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Union minister to visit CSMCRI

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Union minister for science and technology and earth sciences Dr Harsh Vardhan will visit Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI) in Bhavnagar on June 25.

"Vardhan is also vice-president of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Dehi, the parent body of CSMCRI.

Tentatively, he will be at CSMCRI for nearly two hours. During his visits, he will address the staff and students and visit a few laboratories," said a CSMCRI official.



Dr Harsh Vardhan. (File photo)

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After 9 years, Parijat blooms at CIMAP

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After a wait of nine years since it was planted, Parijaat (Kalp-vriksha) flower has bloomed at the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) for the first time. "Flowering in the endangered tree is rare and it takes years to blossom," said CIMAP director Anil Kumar Tripathi.

The 7-metre tall tree is heavily branched with milky white flowers. Parijaat is considered a divine tree and its flowering is believed to be a good omen.

There are four full grown Parijat trees in Lucknow, one each at CIMAP and Lucknow University, and two at NBRI. Last year, chief minister Akhilesh Yadav had planted 21 Parijat sapling in Kukrail forest. Parijat has medicinal properties like anti-microbial, an anti-malarial, anti-viral, anti-oxidant among others. Its leaves are also useful for the treatment of kidney and bladder ailments.

"Flowering in Parijat generally takes place five years after plantation. It happens around monsoon onset. There is no surety that it will happen every year or a fixed number of years," said former chief scientist and consultant of CIMAP, AK Singh.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/After-9-years-Parijat-blooms-at-CIMAP/articleshow/52892189.cms>

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