

## Himalayan Spice Garden, Ranikhet

First Himalayan Spice Garden at Soni in Ranikhet has been inaugurated by noted historian Shri Shekhar Pathak. This Garden is established by Uttarakhand Forest Research Wing, Haldwani, over an area of around 4 acres, funded by Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA). This garden houses more than 30 different major Himalayan spices ranging from Kashmiri Kesar to the famed Tejpat, Timoor, Kala Jeera and wild Heeng, found in Bhaironghati area of Uttarkashi district in Uttarakhand. These spices are highly nutritious, delicious and have been part of Himalayan cuisine since time immemorial. Due to various

Indiscriminate trade of plant resources, uncontrolled collection methods, habitat change, overexploitation and climate change have led to decline in numbers of these spices. The main objective of establishing this spice garden was to popularize and create awareness about various spices of the Indian Himalayan Region.

