

## *Gratitude from Team Clean & Green Campus, RRCAT*

*Dear Dr Shankar Lal Garg ji,*

*1/1/2026*

**Saadár Namaskar !**

This is to acknowledge the kind courtesy extended to the Clean & Green Campus Team, RRCAT, Indore during the visit to Keshar Parvat on 23 December 2025.

Over the past decade, through unwavering dedication, vision, and perseverance, you and your team have transformed **22 acres of an erstwhile dry and barren hillock into a thriving green forest** comprising more than **40,000 medicinal and fruit-bearing plants**, encircling a beautifully developed artificial lake. This extraordinary transformation stands as a living testimony to what sustained commitment to nature can achieve and is truly **nothing short of a miracle**.

Your selfless efforts to restore greenery, conserve water, and enrich the environment have gifted **pure oxygen and ecological balance** to Mother Earth—an act whose value far exceeds any material measure. As you enter Sanyas Ashram of your spiritual life, the joy derived from this noble endeavour is shared not only by you but also by the surrounding community and countless visitors who draw inspiration from your work every single day.

While many environmentalists only speak about environmental conservation and climate change, and pressure governments, you have **led by example**, proving that meaningful change begins with personal action. As rightly said, *it is easier to preach than to practice*—and Sir, you have shown the way.

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### **Key Learnings and Takeaways from the Visit**

- *Cultivation of a wide variety of trees and plants in clusters, including Avocado, Kevda, Insulin plant, Dragon Fruit, Mango, Arjun, Mahua, Behada, Olive, Pineapple, Garadu, Banyan, Peepal, Bamboo, Apple, Ramphal, and many more.*
- *Successful adaptation of plant species from different parts of the world to the local Mhow climate through innovative methods.*
- *Remarkable cultivation of Kashmiri Kesar (saffron) by using ice-cold water during peak summer conditions.*
- *Presence of several rare medicinal plants, including species known for cancer treatment, natural insulin generation, joint-pain relief, platelet enhancement, and iron rich variants.*

- *Development of a 15-foot-deep artificial farm pond with an efficient drip irrigation system, ensuring optimal water use and individual plant care through pressure-based pumping.*
- *Effective conservation of topsoil and water resources.*
- *Best practices such as acclimatizing saplings for one month within the forest before plantation.*
- *Suggesting January–February as the ideal season for planting saplings for a reason.*
- *Profound ecological philosophy that plants thrive in communities, reminding us of the pioneering work of the legendary Dr. Jagdish Chandra Bose—hence, saplings are planted in pairs. So that they can feel each other / can talk with each other.*
- *Complete avoidance of synthetic fertilizers and chemical sprays, preserving soil quality, natural fragrance, and ecological balance.*
- *Gracious hospitality in offering the team an opportunity to experience/taste medicinal leaves, natural sweetener plants, and the fragrant Kesar strain.*

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With deep respect and gratitude, we acknowledge your invaluable contribution to environmental conservation and sustainable living. Your work will continue to inspire generations to come including Horticulture team, RRCAT. You are certainly a living legend of Indore. Signing off by citing a verse from Ramcharitmanas, that aptly sums up your endeavours, and Happy New year 2026 from team RRCAT.

जिमि सरिता सागर महुँ जाहीं। जद्यपि ताहि कामना नाहीं॥  
 तिमि सुख संपति बिनहिं बोलाएँ। धरमसील पहिं जाहिं सुभाएँ॥

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जैसे नदियाँ समुद्र में जाती हैं, यद्यपि समुद्र को नदी की कामना नहीं होती।  
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*With sincere appreciation,*

 11/1/2026

Ashutosh Sharma, Member Secretary, ACCGC

On behalf of Horticulture Section and Team- Clean & Green Campus  
 RRCAT, Indore



**Vrikshdaan: Joint sapling Plantation by RRCAT officials & Dr Garg**



**Tour to Keshar Parwat by visiting members of RRCAT**