

Diversity of medicinal plants wealth of malwa region of Madhya Pradesh, India with special reference to its veterinary uses by local village farmers and tribal people

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Animals have had very significant role in human civilization and culture. They have been domestic for agriculture, milk, flesh, transport, recreation etc. Over a long period of time and through trial and error, the ethnic and rural folk have developed a wealth of domestic healthcare practices. Such indigenous knowledge is based on experience. In the past, great importance was given to the use of indigenous medicine for the treatment of animal diseases. Part of the written and unwritten knowledge use of plants in animal healthcare got credibility and wide acceptance. It becomes part of the texts on indigenous system of medicine. However, this knowledge still remained in folklore and its application remained almost confined locally to certain ethnic groups and remote rural areas, particularly in those areas where organised animal healthcare was not acceptable. The present work enumerates the medicinal plant wealth of Malwa region of M.P., India and focuses the traditional claim and all other aspects.

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