

galuuckthorn is a shrub with yellow-orange edible berry. It is found in the tree-line of Himalayan ranges and in the cold dry regions of Ladakh and spiti.

These crops has numerous values.

Medicinal values :

These crops can be used for treating stomach, heart and skin problems.

Various researches found that it has vitamins, carotenoids and omega fatty acid.

Ecological values :

It can prevent soil erosion and helps in conserving biodiversity. It can be used as an alternative to willow trees which are lost due to pest attack.

Commercial values

These crops can be used for making jams and squeezes. But

my cannot provide sustainable raw material and needs large planting.

Recent initiatives

- Ministry of environment, forest and climate change has asked the government to encourage planting trees.
- The chief minister of Himachal Pradesh in his budget announced to cultivate scabuckthorns in a vast land area.
- The scabuckthorn association has requested to plant these shrubs using CAMPA funds.

These trees can help conserve the ecology of Himalayan region which is facing a huge environmental threat.