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# Ethnobotanical Studies & Economic Evaluation of Medicinal Plants of Chhotanagpur Plateau Region

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#### **ABSTRACT**

A scientific and systematic ethnobotanical survey was conducted among the Santhal community population in old Chhotanagpur Division (Ranchi, Palamu & Hazaribagh) in order to assess the availability, intensity and the use in treatment of various ailments by local inhabitants. An exhaustive inventory of major medicinal plants found popularly used as medicine and their botanicals identification along with the use of their various parts have been studied in details. Documentation of such study is highly relevant in post WTO (World Trade Organization) and globalization regime, when the interest in herbal medicine has grown enormously. The whole world is looking for safe medicine without any side effect, formulated from the plant's raw materials available at affordable price. This specially gains high significance in deep rural and tribal area of the developing country, where the socio-economic condition of the people is not good enough to bear high cost of modern medicine. The objectives of present studies were to document the various medicinal plants found in the tribal belt of chhotanagpur region and make in-depth study of their ethno-botanical utilization by the local people of the area (Anand Kumar et. al. 2014). The effort resulted in documenting variety of useful medicinal plants of the study area situated in Chhotanagpur Plateau, which lies between 20°c North-25° North Latitude 83°27' E-87°50 E longitude with a total area of 86,000 Sq.Km, consisting the districts viz. Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Palamu having tribal population and rich in and also their ethno-botanical uses. Collection of primary and secondary information from the study area revealed that Chhotanagpur plateau is represented by 87 species of Medicinal Plants belonging to 21 families. Many of the medicinal plants were found to be wild in nature and others were cultivated by the local. The research information generated may help in use of the studied plant and their parts as raw material for formulating newer, effective and affordable herbal drugs.

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# INTRODUCTION

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Chhotanagpur Plateau, which lies between 20°c North-25° North Latitude 83°27′ E-87°50 E longitude with a total area of 86,000 Sq.Km, consisting the districts viz. Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Palamu having tribal population and rich in vegetation (*Lal et. al. 2011*). The forest in this region is rich in floral biodiversity & boost of vast collection of many

indigenous medicinal & aromatic plants. Local Vaidyas, Hakims & Siddha practitioners recommend and uses raw materials from medicinal plants grown in the region for formulation of traditional indigenous medicine for treatment of various diseases including some acute and chronic diseases.

The tribal inhabitant of area largely believes on these medicines and the feedback received is highly encouraging. Further, the demands of the medicinal & aromatic plant in global market are increasing by leaps & bounds. Presently, China is the largest supplier of MAP (Medicinal and Aromatic Plant). However, India has large varieties of MAP, (Kalpana, 2015) which can be grown and supplied to the world market, which will help in income generation, employment of youth, health care, environment protection and also mitigate the ill effect of global warming and climate change. Therefore, in the present context, the ethno-botanical studies and economical evolution study of MAPs Chhotanagpur plateau region for traditional knowledge becomes important. The objectives of present studies were to document the various medicinal plants found in the tribal belt of chhotanagpur region and make in-depth study of their ethno-botanical utilization by the local people of the area (Anand Kumar et. al. 2014). The effort resulted in documenting variety of useful medicinal plants of the study area, and also their ethno-botanical uses.

## **Material and Method:**

For the present study, standard internationally accepted analytical and taxonomical methodology for

survey and analysis was adopted. Five study sites were selected in by Random Sampling Method (Site-1 in Ranchi, Site-2 in Hazaribagh, Site-3 in Palamu, Site-4 in Chatra and Site-5 in Gumla). The periodical trips were undertaken to the different part of the study area to collect the information scientifically and systematically on climatic condition (Max-Min-temp, Rainfall, Relative humidity, Sun-shine hours and wind velocity) and also the soil and water regime details. Further, plants details (Morphological and growth parameters) were done as per recommended method. The medicinal plants found in the study area were collected & brought to the laboratory for proper identifications with the help of identification key of flora given by Hutchison's Bentham and Hooker System (1973). Personal Interview with Local People, cultivators, Hakims and Tribal were carried out by applying structure questionnaire. The data obtained analyzed using proper statistical method (Bhatt 2002).

#### **Result& Discussion:**

Collection of primary and secondary information from the study area revealed that Chhotanagpur plateau is represented by 87 species of Medicinal Plants belonging to 21 families. Many of the medicinal plants were found to be wild in nature and others were cultivated by the local. Table – 1 presents the details of medicinal plants found in the study area with their scientific classification and evident use of the plant as herbal medicine used by local inhabitant, Vaidya & Hakim (*Bondya et. al. 2011*).

