chrozophora rottleri (Geiseler) A. Juss. ex Spreng.	Euphorbiac eae	
23	Chrysopogon aciculatus (Retz.) Trin.	Poaceae	
24	Cleome viscose L.	Capparacea	

		e	
25	Coccinia grandis	Cucurbitac	
	(L.) Voigt.	eae	
26	Cocculus hirsutus	Menisperm	
	(L.) Diels	aceae	
27	Commelina diffusa	Commelina	
	Burm. f.	ceae	
28	Corchorus aestuans	Tiliaceae	
	L.		
29	Crotalaria pallid	Fabaceae	Fig.
	Aiton		33
30	Crotlaria prostrata	Fabaceae	Fig.
	Rottler ex Willd.		36
31	Croton	Euphorbiac	Fig.
	bonplandianum	eae	10
	Bail.		
32	Cryptolepis	Asclepiada	
	buchanani Roem.	ceae	
	& Schult.	2	
33	Cynodon dactylon	Poaceae	Fig.
	(L.) Pers.		3
34	Cyperus rotundus	Cyperaceae	
25	L. Desmis systems	Agalaniada	Fig
55	(Iaca) R Br ev	Asciepiaua	11g.
	Schult	ceae	55
36	Dalbergia sissoo	Fabaceae	
50	Mia	Tabaceae	
37	Datura metel L	Solanaceae	
20	Dentelle reneng	Solanaccac	
38	(I) I P Forgt &	Solanaceae	
	(L.) J. K. FOIST &		
20	Desmodium	Fabaaaa	Fig
39	gangeticum (I)	Fabaceae	21
	DC		21
40	Desmodium	Fahacaea	Fig
	triflorum (L.) DC	1 4040404	4
41	Desmostachya	Poaceae	· ·
11	bininnata (L.) Stanf		
42	Eclipta prostrate L	Asteraceae	
12	Elouging indias (T.)	Doncoac	
43	Coorte indica (L.)	roaceae	
	Gaerui.		

44	Eragrostis coarctata	Poaceae	
	Stapf		
45	Eragrostis tenella	Poaceae	
	(A. Rich.) Hochst.		
	ex Steud.		
46	Eupatorium	Asteraceae	Fig.
	odoratum L.		14
47	Euphorbia hirta L.	Euphorbiac	Fig.
		eae	16
48	Euphorbia	Euphorbiac	
	macrophlla Pax.	eae	
49	Euphorbia	Euphorbiac	Fig
	microphylla Lam.	eae	5
50	Evolvulus	Convolvula	Fig.
	nummularius L.	ceae	2
51	Ficus benghalensis	Moraceae	
	L.		
52	Ficus glomerata	Moraceae	
	Roxb.		
53	Ficus hispida L. f.	Moraceae	
54	Flacourtia indica	Flacourtiac	
	(Burm. f.) Merr.	eae	
55	Gnephalium	Asteraceae	
	luteoalbum L.		
56	Indigofera linifolia	Fabaceae	Fig.
	(L. f.) Retz.		8
57	Indigofera	Fabaceae	
	suffruticosa Mill.		
58	Ipomoea aquatica	Convolvula	
	Forsskal	ceae	
59	Jatropha	Euphorbiac	Fig.
	gossypifolia L.	eae	31
60	Kyllinga brevifolia	Cyperaceae	
(1	Roth.	x x 1	
61	Lantana camara L.	Verbenace	
		ae	
62	Leucaena	Mimosacea	
	leucocephala	e	
(2	(Lam.) de Wit.	V1	
63	Lippia geminate	verbenace	
	Kunth	ae	

64	Ludwigia	Onagracea	
	adscendens (L.)	e	
	Hara.		
65	Mecardonia	Scrophulari	
	procumbens (Mill.)	aceae	
	Small		
66	Melochia	Sterculiace	
	corchorifolia L.	ae	
67	Mikania micrantha	Asteraceae	
	Kunth.		
68	Mimusops elengi	Sapoptacea	
		e	
69	Morinda	Rubiaceae	
	angustifolia Roxb.		
70	Moringa oleifera	Moringiaca	
	Lam	eae	
71	Myrtacarpus	Rubiaceae	
	verticillatus		
72	Ocimum	Lamiaceae	
	americanum L.		
73	Oldenlandia affinis	Rubiaceae	
	(R & S) DC.		
74	Oldenlandia	Rubiaceae	
	corymbosa L.		
75	Oplesmenus	Poaceae	Fig.
	burmannii (Retz.)		37
	P. Beauv.		
76	Oxalis corniculta L.	Oxalidacea	
		e	
77	Peninsetum	Poaceae	
	setaceum (Forssk.)		
	Chiov.		
78	Phyllanthus	Euphorbiac	
	simplex Retz.	eae	
79	Physalis minima L.	Solanaceae	
80	Plumbago	Plumbagin	Fig.
	zeylanica L.	aceae	39
81	Prosopis juliflora	Mimosacea	Fig.
	(Sw.) DC.	e	9
82	Saccharum	Poaceae	Fig.
	spontaneum L.		18
83	Seteria glauca (L.)	Poaceae	

