

"A spice is a seed, fruit, root, bark or other plant (part) substance primarily used for flavoring or colouring food"

- Spices are distinguished from herbs, which are the leaves, flowers or stems of plants used for flavoring or as garnish.
- Spices are sometimes used in medicine, religious rituals, cosmetics or perfume production.
- Important spice yielding plant are pepper (*nigrum*), chilli (*Capsicum annum*), cardamomum, ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* - Apiaceae), Nutmeg clove (*Syzygium aromaticum* - Myrtaceae), Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*) etc (*Myristica fragans* - Myristicaceae), Hauzit.
- The Kerala state is 'Spice Trade Hub'. Kerala is also referred to as the "Spice garden of India".
- Majority of the spices are occurring mostly in Asia also found in Egypt, China, Greece, Rome, East India etc
- India bears about 30% of the total world trade many spices obtained from roots of any other plant such as parmelta from *P. abessinica* Krempe a crustaceae lichen; occurring Anantpur & Gudalur districts of Andhra Pradesh available in market as condiment and spices.

FENNEL

Family - Apiaceae

Genus - Foeniculum

Species - vulgare

Botanical name - Foeniculum vulgare mill

- Fennel is a flowering plant species in the carrot family.
- It is a hardy, perennial herb with yellow flower & feathery leaves (pinnately compound) leaves with umbellate inflorescence.
- Fennel is also known as ancient Hindus.

Growing region:-

This spices plant is mainly cultivated in the state of Punjab, uttarpradesh, maharashtra & also assam.

- It require fairly cold climate also in northern india
- The plant best grow in loam or black sandy soil with the presence of lime.
- Usually the sowing of seed by hands or by shallow drills.

In the plain area - october - november

Hilly area - march - april

- The crop is harvested before the fully ripen of seed.
- The stem also contain fruit are cut & dried in the sun
- when the fruit are completely dry then cleaned.

Botanical description:-

Habit - fennel is a biennial or perennial herb with erect stem when older with hallow internode.

Root - The plant has elongated and well develop tap root system.

- The tap root is yellowish to light brown colour up to 2.5 cm in diameter

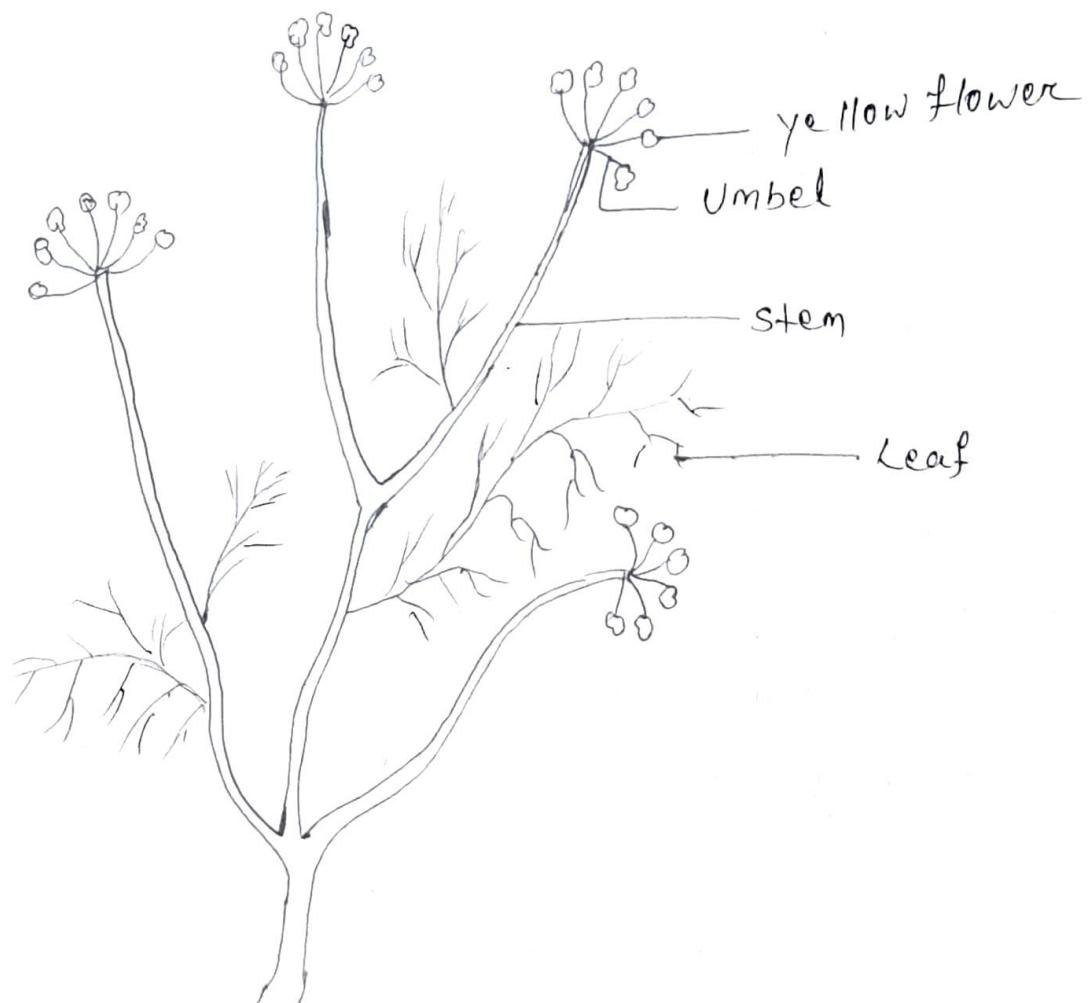
Leaf - The Bright green to blue green leaves are alternate with a leaf sheath 2-15 cm

Stem - There is normally one erect, stout main stem up to 1.5-2 m with the base 2-3 cm diameter.
The stem is generally smooth, shiny with green to blue green colour.

Fruit - The fruits are greenish brown to yellowish brown oblong ovals about 6 mm.