Table – 1 the details of the Ethno-botanical aspect of the plants found in Jharkhand study area.

| S. No | Name of Medicinal Plant  | Family        | Parts<br>of the<br>Plant | Ethnobotanical Uses  |
|-------|--|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1     | Achyranthus aspera Linn Local Name- Chirchiri Common/English Name- | Amaranthaceae | Stem                     | Purgative, diuretic in dropsy piles, boils, skin eroptions, colic, snake bite.                       |
|       | chaff-flower, prickly chaff  |               | Root                     | Infusion of root astringent.   |
|       | flower   |               | Seed                     | In hydrophobia, emetic.  |
| 2     | Albizzia lebbek Benth Local Name- Siris Common/English Name-       | Mimosaceae    | Bark                     | It is an astringent given in piles, diarrhea. It is also used in case of anemia and for curing itch. |
|       | lebbeck, lebbek tree, flea tree, frywood, koko and woman's         |               | Seed                     | It is an astringent given in piles, diarrhoea.   |

|   | tongue tree                        |             | Leaf     | It is used in case of anemia and for curing itch. |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|---|
|   |                                    |             | Fruit    | It is used in case of anemia and for curing itch. |
|   |                                    |             | Flower   | Flowers are useful as a cooling medicine.         |
|   | Anona Squamosa <b>Linn</b>         |             |          |   |
|   | Local Name- Sarifa, Sitaphal       |             | Seed,    | Seeds, fruits and leaves are used as              |
| 3 | Common/English Name-sugar          | Anonaceae   | fruit    | insecticide fish poison and to                    |
|   | apple or sweetsop, custard-        |             | and leaf | remove licein head.                               |
|   | apple                              |             |          |   |
|   | Anthocephalus chinensis Lamk       |             |          |   |
|   | Anthocephalus indicusA. Rich       | Rubiaceae   | Leaf     | Leaves used as gargle in cases of                 |
| 4 | Local Name- Kadam                  |             |          | aphthae and stomatitis bark tonic,                |
|   | Common/English Name-               | 110/0100000 |          | astringent in snake bite.                         |
|   | Burflower-tree, laran, and         |             |          |   |
|   | Leichhardt pine                    |             |          |   |
|   | Abrus precatorius <b>Linn</b>      |             | Root     | Roots sre used in obstinate cough.                |
| 5 | Local Name- Gunga, Chunchi         | Fabaceae    |          | The juice of fresh leaves mixed                   |
|   | Common/English Name-               |             | Leaf     | with some oil and applied to relief               |
|   | Jequirity bean or rosary pea       |             |          | pain.   |
|   | Accacia nilotica (Linn) <b>Del</b> |             |          |   |
|   | Accacia arbabica wild              |             |          | Bark is used as an astringent in                  |
| _ | Local Name- Babul, Kikar           | 3.61        | D 1      | diarrhoea and dysentery, substitute               |
| 6 | Common/English Name-Gum            | Mimosaceae  | Bark     | for oak galls-relaxed condition of                |
|   | arabic tree, babul, thorn          |             |          | the mucous membranes and                          |
|   | mimosa, Egyptian acacia or         |             |          | external application in leucorrhoea.              |
|   | thorny acacia                      |             |          |   |

| 7 | Barleria cristataLinn Barleria cilicataRoxb Local Name- Jati, Banpatoli Common/English Name- Philippine violet, bluebell barleria or crested Philippine violet | Acanthaceae    | Roots<br>and<br>leaves                 | Roots and leaves used to reduce swelling in fusion given in cough, snake bite.   |
|---|--|----------------|--|--|
| 8 | Buchanania lanzan Spreng Buchanania Latifolia Roxb Local Name-Chironji, piyal Common/English Name- Almondette tree,Cheronjee,Cuddapah                          | Anacardiaceae  | Leaf<br>Root                           | It is used in the treatment of skin diseases.  The roots are astringent, acrid, cooling, depurative and constipating, and are useful in treatment of diarrhoea.  Fruits are used in treating cough and |
|   | almond   |                | Fruit                                  | asthma.  |
| 9 | Bauhinia variegataLinn Local Name- Kachnar Common/English Name- Orchid tree, Mountain ebony  | Caesalpinaceae | Root,<br>bark<br>and<br>flower<br>Leaf | Root is given in dyspepsia and flatulency. Bark, flower and root triturated in rice water as a cataplasm to promote suppuration.  Dried buds are used in piles and                                     |

