

DEVELOPMENT OF DRY FLOWER TECHNOLOGY BY CSIR-NBRI, LUCKNOW

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It is almost 45 years since the mission Dry Flower started at CSIR-NBRI. Technology packages and an appreciable amount of literature have been developed on almost all aspects of dry flowers. Dehydration technology has been standardized and simplified in such a way that cultivated seasonal vegetations (flowers and leaves), unsold and used fresh flowers, and seasonal wild/unutilized/underutilized plant species can be converted into value-added products. The collection of these vegetations will not create an imbalance in nature. The technology will help proper judicial utilization of natural resources to prepare value-added products. It is now very important to evaluate the results related to the commercial exploitation of the technology. The literature survey indicates that the quantum of work towards the development of the technology package is very satisfactory. It is now very important to choose the correct path to escalate dry flower technology to industrial status. . A cottage-scale industry based on floral craft can come up for self-employment of unemployed youths and for earning money the housewives as well as rural women through creative occupation.
