CANNABIS

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WHAT IS CANNABIS?

Cannabis is the generic term used for the psychoactive substance derived from the species of the Cannabis plant, means having a relatively significant effect on the central There are many varieties of Cannabis known.

Among them the species that are most pertinent includes:



TAXONOMY OF Cannabis

KINGDOM	PLANTAE
PHYLUM	ANGIOSPERM
CLASS	ROSIDS
ORDER	ROSALES
FAMILY	CANNABACEAE
GENUS	CANNABIS
SPECIES	 Cannabis sativa L. Cannabis indica Lam. Cannabis ruderalis Janisch

MORPHOLOGY OF Cannabis sativa

- ERECT
- ANNUAL
- DIOCIOUS
- UNDER SHRUB

PLANT BODY



- SIMPLE
- STIPULATE
- ALTERNATE
- LOBED

LEAVES



- SMALL & UNISEXUAL
- MALE FLOWERS- 5 perianth, 5 stamens.
- FEMALE FLOWER- 1 carpel, 1 loculated single pendulous ovary, 2 styles.

FLOWERS



HABITAT OF Cannabis sativa

C. sativa is a species well-adapted to diverse climates, from plains to altitudes of 10,000 feet.

It probably originated from Central Asia and is now distributed widely, enjoying a global reputation.

The major pool of cannabis supply is from China, Russia, India, Pakistan and Iran, but it is also cultivated in other parts of the world.

"Gardening is civil and social, but it wants the vigor and freedom of the forest and the outlaw."

REQUIREMENTS FOR CULTIVATION OF Cannabis sativa

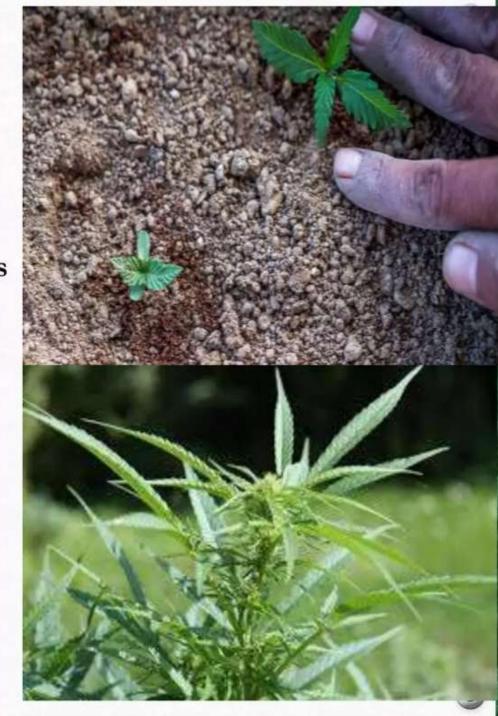
Cannabis needs certain conditions to flourish.

- ➤ Growth medium(SOIL)- Well manure sandy soil or light loamy soil.
- > pH- Ranges between 5.9-6.5
- ➤ Warmth-The optimal day temperature range for cannabis is 24 to 30 °C (75 to 86 °F)
- Light- Optimum light.
- > **SPACE-**Abundant space.
- ➤ Water-Watering frequency and amount is determined by many factors, including temperature and light, the age, size and stage of growth of the plant and the medium's ability to retain water
- Nutrients-During the vegetative stage, cannabis needs more N than P and K, while during the flowering stage, P is more essential than N and K..

Because Cannabis nutrient needs vary widely depending on the variety, they are usually determined by trial and error and fertilizers are applied sparingly to avoid burning the plant.