USES

- Commonly used for flavouring cereals like meat dishes, breads, rolls, sauces etc
- Useful for the treatment of chest disease kidney & spleen
- Used as preparation of oil.
- Preparation of culinary, preparations, liquors, confectionary etc
- It contains carbohydrate (45%), calcium (1.5%), P (0.50%), K (1.7%), Thiamine 0.41 mg /100g etc



CLOVE

Family - Myrtaceae

Genus - Zygium aromaticum - Botanical name

species - aromaticum

→ clove is the common name for a small tropical evergreen tree Syzygium aromaticum.

→ clove is one of the most common, ancient and valuable spice yielding plants in India and all over the world.

→ It is originally tree from the main islands of the moluccas in Indonesia (the formerly known as the Spice Islands) in Southeast.

→ This Spice was first introduced by the East India Company around 1800 AD.

Botanical Description:-

→ Evergreen tree is up to 20 m height.

→ The stem is erect & it has grey bark.

→ Leaves - until 12 cm long, oval shape.

→ flower - Terminal, shortly peduncle & branched from the base.

• flower is also hermaphrodite with a fleshy hypanthium which surrounded by sepals.

→ Unopened dried flower bud yield clove.

→ Generally buds are green, borne on ends, pricked greed and dried in the sun till the colour of the flower bud become "dark brown".

→ Cone shaped evergreen tree along with lanceolate leave in the pair.

→ clove tree is propagated by seeds

→ occurring during August - October. The seed are germinate 4-5 week after seedling.

Growing region:-

→ clove grow well in rich loamy soil of the humid tropics and also grow in red soil.

→ In India clove is mostly grown in the hilly tract of Tamilnadu, Kerala & Karnataka

→ Tamilnadu produced the large amount of clove in India

uses

→ clove is very aromatic and fine flavoured & empercing quality.

→ In all Indian home it is used as spice as the flavour bland with both sweet and flavouring dishes.

→ Commonly used in culinary spice.

→ It is one of the ingredients of betel chewing

→ Preparation of oil by distilling clove water or steam

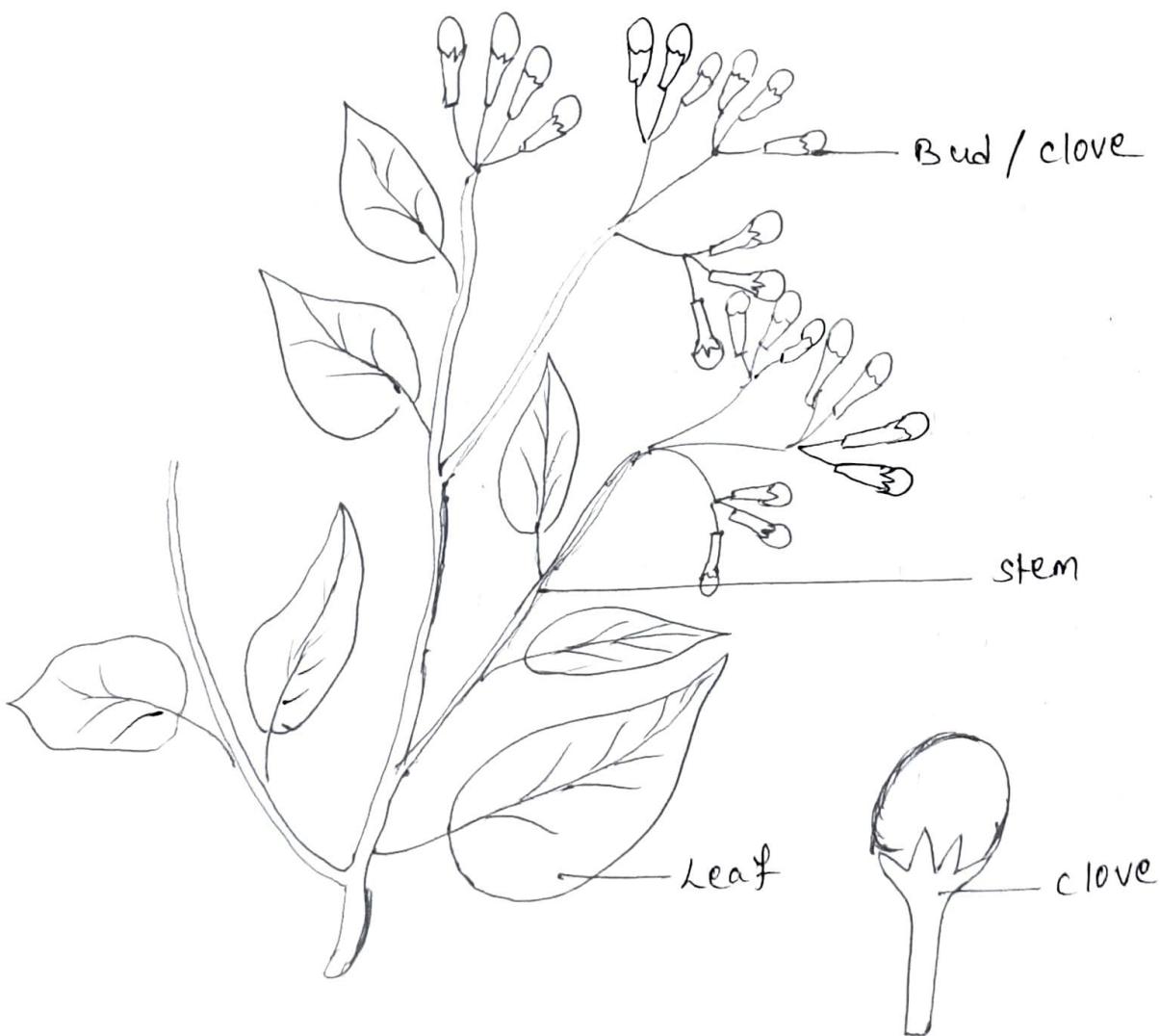
→ Also used pickle, curries, aches etc

→ Preparation of perfume.

→ Used for special brand of cigarette for smoking

→ Used as preparation of tooth pest

→ High antioxidants & can kill Bacteria.