|    |   |                            |                      | dysentery.  |
|----|---|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
|    | Clerodendrun indicum ( <b>Linn</b> )  |                            | Root                 | Root is useful in asthma and cough.   |
| 10 | Itze Siphnanthus inducusLinn Local Name- Bamanhati, Bharangi Common/English Name- Chhoti arani, Chingari  | Verbenaceae                | Leaf                 | Juice of leaves used with ghee as an application to herpetic eruptions and pemphigus. It is bitter tonic.                 |
| 11 | Dalbergia sissooRoxb. Local Name- Shisham, Sisso  | Fabaceae                   | Leaf                 | The leaves in decoction are esteemed in eruptive diseases, vomiting.  |
| 11 | Common/English Name-<br>Indian Rosewood   |                            | Bark                 | The bark made into pills with aromatics is used to check cholera.   |
| 12 | Diospyros embroyopteris <b>Pers</b> Diospyros malabarica <b>Desar</b> Local Name- Gara Tiril, Mahakenda, Gab  | Ebenaceae                  | Fruit<br>and<br>Bark | Fruit and bark stringent used as gargle in aphthae and sore throats, juice used as wounds and ulcers. Bark used in fever. |
| 12 | Common/English Name-Gaub<br>tree, Malabar ebony, black-<br>and-white ebony or pale moon<br>ebony  |                            | Seed                 | Oil of seeds given in diarrhoea and dysentery.  |
| 13 | Elaphantopus scaberLinn Local Name- Manjur Juti, Samdulan Common/English Name- Elephant Foot, Prickly-leaved elephant's foot, Bull's Tongue, Ironweed | Compositae<br>(Asteraceae) | Root                 | The paste of the root is given and applied locally for cure of pimples in infants or urinary troubles.                    |

|    | Gmelina arborea Linn<br>Local Name- Gamhar   |                 | Plant | Plants used in snake bite and scorpion sting.   |
|----|--|-----------------|-------|---|
| 14 |  | Verbenac<br>eae | Leaf  | Juice of leaves demulcent, used in gonorrhoea, cough and to remove fetid discharges and worms from ulcer. |
| 15 | Tectona grandisLinn Local Name- Sagwan, Teak, Sagun Common/English Name- Teak                          | Verbenac<br>eae | Wood  | Wood chips cures eczema and ringworm.   |
| 16 | Jasminum arborescensRoxm Local Name-Chameli, Bonomali Common/English Name-Navamallika                  | Oleaceae        | Leaf  | Leaves slightly bitter, astringent, tonic, stomachic, juice of leaves used with pepper and garlic.        |
|    | Woodfordia fruiticosa <b>Kurz</b>  |                 | Leaf  | It is used a sores and ulcer.   |
| 17 | Local Name- Dhauri, Bela Common/English Name-Woodfordia, Fire flame bush, Fore-Flame bush, Shiranjitea | Lythracea<br>e  | Root  | Crushed roots are given to cattle for rheumatism.   |
| 18 | Ziziphus mauritianaLamk<br>Ziziphus jujaba (Linn) Caertn   | Rhamnac<br>eae  | Fruit | Mucilaginous fruit, purify the blood and aid digestion.   |

|    | Local Name- Ber  |                    | Bark             | It is used for curing diarrhoea.  |
|----|--|--------------------|------------------|---|
|    | Common/English Name-Chinese date,<br>ber, Chinee apple, jujube, Indian plum,<br>Regi pandu, Indian jujube  |                    | Root             | It is used in decoction in fever and powder applied to old wounds and ulcer.  |
| 19 | Datura metalLinn Local Name- Dhatura Common/English Name-Jimsonweed (jimson weed) or devil's snare   | Solanacea<br>e     | Whole<br>Plant   | Leaves, flowering top and seeds used in bronchitis, asthma and control salivation in mouth.   |
| 20 | TerminaliabelericaRoxb Local Name- Bahera Common/English Name- Bibhitaki,Baheda, Belliric Myrobalan, Bastard myrobalan, Beach almond, Bedda nut tree   | Combrata<br>ceae   | Fruit            | The dried fruits are useful in indigestion and diarrhoea. It is given also as a brain tonic and is applied on eyes as a soothing lotion. It is also useful in leprosy, dropsy, piles and fever. |
| 21 |  | Menisper<br>maceae | Root and<br>Stem | The starch obtained from the roots and stems of the plants is useful in diarrhoea and dysentery. It is also a nutrient.   |
|    |  |                    | Stem             | The drug is useful as a tonic and antiperiodic.   |
|    | Acacia catechuwild Local Name- Khair, Lavalonj   | Mimosac            | Root             | Root paste applied on the joints for seven days for rheumatism.   |
| 22 | Common/English Name-White Thorn, White catechu, White cutch tree   | eae                | Plant            | Plant extract is used as an astringent in fever and other maladies, useful in diarrhoea also.   |
| 23 | Amelocissus latifoliaPlanch Vitis latifolia Roxb Local Name- Panibel Common/English Name-Wild Grape  | Vitaceae           | Root             | Curing eczema (root is made into paste with mustard oil).   |
| 24 | Bredelia retusa Bredelia spinosaRoxb Local Name-Kadrupala, Khaja Common/English Name-Spinous Kino Tree   | Euphorbi<br>aceae  | Bark             | Bark is made into a paste which is used during menstruation to fertility.   |
| 25 | Cassia tora Linn CassiaobtusifoliaLinn SennatoroidesRoxb Local Name-Chakor, chakunda, singhani Common/English Name-Sickle Senna or Sickle Wild sensitive-plant, sickle pod, tora, coffee pod, tovara, chakvad, thakara | Caesalpin<br>aceae | Root             | Root paste and powder prepared from the horn of a cow is given daily in high fever and to a patient who is unable to speak and hear.  |

