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KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

TOPIC	KEY FACT
Floriculture	India imports \$1.2B/yr; CSIR mission covers 21 states
Shatavari	<i>Asparagus racemosus</i> ; 33 steroidal saponins (CSIR-NCL); galactagogue, adaptogen
Ganges Dolphin	6,324 in India (2025 WII census); functionally blind; echolocation only
MAPs	80% of global pop. uses plant medicine (WHO); 15,000 MAP species at risk
Zero Waste	2.01B tonnes global waste/year; only 13.5% recycled
Drishti System	India's first indigenous Runway Visual Range system; CSIR-NAL; 100+ airports

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