BLACK PAPER

Family - Piperaceae

Genus - Piper

Species - nigrum

Botanical name - Piper nigrum

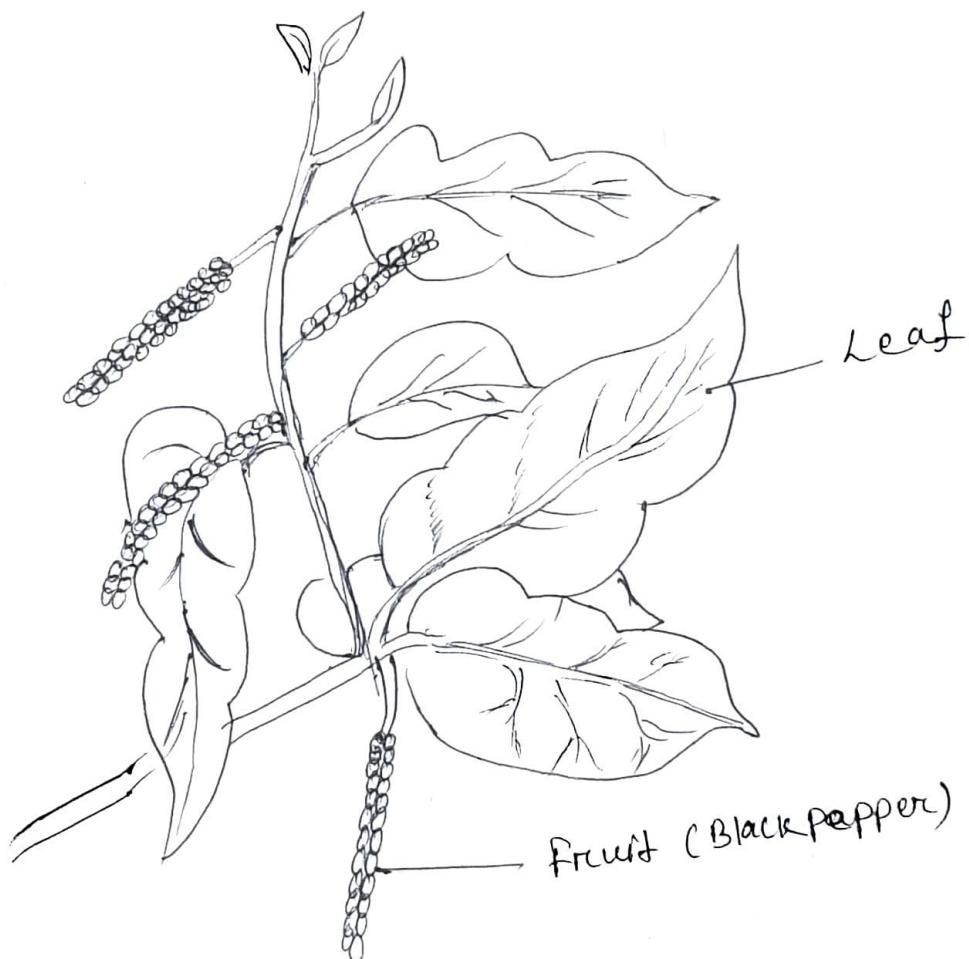
- Black paper is a flowering vine in the family piperaceae cultivated for its fruit known as a pepper corn.
- The pepper corn is usually dried and used as a spice and seasoning.
- A mature fruit is about 5mm (0.20) in diameter and dark red, and contain single seed.
- This is the perennial herb, usually cultivated nodes rooted. Also known as "The King of Spices".
- Black pepper is grown in many tropical region like. It grow in many tropical region like Brazil, Indonesia & India
- Commonly known as kalimoth.
- Kerala alone contributes to about 96% of the total production of cultivation

Botanical Description:-

- Leaves - petiolated, simple, arranged in parallel manner generally oval in shape.
- Leaves are dark green on the upper & whitish-green on underside
- flower - small dense slender spikes about 50 blossoms
- fruit - ALSO known as peppercorns : yellowish red colour in maturity . bears a single seed.
- It is the plant of humid tropic requiring high rainfall and humidity.
- The hot & humid climate of sub-mountained tracts of western Ghats is ideal for its cultivation.
- Native to present day - south India.
- In India blackpaper is cultivated in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Maharashtra , north eastern state etc

USES

- Pepper fruit are used as spice or condiment
- It is used for preparing pickles, preserving also used in cooked fruit for better taste.
- It stimulates the flow of saliva and the gastric juice has cooling effect
- Black pepper oil is used in making perfume.
- It is also used in defending against houseflies. Various insect from entering vegetables.
- It is also used in medicine purpose on various in malaria fever, aromatic stimulant in cholera, camma.
- Part used as spice-dried, unopened floral buds.
- Area of cultivation - Indonesia are the largest producer



Beverage

- It is an essential part of human diet due to their liquid content. Also play an important role all over the world for their stimulating and refreshing properties.
- Any potable liquid that we drink other than water.
- Generally there are of 2 types
- ① Alcoholic - ex- Beer, whisky (apple, guava, grapes)
 - ② Non-Alcoholic - ex- Tea, coffee, chocolate.
- The non-alcoholic beverage is also known as "soft drink".

TEA

Family - Theaceae

Genus - camellia

Species - sinensis

Botanical name - *camellia sinensis*.

- The Tea is prepared from the dried leaves of *c. sinensis*.
- Primary origin - Lower Tibetan mountain central Asia.
- Secondary origin - Southern part of Assam
- Growing region - China, Japan, India, Bangladesh, Sumatra, Sri Lanka.
- In India it is widely cultivated in Assam, Tamilnadu, Kerala, West Bengal.

Morphology :-

- The plant is evergreen small tree but it is grown under cultivation as a shrub.
- Usually the plant is about up to 7-9 meters.
- The leaves have a leathery pinnolate with entire margin arranged in alternate manner.
- The matured leave are generally bright green colour and also contain oil glands.
- The flower are axillary, white colour, may be single or in cluster.
- The fruit are capsule type containing 1-3 seeds in each cell.