| 26 | Cissampeloz pareriaLinn Local Name-Akanadi, Khorar Common/English Name-Velvet Leaf, False Pareira Brava, Abuta, Pereira Root, Barbasco                             | Minisper<br>maceae | Root             | Used in fever.  |
|----|--|--------------------|------------------|---|
| 27 | CleomeviscosaLinn Local Name-Burhur, Hurhuria Common/English Name-Asian spider flower, Yellow spider flower, Cleome, Tickweed                                      | Capparid aceae     | Stem             | To cure constipation and cure intermittent fever.   |
| 28 | Crotalaria bialata Roxb Crotalaria alataHan Local Name-Maranga jhunka, Murgijori Common/English Name-Rattlepod or rattlebox  | Fabaceae           | Stem<br>and Leaf | Treatment in discharge of blood with urine. The juice of the root is used in the treatment of malarial fever.                           |
| 20 | Croton oblongifoliusRoxb Local Name-Kuti, Putri, Mahson Common/English Name-Ghanasura, Ghansura Assamese   | Euphorbi - aceae - | Bark and<br>Root | Bark and root are given as a purgative and also in dysentery.   |
| 29 |  |                    | Stem<br>Leaf     | Stem juice is applied on ringworm.  Young twig is cure blindness and also to remove cataract.   |
| 30 | Cuscuta reflexaRoxb Local Name-Amarbail, Algusi Common/English Name-Amar Bel, Devils Hair  | Convolvo<br>laceae | Whole<br>Plant   | Plant is made into a paste which is applied with bandage for curing exira. It is also used in veterinary practice.                      |
| 31 | DendrophthoefalcataLinn f Loranthus falcatusLinn f Loranthus longiflorusDesr Local Name-Sakhua ka banda Common/English Name-Honey Suckle Mistletoe, Neem mistletoe | Loranthac eae      | Whole<br>Plant   | Applied on the paralytic part of the body   |
| 32 | Flemingia chapperHam Local Name-Rani Dant Kata, galphuli Common/English Name-Flemingia   | Fabaceae           | Seed             | One to two drops of juice extracted<br>from pressed seeds are put in the<br>eyes as a remedy in eye troubles<br>and to remove cataract. |
| 33 | Glossogyne pinnatifda <b>DC</b> Bidens pinnatifida <b>Heyne</b> Glossogyne bidens <b>Linn</b>  | Asteracea<br>e     | Leaf             | It is kept in the side of the teeth for extracting tooth worm and for curing toothache.   |
|    | Local Name-Bandhania, tabarangu<br>Common/English Name-Tejraj,<br>Barangom   | (Composi tae)      | Plant            | Plant is made into a paste which is prescribed in dysentery.  |

| 34 | Grewia asiatica <b>Linn</b> Grewia subinaequalis <b>DC.</b> Local Name-Phalsa, Kukur Ahwar  | Tiliaceae         | Stem             | Curing inflammation of the   |
|----|---|-------------------|------------------|--|
|    | Common/English Name-Bariuan,<br>Phalsa, Black Currant   |                   |                  | testicles.   |
| 35 | Hibiscus rosa SinensisLinn Local Name-Urhul, Chinese shoe flower. Common/English Name-Chinese hibiscus, China rose, Hawaiian hibiscus, rose mallow and shoeblackplant | Malvacea<br>e     | Flower<br>bud    | Flower bud is made into a paste which is prescribed in impotency.                                      |
| 36 | Leela arispaLinn Local Name-Hasna, Ban Chalita Common/English Name-Daffodil, Daffadowndilly, Narcissus and Jonquil  | Amelidac<br>eae   | Root and<br>Bark | The root with bark of is made into a paste which is prescribed in case of snake bite.                  |
| 37 | Leonotis nepetaefolia <b>B. Br</b> .  Local Name-Karizari, Jamum-dhompo Common/English Name-klip dagga, Christmas candle stick or Lion's ear                          | Labiatae          | Plant            | Ashes of the plant with fruit are mixed with mustard oil and applied on the body for during paralysis. |
| 38 | Lepidagathis hamitoniawall Local Name-Bhui Nim, agric-khair Common/English Name-Bukhar Jadi, agric-khair, Bhui Gend   | Acanthac eae      | Plant            | Curing itching and sores.  |
| 39 | Meyna laxiflora Robyns Vangueria PubescensKurz Local Name-Alu, Aaliv Common/English Name-Muyna  | Rubiacea<br>e     | Leaf             | Decoction of leaves is prescribed in dysentery.  |
| 40 | Ochna Pumila Buch- <b>Ham Local Name-</b> Champa baha   | Ochnacea          | Plant            | It is used in snake bite and for certain menstrual complaints consumption and asthma.                  |
|    | Common/English Name-Champa  | e                 | Root             | Root is made into a paste which is prescribed in fever.  |
| 41 | Pterospermum acerifoliumwild Local Name-Makchand, Kanak Champa, Machkunda Common/English Name-Kanak Champa, Muchakunda or Karnikar Tree                               | Sterculiac<br>eae | Flower           | Flowers used for indigestion body dehydration and passing of blood with urine.                         |
| 42 | Polygala chinensisLinn Local Name-Rali, Gaighura Common/English Name- Indian Milkwort   | Polygalac<br>eae  | Plant            | This is prescribed in cough and asthma.  |

