



Changing The Landscape of Rural Economy Through Aromatic Crops @ CSIR-IHBT



Essential oils have established demand to the tune of 226.9 thousand tons. Himalayan conditions are conducive for production of high quality essential oils. CSIR-IHBT took the initiative for cultivation and processing of high value aromatic crops for improving the livelihood of the stakeholders including farmers for hilly as well as plain areas.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CSIR- IHBT SINCE 2016 :

- Area covered under aromatic crops: 455 ha
- 861 farmers benefitted
- Sixteen distillation units installed
- Production of 7.6 tonnes of essential oil
- Revenue generated: Rs. 5.56 Cr.
- 1,13,700 mandays generated
- Utilized barren (100 ha) & abandoned land (355 ha)
- Five varieties of aromatic crops developed
- Environment conservation in hills
- Protection of crops from wild /stray animal menace



Wild marigold



Restoration of Degraded Land



Installation of distillation unit



Harvesting and processing of aromatic crops