	Beauv.		
84	Sida acuta Burm. f.	Malvaceae	Fig. 34
85	Sida rhomboidea Roxb.	Malvaceae	
86	Solanum nigrum L.	Solanaceae	
87	Solanum sisymbrifolium L.	Solanaceae	Fig. 22
88	Solanum xanthocarpum Schard & Wendl.	Solanaceae	Fig. 11
89	Spermacoce hispida L.	Rubiaceae	Fig. 15
90	Spilathesd acmella (L.) Murr.	Asteraceae	
91	Stephania japonica	Menisperm	
	(Thunb.) Miers	aceae	
92	Streblus asper Lour.	Moraceae	
93	Swietenia macrophylla King	Meliaceae	Fig. 19
94	Tephrosia purpura (L.) Pers.	Fabaceae	Fig. 29
95	Tragia involucrate L.	Euphorbiac eae	Fig. 38
96	Tridax procumbens L.	Asteraceae	Fig. 7
97	Typhonium trilobatum (L.) Schott	Araceae	
98	Vachelia nilotica (L.) Hurter & Mabb.	Mimosacea e	Fig. 12
99	Vernonia cinerera (L.) Less.	Asteraceae	
100	Xanthium strumarium L.	Asteraceae	Fig. 23
101	Ziziphus jujuba Mill.	Rhamnacea e	
102	Ziziphus oenoplea (L.) Miller	Rhamnacea e	
103	Zornia diphylla (L.)	Fabaceae	

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure A. Back side of College campus (Aerial View), 2017



Figure B. Students and author in College campus during field, 2016



Figure C. Rice field near Kansai (Kanswabati) River aside the College



Figure 1. Cassia alata



Figure 2. Evolvulus nummularious



Figure 3. Cynodon dactylon



Figure 4. Desmodium triflorum



Figure 5. Euphorbia microphylla



Figure 6. Calotropis gigantea



Figure 7. Tridax procumbens



Figure 8. Indigofera linifolia



Figure 9. Prosopis julifera



Figure 10. Croton bonplndianum





Figure 11 Solanum xanthocarpum



Figure 12. Acacia nilotica



Figure 13. Blumea lacera



Figure 14. Eupatorium odoratum



Figure 15. Spermacoce hispida



Figure 16. Euphorbia hirta



Figure 17. Alysicarpus vaginalis



Figure 18 Saccharum spontaneum



Figure 19. Swertenia macrophylla



Figure 20 Ricinus communis





Figure 21. Desmodium gangeticum



Figure 22. Solanum sisymbrifolium



Figure 23. Xanthium strumarium



Figure 24. Pterocarpus marsupium



Figure 25. Unknown plant (No Flower)



Figure 26. Cyperus rotundus



Figure 27. Amaranthus viridis



Figure 28. Mikania micrantha



Figure 29. Tephrosia purpurea



Figure 30. Coccinia cordifolia

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Figure 31. Jatropha gossypifolia



Figure 32. Pedilanthus tithymeloides



Figure 33. Crotalaria pallida



Figure 34. Sida acuta



Figure 35. Daemia extensa

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Figure 36. Crotlaria prostrata



Figure 37. Oplismenus burmannii



Figure 38. Tragia involucrata



Figure 39. Plumbago zeylanica



Figure 40. Bauhinia purpurea



Figure 41. Position of plant Family

IV. CONCLUSION

The college campus is situated under Binpur-I community Development Block of Jhargram District. It situated nearer to Kanswabati River with a fantastic natural beauty. Some sacred groves are nearby. Forest of sal (Shorea robusta) dominated kind is distantly located. College campus is confined and nearby field is degraded land including rice field. So, it harbours a large number of herbs than shrubs. Tree species found here as a least number due to newly filled habitat which is changing under succession stages. Most of the tree species found here is planted while some are naturally settled down due to rapid seed dispersal mechanisms governed by wind and animals. Plants species like Acacia nilotica or Vachelia nilotica (Babla), Prosopis juliflora (Gue Babla), Leucaena leucocephala (subabul), Ziziphus jujuba (Kul), Ficus benghalensis (Bot) are very reluctant to settle here and there as these species have stress tolerance characters. Some species are planted one which change the College campus slowly either for beautification or to deploy shed thereby. Examples are Bauhinia (Kanchan), Mimusops (Bakul), Dalbergia (Sissoo), Sterculisa (Baksa Badam), Pterocarpus santalinum (Rakta Chandan) etc.1

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