| 43 | Rivea hypocrateriformis Chois Local Name-Jamruchalum, Kalmilata Common/English Name-Midnapore Creeper, Common Night Glory  | Convolvu<br>laceae   | Leaf             | Prescribed for concentration of semen.   |
|----|--|----------------------|------------------|--|
| 44 | Scoparia dulicisLinn Local Name-Jalan Common/English Name-Licorice weed, goatweed, scoparia-weed and sweet- broom  | Scrophula<br>riaceae | Leaf             | Leaves paste is used for burning sensation during urination.   |
| 45 | Sida acuta Burm f Local Name-Kamraj, Bon-methi, Jungli Methi Common/English Name-Wireweed  | Malvacea<br>e        | Root             | Root is made into a paste which is mixed with mustard oil and heated. It is applied on the waist as a remedy for pain. |
| 46 | Sida cordifoliaLinn Local Name-Ilima, Sidha Common/English Name-Ilima, flannel weed, bala  | Malvacea<br>e        | Leaf             | It is prescribed in gonorrhoea and for concentration of semen.   |
| 47 | Soymida febrifugaA. Juss Local Name-Parair, Hohini Common/English Name-Indian Redwood, Bastard cedar   | Meliacea<br>e        | Twig             | Twigs of the plant are given to cows to accelerate extrusion placenta after delivery.                                  |
| 48 | Terminalia tomentosaW & E Local Name-Aswan, Sain, Karaka, Asana Common/English Name-Asna, saj or saaj, Indian laurel   | Combreta<br>ceae     | Twig<br>and Leaf | Made into a paste which is given in vomiting and loose motion.   |
| 49 | Ventilago Calyculate Tul Local Name-Raj-dhani, Bomga, Sanarjom Common/English Name-Raktapita   | Rhamnac<br>eae       | Root             | Paste is prepare from root and is heated, then cool. It is prescribed in earache and flow of pus from the ears.        |
| 50 | Wattakaka Volubilis (Linn) stap f. Local Name-Bari, Nakchikni, Barka Common/English Name-Sneeze Wort, Cotton milk plant, Green milkweed climber, Green wax flower, Sneezing silk | Asclepiad aceae      | Bark             | It is made into a paste. It is prescribed in discharge of blood with urine and other urinary troubles.                 |
| 51 | Withiania SomniferaDunal Local Name-Ashwagandha Common/English Name-Ashwagandha  | Solanacea<br>e       | Root             | Dried root of the plant used in constipations, sexual and general weakness and rheumatism.                             |