Cultivation

- shrub, usually the tea plant can be grown in nursery bed by the seed shown.
 - The nursery bed can be manured to the growth seedling up to 6-9 month old.
 - The plant can be propagated by either seedling or by seed Land preparation - Removal forest completely drains are made along with the contour of hilly slope for soil erosion as well as water logging of the low-lying areas
- Method of planting seed.
- Holes can be dug at 3ft - 5ft terraced or flat land also mixed organic manure with soil & shade is very essential for cultivation.

Weeding - The unwanted plants that grow in betⁿ crop are called weeds. The process of removal of such unwanted plants is called weeding.

Pruning method.

- Pruning is the process by which the planter selectively removes parts of a plant like the branches root or bud.
 - Thus Tea pruning is a horticultural practice which the planters widely used to keep the plants in ideal shape.
- Basically there are 2 types of pruning of tea leaves.

1st pruning done by - 5 year old

and pruning done by - Annually or Biennially

Processing

- Plucking is very important process. It depends on the age of the leaves of the tea plant.
- The young leaves contain more tannin than the older leaves.
- The flavour and quality of the tea depends on soil climate, age of the leave, time of plucking and method of preparation
- After plucking the leaves are first exposed to the sun or heated in shallow trays until they become soft

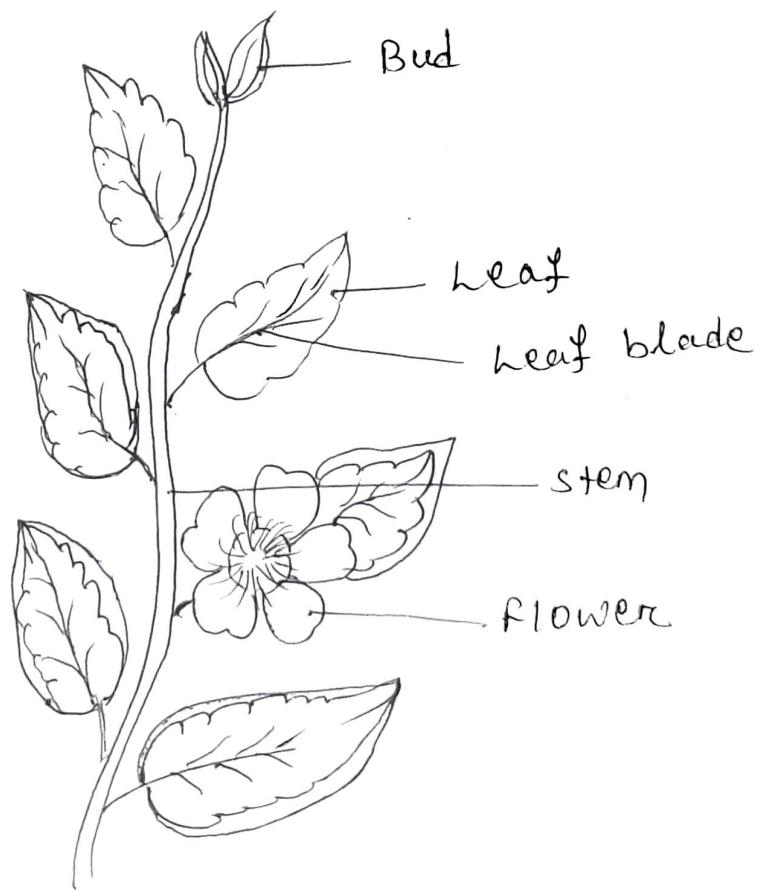
- After this process they are rolled by hand or machine
- Finally the leaves are changed their shape now the curled and twisted leaves are completely dried in the sun followed by current of hot air
- The final product is the green tea having an even texture and flavour.

There are commonly four kind of tea

- (a) Black tea
- (c) oolong tea
- (b) Green tea
- (d) Lappet tea

Uses

- The tea contain 82-88% moisture and rest are solid residue
- It contains 2-5% theanine (alkaloid), 13-18% tannin and small amount of volatile oil caffeine
- Used as infatigue condition
- Used as nervous stimulating beverage
- It is also used as medice against malaria
fevere dicerfic condition
- Tea is harmful to the digestion to excess drinking
- Protect heart health, weight loss, Relive insect bite paine



COFFEE

Family - Rubiaceae

Genus - Coffee

Species - Arabica

Robusta

Liberica

Morphology:

- The plant is shrub or a small tree reaching a height of 13-30 feet.
- The leaves are opposite, smooth, dark green in colour.
- The flowers are axillary white fragrant.
- The fruit called berry and contain 1-2 seeded. The unripe seed is green in colour and the ripening seed is yellow or red in colour.
- "Coffee Arabica" - Arabian coffee - about 90% of the world supply.
- occasionally fruit is called as "cherries" and the fruit is also known as "pea berry".

Climate:

- Tropical plant requires moist climate rainfall about 50 inches & in betw 75-120 inches is suitable for its growth.
- There are out of 15 kinds of arabian coffee high esteemed ex-mocha coffee.

- Congo coffee - (Coffeea robusta)

→ most uses plant with thick leaves.

→ Native to Congo region of Africa

→ It have lower quality then the (Arabian coffee)

- Liberian coffee

→ This is the large species of genus coffee height about 40ft

→ It is used chiefly for flavour & aroma.

→ Growing region - Central & South America, Africa & middle east & South Asia

→ In India the coffee is cultivated in Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana

Plantation of coffee

- The coffee plant is directly developed from seed. The seedlings are transplanted at 6 ft interval.
- The c. arabica are cultivated (plantation) by washed method.
- In this process the outer mucilaginous covered is removed by pulping and washing with water.
- During these method the coffee beans from the coffee berries are released.
- Coffee is made for the market by either drying or by wet method.
- The machines are used for clean off dried & pulp each bean is encased in a soft parchment covering.
- The parchment covering is removed by mechanical method or pounding in mortar.
- The "coffee beans" are graded and they are packed in bag for shipments.

Uses

- The coffee contain 1-2% caffeine, 3% cellulose & 8% chlorogenic acid, 10-13% volatile oil, 7% sugar, 14% protein etc.
- The stimulating effect of coffee is due to the present of alkaloid caffeine.
- In Turkey the coffee are mixed with sugar, eaten.
- The water product of pulp are used as fertilizer & fuel.
- It help could live longer.
- Develop strong heart quality.
- Genetic material strong.
- Lower risk of diabetes.
- protect our liver.
- Lower risk of cancer.