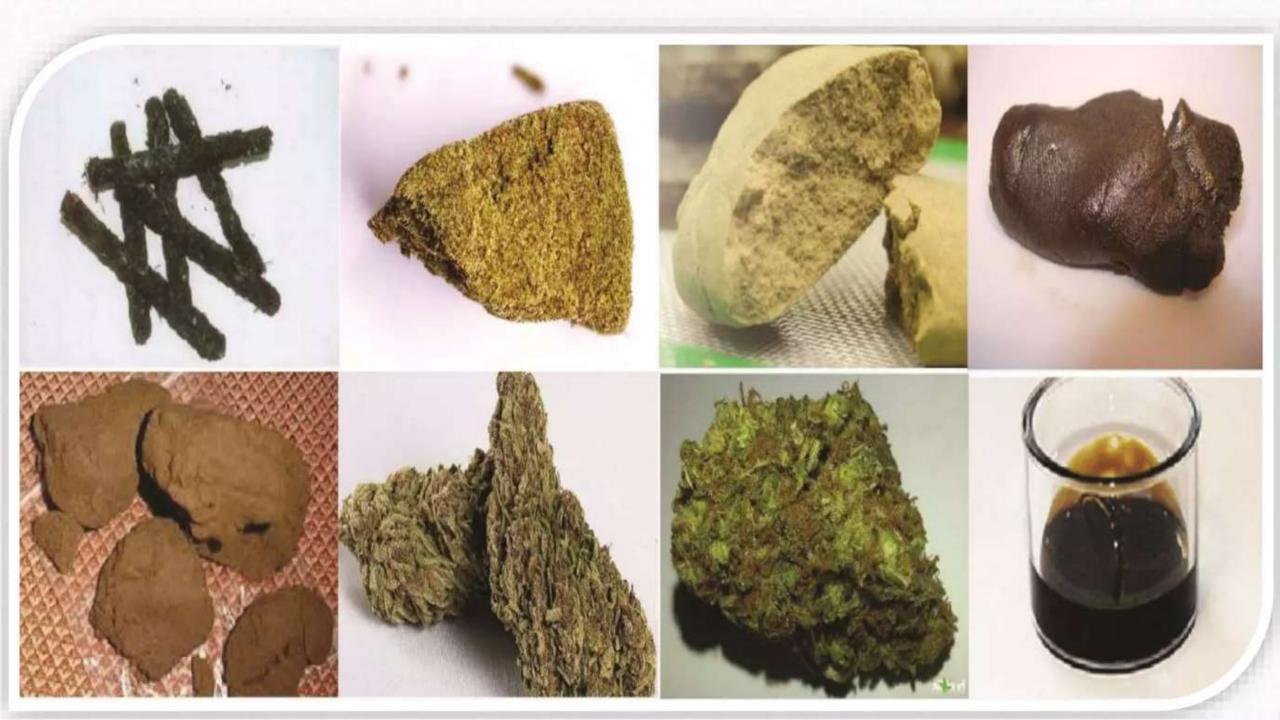
CULTIVATION OF Cannabis sativa

- ☐ The plant is grown as a monsoon crop and the sowing is done during the month of June- July.
- ☐ Seeds are sown at the rate of 5-10kg per hectare in rows running 1.2mts apart.
- ☐ When the plant has attainted a height of about 20cm, thinning is done to reduce their number in row.
- ☐ In order to keep free from weeds, regular weeding is necessary.
- ☐ Irrigation is done whenever necessary.
- ☐ Flowering begins in month of November. Soon after this male plants are removed since very little resin is produced by them.



HARVESTING AND PROCESSING OF C. sativa

Harvesting of plants is done during the month of December- January and
is started when lower leaves drop off and upper portions of inflorescence
turns yellow.
At the proper stage inflorescence are cut, spread out in ringes and furrows
in processing yards and pressed by treading them.
The material is dried and treading is done again, it been turned on regular
intervals.
The material is then collected and made into circular heaps, 60-90 high and
kept under pressure for a couple of days.
Chemical changes takes place in heaps, which are broken up, turned over
and spread out in thick layer.



Cannabis as RECREATIONAL DRUGS

The psychoactive effects of Cannabis are known to have a triphasic nature.

1.Primary
Psychoactive
Effect

- · a state of relaxation,
- to a lesser degree, euphoria from its main psychoactive compound, tetrahydrocannabinol.

2.Secondary Psychoactive Effect

- facility for philosophical thinking
- anxiety and paranoia

3. Tertiary
Psychoactive Effect

- increase in heart rate and hunger,
- believed to be caused by 11-OH-THC, a psychoactive metabolite of THC produced in the liver.

MEDICINAL USES OF Cannabis

There are eight medical conditions for which patients are given cannabis in different forms and concentration:

Cancer

Glaucoma

HIV/AIDS

Muscle spasms

Seizures

Severe pain

Severe nausea

Synthesized cannabinoids are also used as prescription drugs such as <u>Marinol</u> and <u>Cesamet.</u>

NON- MEDICINAL USES OF Cannabis

Cannabis contributed a huge role not only in today's science but from the ancient civilizations. Cannabis are well known for its sedating properties, which is widely exploited in both ancient and modern medicinal industries. Apart for being used as a beneficial drug, *Cannabis* is misused as a object of euphoria.

Hemp which is a product of Cannabis is widely used in industries for manufacture of different industrial product. As history is evident, hemp is used as clothing, pottery and for tombs.



EFFECTS OF CANNABIS

Cannabis affects almost every body system. It combines many of the properties of alcohol, tranquillizers, opiates and hallucinogen.

It is anxiolytic, sedative, analgesic, psychedelic.

An altered state of consciousness.