| 52                                   | Tylophora indica (Bum f) Merr.  Local Name-Antamul  Common/English Name-Indian Ipecac, Indian ipecacuanha, emetic swallow- wort, vomiting swallow-wort            | Asclepiad aceae    | Root  | The dried roots are useful in treatment of dysentery. An infusion of the drug is given is asthma and bronchitis.  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------|---|
|                                      |   |                    | Seed  | It is useful in piles leprosy, dropsy and fever.  |
| 53                                   | Terminalia bellirica(Gaerth) Roxb<br>Local Name-Triphala<br>Common/English Name-Baheda,<br>Belliric Myrobalan, Bastard myrobalan,<br>Beach almond, Bedda nut tree | Combreta<br>ceae   | Fruit | The fruit are useful in stomach disorders such as indigestion, diarrhoea. It is given also as a brain tonic and is applied on eyes as a scathing lotion. The Bahera fruit is one of three constituents of the famous Indian preparation (Triphala). |
| 54                                   | Terminalia chebula <b>Retz</b> Local Name-Harad, Harre, Har, Haritaki Common/English Name-Chebulic Myrobalan, Myrobalan   | Combrata<br>ceae   | Fruit | The dried fruits constitute the drag, It can be applied externally on chronic ulcers, wounds and used as laxative and blood pressure. It is and ingredient of the wall known preparation "Triphala."  |
| 55                                   | Tamarindus indica Linn Local Name-Imli Common/English Name-Tamarind   | Caesalpin<br>aceae | Fruit | The pulp of the fruits is medicinal, tamarind pulp's infusion in water is a very refreshing drink. It is useful in fevers.  |
| 56                                   | Eugenia Jambolana Lam Local Name-Jamun, Jam Common/English Name-Malabar plum,   | Myrtacea<br>e      | Bark  | The bark is used in sore throats, bronchitis, asthama, ulcers and dysentery, and as a gargle.   |
|                                      | Java plum, Black plum   |                    | Seed  | It is very useful in diabetes.  |
| 57                                   | Sterculia urensRexb Local Name-Gulum, Kulu, Karai Common/English Name-Ghost tree,   | Sterculiac         | Fruit | The gum is used as mechanical laxative, in throat infection and in dental fissures.   |
|                                      | kulu, Indian tragacanth, Gum karaya,<br>katira, sterculia gum or kateera gum.   | eae                | Leaf  | It is useful in pleura pneumonia in cattle.   |
| Solanum surattense Local Name-Kateri | Solanum xanthocarpum Solanum surattense Burm-f Local Name-Kateri, ringi   | Solanacea          | Root  | The dried roots are used in cough, asthma, pain in chest and certain kinds of fevers, It is also useful n stones in bladders.   |
|                                      | Common/English Name-Thorny<br>Nightshade, Yellow Berried Nightshade,<br>Thai eggplant   | e                  | Fruit | It is useful in bronchitis, sore throat muscular pain, fever etc.   |

| 59 | Reuvolfia Serpentina (Linn)Bentham kurz Local Name-Sarpagandha, Chotachand Common/English Name-Indian Snakeroot, Serpentine wood        | Apocynac<br>eae    | Root           | It's root contain several alkaloids. It is used in insanity and high blood pressure. The sedative action of the drug is slow and therefore, the drug is not useful in acute cases. The root of the plant is useful also in diseases of bowels and in fever. |
|----|---|--------------------|----------------|---|
|    |   |                    | Flower         | Flowers are useful in hemorrhagic and dysentery.  |
| 60 | Saraca indica auct, non-Linn<br>Local Name-Ashoka   | Caesalpin          | Seed           | Seeds are useful in urinary discharges.   |
|    | Common/English Name-Ashok or<br>Asoca   | aceae              | Bark           | The dried bark is used as an astringent in the treatment of excessive menstruation as a uterine sedative.   |
| 61 | Ricinus communis Linn Local Name-Castor oil plant Common/English Name-Castor bean, Castor oil plant, Wonder tree                        | Euphorbi<br>aceae  | Seed           | The Oil obtained from seeds called castor oil, is used as a purgative. It's oil is best administered with milk or fruit juice. It is also used in ointments. The seeds are poisonous.   |
|    | Psoralea corylifolia <b>Linn</b>  | Fabaceae           | Plant          | The drug is useful in leukoderma and leprosy as an external application in the form of ointment.  |
| 62 | Local Name-Babchi Common/English Name-Purple Fleabane, Scurfy Pea, Blackdot, Malaysian Scurfpea   |                    | Seed           | Powdered seeds of P. Corylifolia and Acacia tora with lime juice are used in cases of ringworm.   |
|    |   |                    | Root           | Roots are useful in cure of teeth.  |
|    |   |                    | Leaf           | It is useful in diarrhoea.  |
| 63 | Plantago ovataForsk Local Name-Ishapgola or Ispgol Common/English Name-Blond plantain, Desert Indianwheat, Blond psyllium and Ispaghul  | Plantagin<br>aceae | Whole<br>Plant | It is very useful in several kinds of chronic dysentery and soothing agent for mucous membranes and is useful in constipation.  |
| 64 | Ipomoea turpethumR.B. Local Name-Pithori, Nisoth, Indian jalpa Common/English Name-Transparent Wood Rose, White day glory, Indian jalap | Convolvu<br>laceae | Root           | It is used as a purgative and prescribed in scorpion sting and snake-bite.  |
| 65 | Purgularia daernia (Forsh) Chiov Daemia extersaR.Br. Local Name-Sadovani, Mosiphul, utran Common/English Name-Trellis-vine              | Asclepiad aceae    | Plant          | it is used as a uterine tonic, expectorant and emetic. It is useful in curing gynecological condition such as excessive bleeding etc.   |

