Climbers of Valsad Taluka (Gujarat) India

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Abstract- The present research work of climbers of Valsad taluka. Total 21 families belonging 45 genera and 61 species. Cucurbitaceae, Fabaceae, Comobiulaceae are the dominant families of Climbers in Valsad taluka. The Climbers are usually annuals but some are perennials. Climbers comprise a large and important sector of ornamental horticulture and agriculture. They also play very important role in medicine, edible, and multiple purposes as well of as economic value. Lists of the Botanical names, Families, Common name, Mode of Climbing were given in present paper.

Keywords-Valsad taluka, Climbers.

LINTRODUCTION

Climbing plants are one of the most interesting group and these climbers contribute mainly to the attraction of our landscapes by the manner in which they climb over trees, shrubs, hedgerows or rocks. Climbers are the plants that germinate on storey and grow for part of their life by winding ground, anchoring or adhering to other plants (Jongkind and Hawthrone, 2005). They rely on other plants for mechanical support. Due to their weak stem, they attach themselves to any neighboring object by means of some special organs of attachment.

They show great diversity in their climbing mechanism depending on which they are classified as root climbers, hook climbers, tendril climbers, leaf or stem climbers or twinners. They vie with trees for both above and below ground resources significantly decreasing the growth rates returning renewal of tree seedlings and sprout. Climbing habit is a wonderful example of measure of nature. It allocates a plant to attain maximum exposure to sanlight, water and nutrients with minimum expense in vegetation support.

They occur in all forested ecosystem of world although high climbers play important ecological role in forest ecosystem dynamics and functioning. They add sustainability to awning closure after tree fall and help to stabilize the microclimate underneath. Climbers also form a necessary part of diet of many animals in times of shortage of flowers and fruits. Climbers comprise a large and important sector of ornamental horticulture. Some play in very important role in medicine and agriculture. Besides, if left uncontrolled some climbers can block drain pipes, gutters on buildings while some can do serious damage to structure or tree them are adhering to. In spite of many roles climbers play in ecosystem, as medicines in horticulture and agriculture. Not much attention has been paid to them, only a few studies are carried out on climbers.

Valsad taluka is most famous for its natural looking mountains such as Pamera hills and Dungari hills. Pamera is home to the very sceneric and beautiful mountains (triangle shape) two useful rivers Auranga and Pamadi are associated with the Valsad taluka. The Arabian Sea locate in the west side of Valsad taluka.

It is a region which has become hub for mango and Chikoo farming and processing. It also has a very strong network of rice cultivation, dairy and seasonal vegetable producing and marketing.

In India, Pandey et al.(2005) studied many climbers in their study of medicinal flora of Gujarat while 81 climbers were recorded by M.S.Jangid and Sharma(2011) in Taluka Modasa district Sabarkantha of Gujarat. Shah G.L(1978) published the flora of Gujarat. Bhatt M.P (1987) A contribution to the Flora of Navsari area with Special reference. Patel R.M (1971) The Flora of Bulsar and its environs. More P.G.(1972) A contribution to the Flora of Pamera hills, Pardi and Udwada areas in south Gujarat, Reddy A.S (1987) Flora of Dharampur Forest, V.H.Rao(2012) A Floristic and Ethanobotanical survey of Kaparada(Hilly) and Umbergaon(Constal) Talukas of Valsad district. More P.G. (1972) A contribution to the Flora of Parnera hills, Pardi and Udwada areas in south Gujarat. Bor and Raizada(1954) published a book 'some beautiful Indian climbers and Shrubs' with a series of papers appeared in the Journal of Bombay Natural History Society. No comprehensive work is available for climbers in the study area. Therefore, the objective of the present study was to document the climbers of Valsad(Gujarat).

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