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*Dr. Monica* has successfully completed the project as an employee of this Institute, entitled “*State of diversity of commercially important sea weeds along the west coast of India*”. The project was funded by NFBSFARA, ICAR of *Rs. 122.30000 Lakhs* for the duration of 36 months (2012-2015). Under this project P.I. tried to create baseline data of algal diversity of Indian region using a combination of traditional and molecular taxonomic methods. The present study is an example wherein we identified two new species (*Ulvachaugulii* and *Pyropiasukshma*) and one variety (*Pyropiaacanthophora* var. *robusta*) and also reported *Ulvaohnoi* and *Pyropiaacanthophora* from Indian region first time. ***This is a first ever attempt of cultivation of Kappaphycus cultivation along Maharashtra coast.*** This successful experiment of cultivation leads to the hope of commercial farming and its further utilization in this region.

***Currently, Dr. Monica is a Scientist in CSIR-Central Salts & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar, Gujarat.***