Drug yielding plants

Pharmacology - It is the branch of science which deals with Drugs or drugs yielding plant.

Ex- Ginseng, Cascara, Digitalis, Hemp, Atropa, Ibane *Stemonium*

CINCHONA

Family - Rubiaceae

Genus - Cinchona

Species - officinalis

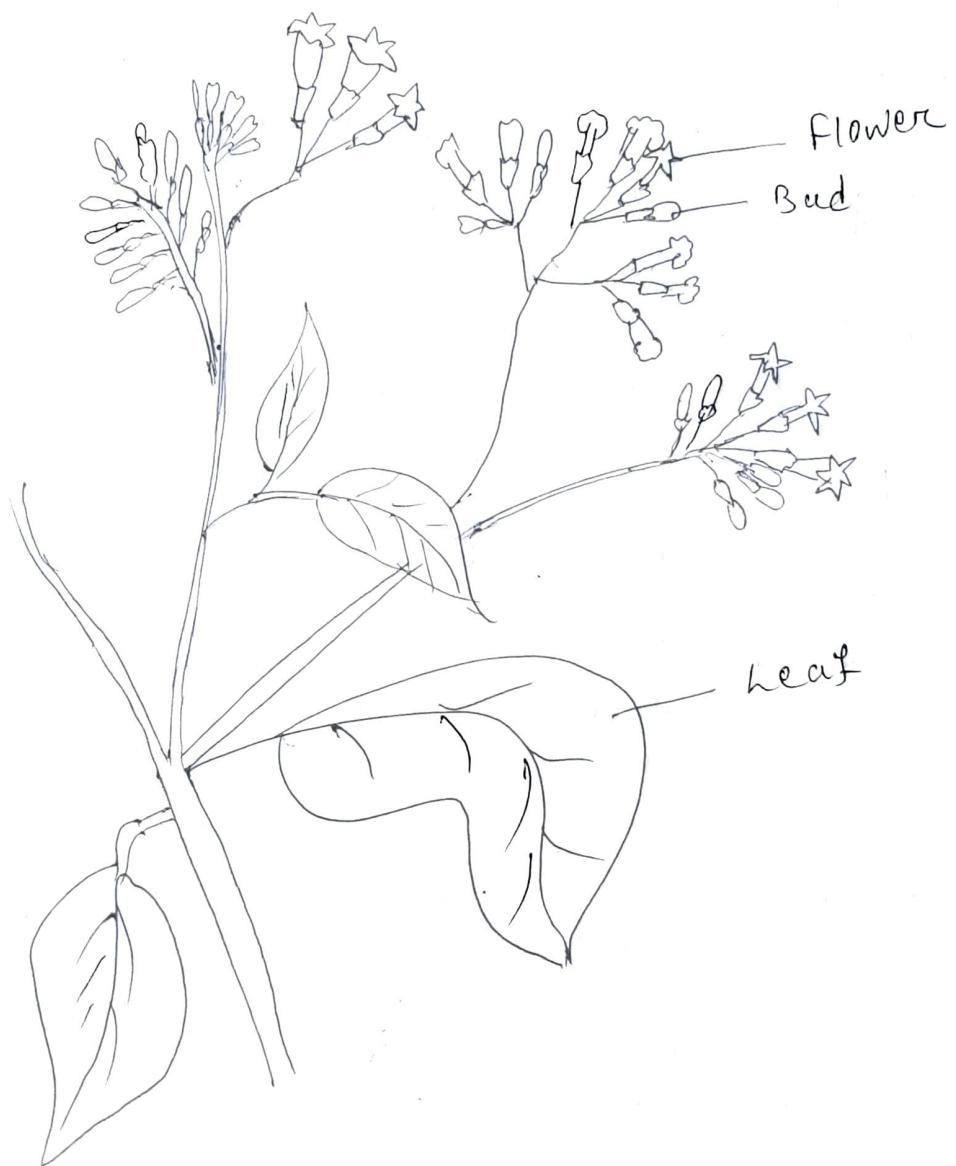
- Native - South America having 40 species of trees & shrub.
- Cinchona plant was discovered in Peru 1739 by Lachamaine.
- The term Cinchona was given by Carlous Linneous.
- In India it is distributed in Meghalaya (K-5 Hills), Nagaland, Sikkim, Sout India also Madhya Pradesh.
- Popularly known as "Countess bark" on Jesuits bark.
It is also known as "Peruvian bark".
- Some species of Cinchona c. calisaya Wedd, c. ledgeriana, moens ex Trimen, c. officinalis, c. robusta, c. succirubra, c. cordifolia etc

Morphology

- The plant is larger evergreen trees & attain a height of 150 feet
- Stem - covered with thick bark, various colour, light colour, pale brown, dark brown.
- Leaves - green colour arranged in opposite manner.
- Flower - yellow pink colour, borne at terminal peduncle
- The Cinchona propagated by seed, They may be grafting and cutting.
- The plant growing in altitudes ranging from 762-2050 meters.
- The cinchona prefer cold mountain spce. with the rainfall of 270 cm

USES

- The quinine is prepared from cinchona most cure for malaria
- Quinine is very bitter, white, granular substance; very valuable tonic & antiseptic.
- Cinchona is use for promoting realising of digestive juice & treating bloating and other stomach problem.
- In food Cinchona use as bitter flavour in tonic and alcoholic beverage
- Cinchona is also used eye lotion
- Also used in cold, leg cramps, influenza, sineflue etc



