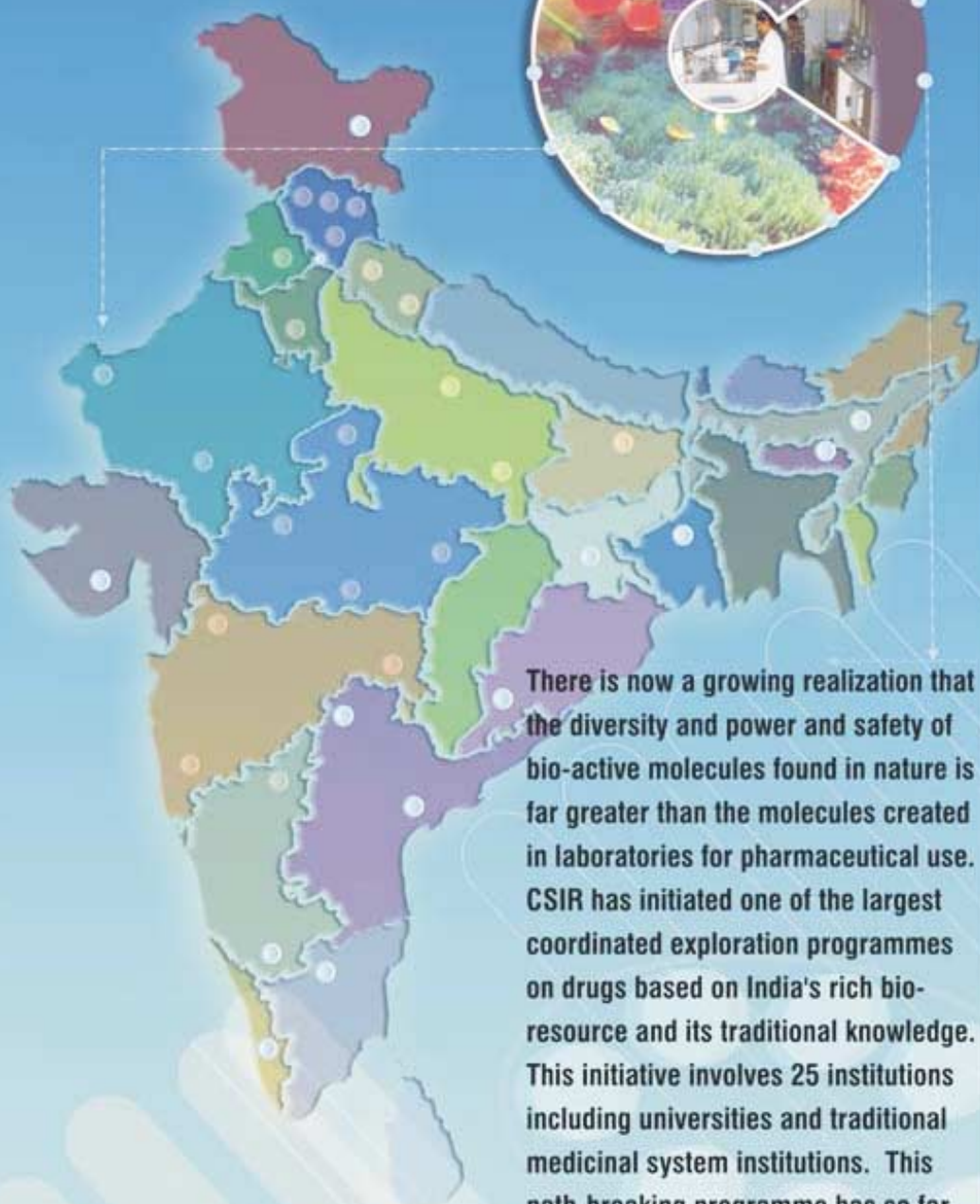


# Tapping bio-resources

Back to nature



There is now a growing realization that the diversity and power and safety of bio-active molecules found in nature is far greater than the molecules created in laboratories for pharmaceutical use. CSIR has initiated one of the largest coordinated exploration programmes on drugs based on India's rich bio-resource and its traditional knowledge. This initiative involves 25 institutions including universities and traditional medicinal system institutions. This path-breaking programme has so far screened 23,000 samples and identified 44 potential bio-active molecules.