| 66  | Ocimum sanctumLinn Local Name-Tulsi Common/English Name-Holy basil   | Labiatae        | Leaf Seed Root | The juice of the leaves is useful in bronchitis, catarrh, digestive complaints. The oil obtained from leaves has the property of destroying bacteria and insects. It is dropped in ears to relieve earache. It is useful in complaints of urinary system.  Decoction of root is given malarial fever. |
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| 67  | Peganum harmala Linn Local Name-Harmal, Gandhaya Common/English Name-Harmal, Syrina Rue, Turkey red                                      | Rutaceae        | Seed           | The dried seeds are used in asthma, hysteria, calic pains, fever, jaundice, gallstones, and painful menstruation. They are also used as narcotic anti-helminthic and emetic.  |
| 68  | Mentha arvensisLinn Local Name-Wild mint Common/English Name-Field Mint, Wild Mint, Corn Mint  | Labiatae        | Leaf           | Leaves infusion in used in rheumatic pains and indigestion.   |
| 69  | Lawsonia albaLinn Lawsonia intermis Linn Local Name-Mehndi Common/English Name-Henna, Henna Egyptian Privet, Egyptian Privet             | Lythracea e     | Leaf           | it is used as , skin diseases. The paste of leaves is used in Indian homes in headache burning sensation in feet etc.  Bark is given in jaundice and  |
|     |  |                 | Bark           | enlargement of the spleen, in skin diseases and leprosy.  |
|     | Hygrophila auriculata(Schum) Heine   |                 | Seed           | It is useful in dropsy rheumatism and diseases of urinogenital system. Seeds are considered useful also in venereal diseases.   |
| 70  | Hydrophila spinosa <b>T. and</b> Asteracantha longgifolia <b>Nees</b> Local Name-Talmakhana, Kuliakanta Common/English Name-Marsh Barbel | Acanthac<br>eae | Leaf           | Leaves are useful in cough and urethral discharges.   |
| 71  | Hemidesmus indicus R.Br. Local Name-Anantmul, Hindi salsa Common/English Name-Indian Sarsaparilla  | Asclepiad aceae | Leaf           | It is used in fever, skin, diseases, loss of appetite syphilis, leucorrhoea and other urinary complaints. It is largely used as a blood purifier and in rheumatism.   |
| 72  | Euphorbia hirtaLinn Euphorbia pilulifera auct. Non-Linn (P.B.I)  | Euphorbi        | Leaf           | It is useful in removing worm in children, in bowel complaints asthma and cough.  |
| , 2 | Local Name-Lal Dubhi Common/English Name-Asthma Weed, Common spurge, Cats hair   | aceae           | Root           | The roots of the plant stop vomiting.   |

| 73 | Emblica officinalis Gaerth Phyllanthus Emblica Linn Local Name-Amla, Aonla Common/English Name-Amla, Indian gooseberry  | Euphorbi<br>aceae    | Fruit            | It is used as a laxative and treatment of enlarged liver piles, stomach complaints, pain in eyes etc. It is useful in indigestion anemia, jaundice certain heart complaints cold in nose and for promoting urination. It is very rich source of vitamin C, and dried fruits are useful in diarrhoea and dysentery. |
|----|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
|    |   |                      | Seed             | Seeds are reported to cure asthma and stomach disorders.   |
| 74 | Datura stramonium Linn Local Name-Dhatura Common/English Name-Jimsonweed, thornapple, Jamestown-weed, Devil's apple   | Solanacea<br>e       | Seed             | The drug is useful in bronchitis or asthma and controls salivation in mouth. It is antispasmodic and narcotic.   |
| 75 | Vinca rosea Linn catharanthus roseus(Linn) G. Don. Lochnera rosea (Linn) Reichb Local Name-Sadabahar, Nayantara Common/English Name-Periwinkle, Madagascar periwinkle, Rosy periwinkle, Vinca | Apocynac<br>eae      | Plant<br>extract | The drug was known to possess toxic and stomachic properties. It is also useful in leukemia.   |
| 76 | Cassia fistula Linn Local Name-Amaltas, Bara-chakunda Common/English Name-Amaltas, Golden shower tree, Indian Laburnum  | Caseasalp<br>inaceae | Seed             | Used as laxative.  |
|    |   |                      | Leaf             | Juice of leaves is used in skin diseases and also used as laxative.  |
|    |   |                      | Root<br>bark     | Used as laxative.  |
|    |   |                      | Fruit            | Fruits cathartic is applied in rheumatism and snake bite.  |
| 77 | Boerhavia diffusaLinn Local Name-Survari, Santhi, Bishhpopra, Sant Common/English Name-Red hogweed, Tar Vine, Red Spiderling, Wineflower  | Nyctagin<br>aceae    | Root and<br>Leaf | The roots and leaves constitute the drug. It contains the alkaloid, punarnavine. The main use of the drug is as a diuretic i.e. to promote urination in dropsy and in jaundice and gonorrhea. It is also laxative.   |
| 78 | Butea monosperma (Lamk) Taub Local Name-Palas, Tesu, Dhak Common/English Name-Flame of the Forest, Battle of Plassey tree, Bengal kino, Palas tree, Parrot tree                               | Fabaceae             | Flower           | The red colour gum contains tannis and is valuable for treatment of diarrhoea.   |
|    |   |                      | Seed             | The seeds are used as anthelmintic in treatment of roundworms and tapeworm. They are also useful on ringworm.  |