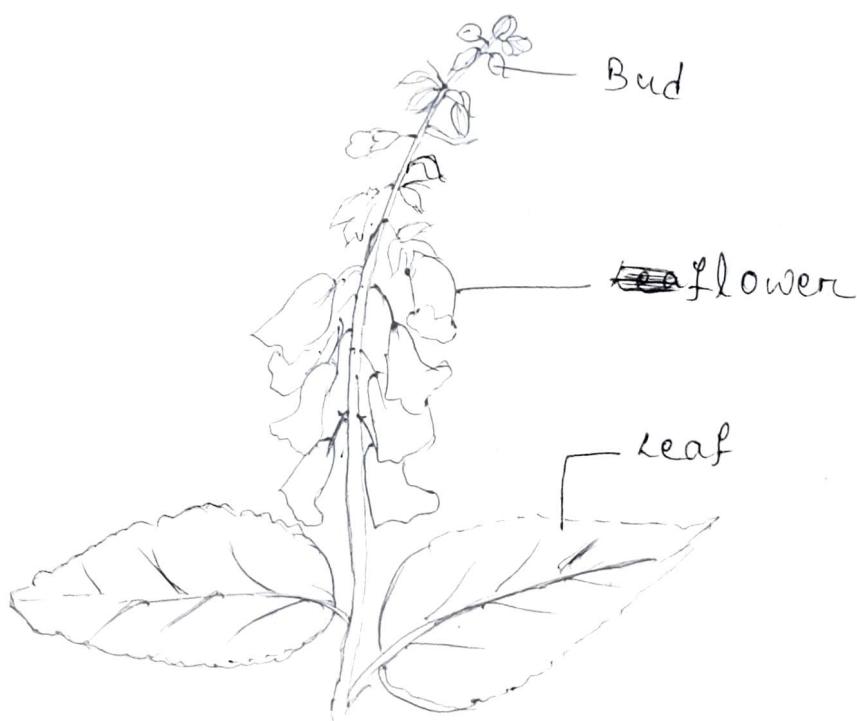
Digitalis

Family - plantaginaceae
Genus - Digitalis
Species - purpurea
Botanical name - Digitalis purpurea

- Popularly known as "Foxglove" which are biennial herb
- Leaves are rosette like. The flowers are pendent purple or yellow coloured
- Drug is obtained from the dried leaves of D. purpurea
- The species D. lanata (woolly foxglove)
- It is cultivated as central Europe, England, Argentina, United States.

Uses

- Used for the treatment of circulatory disorder
- Used for myocardial stimulant for the treatment of heart failure
- Used to help blood supply to kidney and blood circulation
- Removes any renal obstruction
- Over dose is harmful to the body is heart beat, nausea, diarrhoea, abdominal pain etc.



Papaver

Family - Papaveraceae.

Grenes - Papaver

Species - somniferum

Botanical name - P. somniferum

→ Papaver is cultivated for popular drug "opium" if is also cultivated in uttar pradesh, punjab, Rajasthan, madhya pradesh etc.

→ Opium occurs when un-ripened notches are cutting

Morphology

→ The plant is erect, annual, exstipulate, large obvate and are arranged in alternately manner up to 2-4 feet

→ The flower are large, terminal, showy they may white pink or red in colour.

→ The inflorescence is terminal and solitary cyme

→ The fruit is globular, pale green, capsule developed from a multicarpellary ovary

→ The seeds are small minute, blue, black or yellow in colour, it contains a minute embryo in an oily endosperm.

→ The buds are always drooping but the flower have upright stalk

→ Poppy capsule have pores in their neck for dispersal of seed, The dehiscence is of porous type.

Used

→ The crude of opium containing 35 alkaloids the important alkaloids are morphine, codanine, nicotine, Thiacrine, papaverine.

→ The morphine is a powerfull analgesic (sleepdrug), Sedatives to relieve & cause sleep.

→ The morphine is also caused in the cough medicine, diarrhoea, vomiting and reduce blood pressure and bleeding

→ codeine is used as analgesic respiratory sedatives it is used as the pain of cancer

CANNABIS

Family - Cannabaceae

Genus - Cannabis

Species - Cannabis sativa

- In India it is cultivated in, Assam, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha
- Commonly known as "Ganja", Hindi - "Bhang"
- In India also known as "Hemp" cultivated a drug plant.
- The leaves and flower (female) flowering branch are used for narcotic stimulant.
- Ganja is made from dried flowering tops, glandular hairs which exuded resins duct used for smoking.

