

Arogyapacha

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Why in news?

A new plant has been **unearthed in the Agastya hills**, also called a miracle plant.

What is this plant?

- The genetic makeup of Arogyapacha (*Trichopuszeylanicus*), a popular medicinal plant native to the hills of Agasthya has been decoded by scientists in the University of Kerala.
- Called “Wonderful Plant,” the **Kani Tribal Community** traditionally use the plant to tackle fatigue.
- The wide spectrum of pharmacological effects, such as antioxidant, aphrodisiac, anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory, anti-tumor, anti-ulcer, anti-hepatic, hepatoprotective, has been shown.

Kani Tribes

- These are the Nomads and indigenous peoples from the tropical forest of the hills of the Agasthyamalai, the Western Ghats, mountains of the Kerala region.
- The **tribal doctors called Plathi** are the exclusive holders of the tribe’s traditional medicine.