Introduction
Botanical Garden is the living museum of plants. There are more than 2500 Botanical Gardens all over the world. Nepal has only 12 Botanical Gardens in different ecological regions. The National Botanical Garden (NBG), Nepal is one of them located at the foothill of Mt. Pichakothi (2765 m) which is the highest hill surrounding the Kathmandu valley. It is surrounded by natural forest of Utii-Chilano-Dhale kathu (Alnus-Schima-Castanopsis). More than 981 species of plants including Ferns, Gymnosperms, Angiosperms, Cactus and Succulents, Medicinal and Ornamental are conserved in this Botanical Garden. The initial layout of this Botanical Garden was designed by two British advisors Geoffrey Herklots and Tony Schilling. Climate Zone: Subtropical-Temperate (1515m-2080m).

Area: 82 ha.
Establishment: 1962 AD (1993 BS)

Logo: Kharulai Banlasun (Eucalyptus nepalensis D.Don)
The International membership: Botanical Garden Conservation International (BGC)

Our Mission
• To explore plant resources & conserve them for better life.
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Floral Diversity of NBG

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Total flora 294 species

Special Features of National Botanical Garden
1. Botanical Information and Exhibition Center (नेपालको वन संस्कृति विद्यालय)

Botanical Information and Exhibition Center is housed in a two-storied building located by the main entrance of the garden. The floor has been designed and equipped to fulfill scientific, educational and recreational functions of the garden.

2. Landscape and Thematic Gardens

2.1. Physic Garden (बैतलीको बाग)

This part of garden is the living museum of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. Native and Indigenous and exotic medicinal plants are grown and maintained in small plots and a green house.

2.2. Biodiversity Education Garden (बैतलीको वनस्पति शिक्षा विद्यालय)

It has been established on the auspicious occasion of British-Nepal 200 years diplomatic relationships in 2016 with the collaboration between British Embassy, Kathmandu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) and Government of Nepal (GoN). This garden covers an area of 1.3 ha having 107 species of plant representing three ecological zones i.e. alpine, temperate and tropical. This garden has been inaugurated by the Rt. Honorable President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari in 22nd September 2016. It has been established on the auspicious occasion of British-Nepal 200 years diplomatic relationships in 2016 with the collaboration between British Embassy, Kathmandu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) and Government of Nepal (GoN). This garden covers an area of 1.3 ha having 107 species of plant representing three ecological zones i.e. alpine, temperate and tropical. This garden has been inaugurated by the Rt. Honorable President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari in 22nd September 2016. This garden is located nearly the lily garden. This garden consists of plant species belonging to more than 40 families. The families are arranged according to the Benthams and Hooker's System of Classification. In this garden 42 species of ferns are conserved. Tree fern (Cyathea cordifolia) is one of the endangered and CITES listed plant species conserved in this garden.

2.5. Special Garden (विशेष बाग)

Native and Exotic plants, Orchid house, Ornamental house, Cactus house, bonsai house, Cyclamen house, Shrubs house, Trimmed Juniper, Seasonal and evergreen ornamental flower beds, flower show and waterfall are unique feature of this garden. In this garden the botanic collections of orchids, Eucalyptus, Euphorbia, Asclepias, Sansevieria, Aloe, etc. are conserved for education and research purpose.

2.6. Rock Garden (बालातन्त्री बाग)

In this house more than 40 species of alpine or rock plants are conserved. This house is one of the major orchid conservation centers of Nepal. Orchids are also listed in Appendix I and II of CITES. The collection includes different species of Rhizomorph, Cyathea, Dendrobium, Dendrotheca, etc.

2.7. Rare and Endangered Plants (प्रजातिसङ्कटक वनस्पति)

This area is designated for different research activities and production of plants for sales purpose.

2.8. Lily Garden (लिलिको बाग)

In this garden, different varieties of roses are planted. During March-April the rose garden is one of the main attractions of the garden.

2.15. VVIP Plantation Area (वास्तविक प्रधा्न श्रेणी वनस्पति क्षेत्र)

The area of flat land is allocated for planting of sapling by VVIPS. Head of state or prime minister of different countries such as China, Germany, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Yugoslavia, etc. have already been planted different species of plants in this garden.

2.16. Canna path (कन्ना पाथ)

It is a path where Canna sp. are planted along the road side and is located nearby VVIP Plantation Area.

2.17. Ethnobotanical Garden (राष्ट्रिय वनस्पति क्षेत्र)

This garden consists of plants such as Buddleja asiatica, Artemisia indica, Smilax aspers, etc. used by Tamang community.

2.18. Coronation Temple (राणवर्षाको मन्दिर)

This is the temple from where Crown Prince Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev gave speech after his coronation ceremony.

2.19. Rose Garden (रोज क्षेत्र)

This handsome garden houses many varieties of roses and consists of different plants for sales.

2.21. Conservation and Educational Garden (संरक्षण और शिक्षा क्षेत्र)

This garden is situated opposite to the office building, the garden covers an area of 5 ha. Some 90 species of trees, 26 species of climbers, 44 species of shrub and 13 species of climbers are conserved here. Arboretum also lies inside this garden.

Major Activities
In this Botanical Garden GoN has implemented the program Conservation and Garden Development. Under this program following activities have been conducted:

1. Production of seasonal and evergreen ornamental Plants,
2. In-situ and ex-situ conservation of plants especially endemic, rare, endangered and threatened species;
3. Friends of Botanical Garden (FoBG),
4. Research on indigenous ornamental and medicinal plants,
5. Technical and financial development for plant propagation,
6. Flower show and participation in the exhibitions,
7. Training and education related to plant conservation and garden development.

Other Garden Facilities

For all aid facilities please consult the information centre near the entrance gate.

Refreshment is available on upper floor of Information Center for refreshment.

Visitors can park their vehicles by paying the parking charge in the main entrance gate in front of Information Center.

The garden has many shed houses where visitors may dry picnic, relax and enjoy the nature.

For disabled people, in Biodiversity Education Garden, special garden and National Garden family area there is a wheelchair for people with a physical disability.

Purchase of ornamental flowers and medicinal plants is available.

Please consult the ticket counter or information centre located at the main entrance gate for emergencies, injuries, missing persons or belongings etc. Tel: 01-5172464, Mob: 9860061876

Rules and Regulations

Visitors should purchase ticket to enter the garden,

• Vehicles are not allowed inside the garden, Carriages and other vehicles and their parts like flowers, leaves, fruits etc. are strictly prohibited,

• Walking and playing on the cultivated beds and lawns is not allowed,

• Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed,

• Littering is not allowed,

• Cooking inside the garden is prohibited,

• Dogs and pets are not allowed,

• Polythene bags are not allowed.

Entrance and other fee (With VAT)

(Source: Nepal gazette, date: 2075/6/29)

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