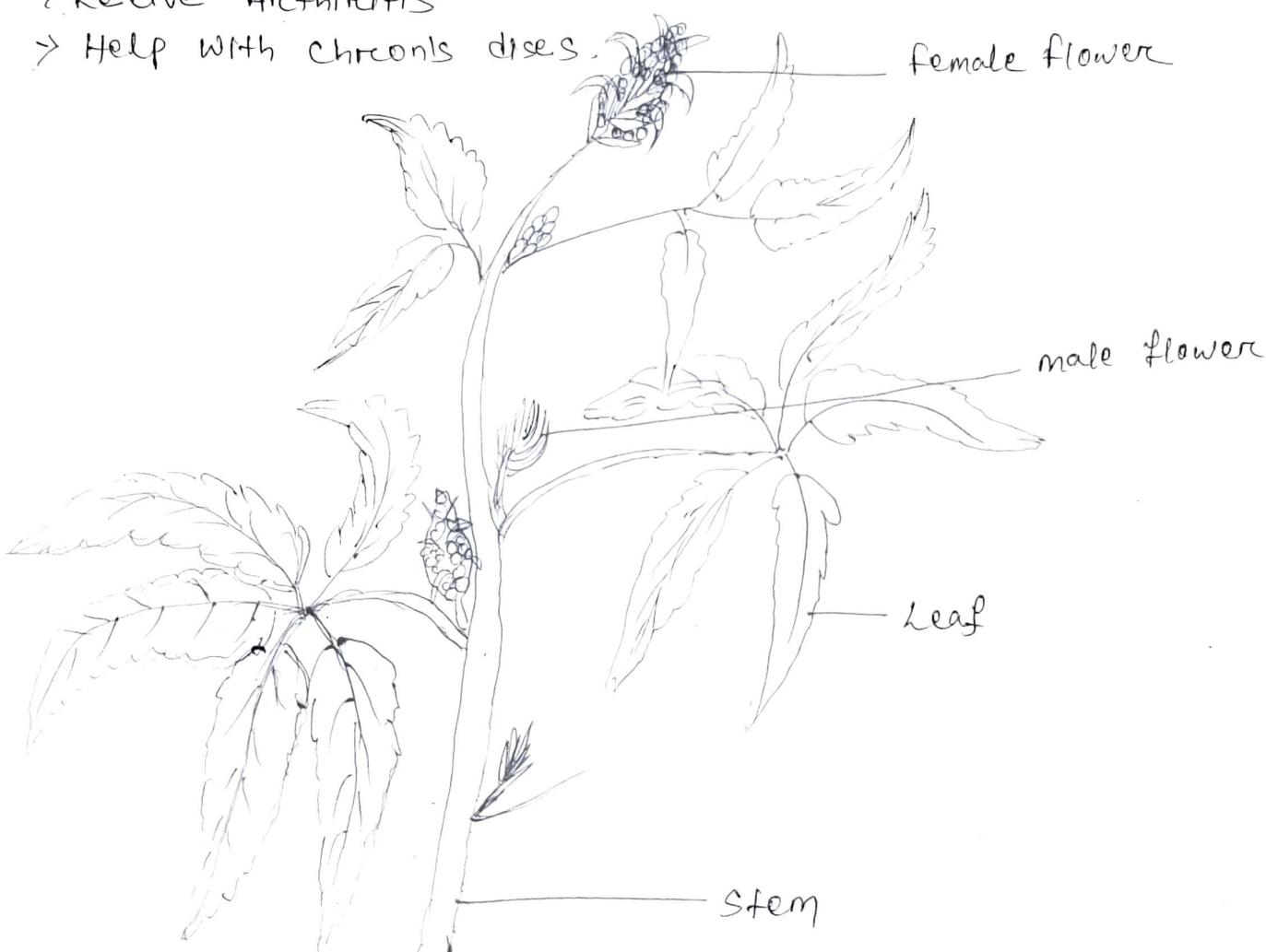
Uses

→ Slow & stop cancer cells for spreading.

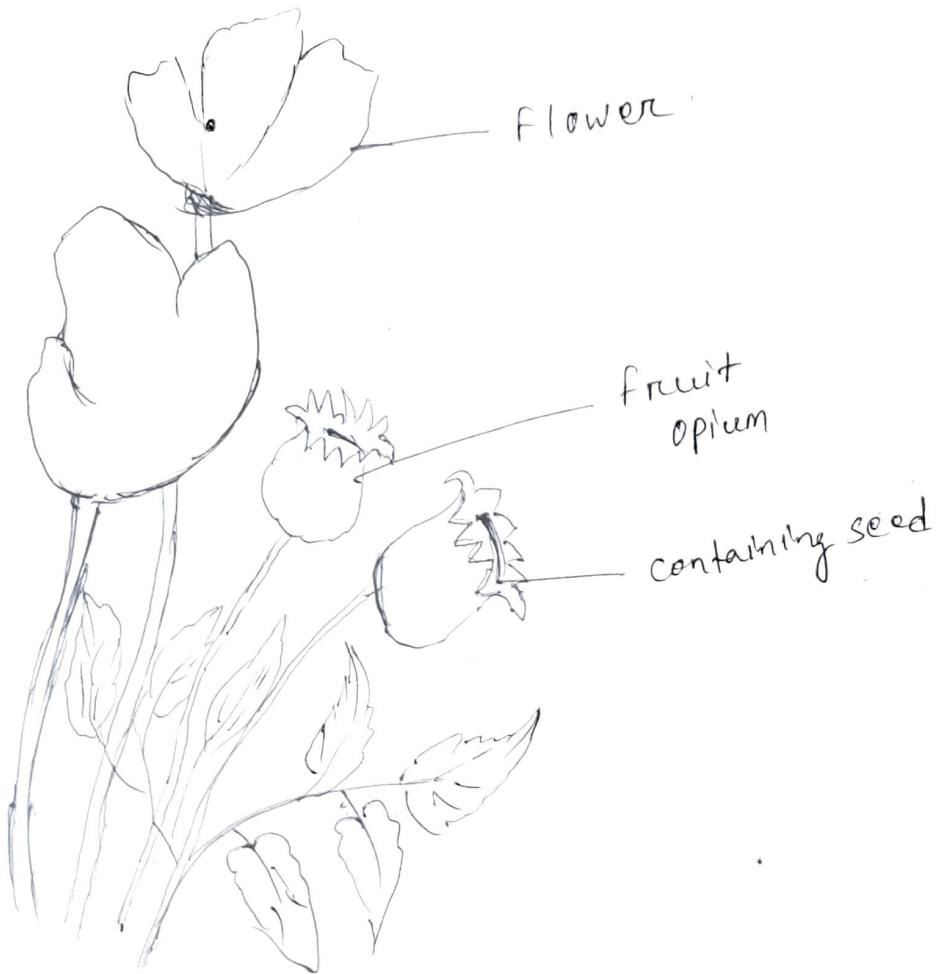
→ Prevent Alzheimer's

→ Relieve Arthritis

→ Help with Crohn's disease.



- The opium checks excessive peristalsis and contracts the pupils of eye
- A fatty oil called popyoli is used in sweet meats.
- The latex obtained from the immature fruit is employed to induce sleep relief pain
- The seed of opium poppy are consumed many way mostly used for cooking stuffed (paronthos)
- In India there are 3 type of opium cultivated in Bihar
Bihar (patana opium)
Uttar pradesh (Benares opium)
Madhya pradesh & Rajasthan - (malwa opium)
- Overdose of opium is powerfull poison
- widely cultivated in India, Turkey, Afghanistan, China etc
- In India, widely cultivated in Madhya pradesh, Uttar pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil nadu, Punjab.



Tobacco

Family - Solanaceae

Genus - Nicotiana

Species - *tobacum*, *rusticum*

Botanical name - Nicotiana tobacum

- Native to West Indians, South & central America.
- Origin - Mexico also grow some part of North America.
- The major produce countries are China, India, Brazil, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Malawi
- In India cultivated in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, West Bengal etc.

