



## Lantana Camara

Recently, **fifteen elephant** figurines created from a **toxic and invasive plant species**, [Lantana camara](#), are currently on display outside the Vidhana Soudha (Vidhan Sabha) in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

- Lantana camara is a perennial shrub native to the **American tropics** and belongs to the **Verbenaceae family**.
  - With the **ability to adapt to the changing climate**, lantana can tolerate high temperature and moisture.
- However, it is one of the **world's ten worst invasive species** and a species of high concern for **India**.
  - Lantanas arrived in India as a decorative shrub in the British colonial period but **quickly took over several ecosystems as an invasive plant**.
  - **Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in Western Ghats** is one of the largest impacted hotspot areas due to invasion dominated by Lantana camara.



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