Morphology:

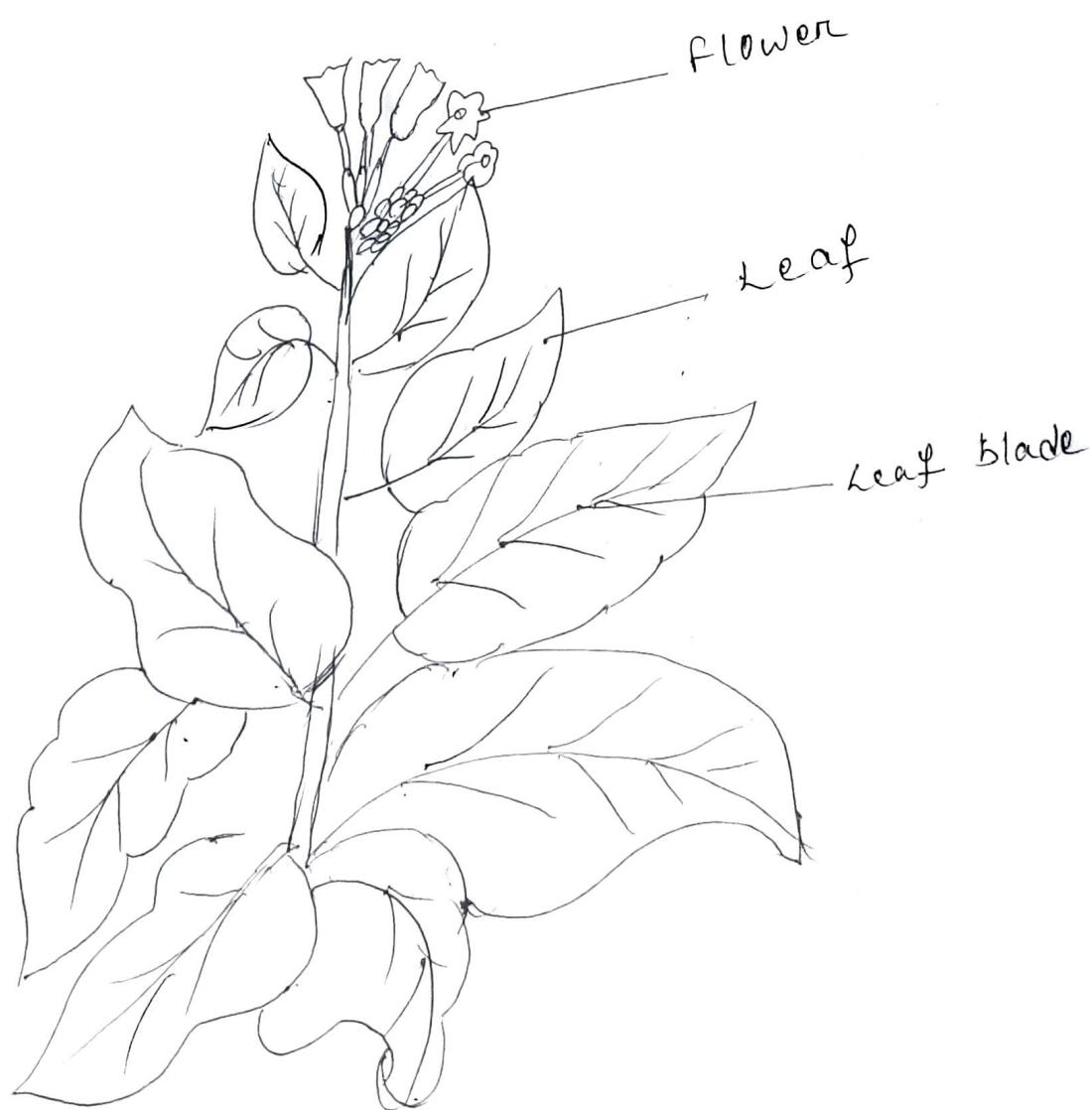
- The tobacco is a small herbaceous annual plant about 3-6 feet.
- It has well developed strong tap root system.
- The stem is unbranched and bears large oval sessile leaves.
- The leaves and stem are covered with glandular hair containing naphthalene fluid sticky to touch.
- The inflorescence is terminal raceme of white or pink flower.
- The fruit is a capsule and many seeded.

Cultivation

- usually tobacco plants are planted in seed beds. The seedlings are transplanted when they are about 4-6 feet.
- The sandy loams, rich humus, potash are essential for the growth of this plant. after & before planting.
- The terminal bud should be removed for strengthening of leaf.
- The colour of leaf are changed during fully ripe. The leaves are harvested by the pruning method.

Used

- The alkaloid present in the leaf. The chief alkaloid are Nicotine, nicto-nicotine.
- The nicotine can be used as raw material for the preparation of vitamin Nicotinic acid.
- It is used for smoking and for chewing.
- It is also used in curing certain skin diseases.
- The leaves of the tobacco plants are used to stimulate the mental and physical activity.
- The tobacco seed posses no nicotine. The refined tobacco seed oil can be used as substitute for ground nut oil, in oil paints and varnish industry.
- The seeds are used as fodder material for cattle and horses.
- The tobacco is always used in cigarette industry product - Cola, Betel, Coca, opium, peyote, cappi - etc



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No-1

- 1- Scientific name of fennel. $1 \times 10 = 10$
- 2- An alkaloid "piperine" present in _____ fruit.
- 3- Non-alcoholic beverage are also called _____.
- 4- _____ popularly known Arabian coffee.
- 5- The fruit of coffee plant is known as _____.
- 6- The Quinine is only the drug obtained from _____ plant.
- 7- The drug "Opium" is obtained from _____ plant.
- 8- Digitalis obtained from the _____ of *D. purpurea*.
- 9- The most important alkaloid present in *Rauwolfia* is _____.
- 10- Tobacco is extensively used for smoking & and _____ purpose.

No-2 short note

$3 \times 5 = 15$

- 1- morphology and uses of fennel.
- 2- medicinal importance of Quinine.
- 3- uses of opium
- 4- morphology & uses of Tobacco
- 5- uses of Tea

No-3 long question

- 1- morphology and uses of Tea
- 2- morphology and type of coffee.
- 3- Briefly describe the Papaver plant.
- 4- Briefly describe the ~~pepper~~ the drug yielding plant Cinchona.
- 5- Briefly describe the morphology & uses of clove.