|    |  |                      | Root           | The root bark is used in blood pressure.  |
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| 79 | Bacopa monnieri (Linn)Penell Bacopa monniera Wettst Herpestis monnicra(Linn) H.B. & L. Monniera cunerifoliaMichx Local Name-Safed chamni, Brahim Common/English Name-Brahmi, herb of grace, Indian pennywort, moneywort, Monnier's bacopa, thyme-leaved gratiola, water hyssop | Scrophula<br>riaceae | Whole<br>Plant | It is prescribed in nervous disorders, mental diseases. Constipation and as a diuretic i.e. to promote urination leaf juice is given to infants in bronchitis, the relief is due to the vomiting and purging brought about by the drug. The plant is considered a blood purifier. It contains an alkaloids "Brahmin" which is a cardiac tonic i.e. provides strength and tone to the heart. |
| 80 | Melia Azadirachta Linn Azadirachta indiea A juss Local Name-Neem Common/English Name-Neem, Indian lilac  | Meliacea<br>e        | Whole<br>Plant | It consists of dried stem bark, leaves and root bark. It is a bitter tonic, astringent antiperiodic. It is useful in fevers and skin diseases, a decoction of leaves is also taken internally.  |
| 81 | Andrographis Paninculata (Burn f.) wall ex Local Name- Common/English Name- Creat or green chireta   | Acanthac eae         | Whole<br>Plant | It is useful in curing fevers worms, dysentery, general weakness and excess gas formation in stomach. It is also prescribed for liver and digestion complaints. The plant has anti typhoid and antibiotic properties.   |
| 82 | Alastonia schlaris (Linn)R.Br. Local Name- Common/English Name-Blackboard tree or Devil's tree   | Apocynac<br>eae      |                | It is useful in chronic diarrhea and dysentery malarial fever. It is also useful in skin diseases.  |
| 83 | Aegle Marmelox (Linn) Correa Local Name-chhatin, Chhatim Common/English Name-  | Rutaceae             | Fruit          | It is valuable for its mucilage and pectin. It is very useful in chronic diarrhea and dysentery. The half ripe fruits improve appetite and digestion. Fruit and root of this plant. Pulp of the fruits is useful as sweet drinks (Sharbat).   |
|    |  |                      | Leaf           | Used as antibiotic.   |
| 84 | Calotropiz gigantea (R.Br.) Asclepias gigantea Wild Local Name-Akaon, Akond Common/English Name- Aak, Madar  | Asclepiad aceae      | Root           | Root bark has been used on elephantiasis.   |
|    |  |                      | Leaf           | Tincture of leaves is used in intermittent fever. The heated leaves are applied on any swelling of the legs of cattle.  |

|    |   |                      | Flower           | Powdered flowers are used in colds, asthma and indigestion.  |
|----|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
| 85 | Shorea robusta Gaertn f. Local Name-Sal Common/English Name-Sal   | Dipteroca<br>rpaceae | Leaf and<br>Bark | It is useful in chest pain and stomachache. Traditionally used for various ailments. The leaves and bark are used to treat wounds, ulcers, leprosy, cough, gonorrhea, earache and headache. The bark is also used to treat diarrhea, dysentery and vaginal discharges. |
| 86 | Adhatoda VasicaNees Adhatoda Zeylanica Medik Local Name-Vasika, Bansa, Adusa Common/English Name-Malabar Nut, white vasa, yellow vasa | Acanthac eae         | Flower           | It is useful as an expectorant it is given in the form of juice syrup or decoction. It is also useful in bronchitis.  The leaves contain an alkaloid, vaccine and an essential oil.  |

## **Result and Discussion:**

The observations revealed that the study area is highly rich in medicinal plants with variety of flora of diverse traits. Almost all tribal community found in Jharkhand (Approx no. 31) extensively uses these herbs, shrubs and medicinal plants for treatment of their ailments. Besides their use of medicinal plant for curing various diseases local people use them also in homes and in fields as an ornamental plant, shade plants, timber plants, vegetable, fruit plants, food trees etc. Almost all parts of these plants are used as raw materials and other purposes viz. root, bark, stem, flower, seed, fruits (Rani et. al. 2002). The scientific and systematic investigation of these plants from phytochemical and antibacterial fungal aspect may lead to formulation of newer plants based at herbal drugs capable of effective treatment of large number of diseases at affordable prices (Singh et. al. 2003). Increase human activities, industrialization and environmental pollution are threatening the survival of medicinal plant in the study area. Therefore urgent steps are required to be taken for conservation & maintenance of the germplasm of there valuable plants & scientific cultivation of these as per recommended GAP (Good Agronomical Plants).

# **Conclusion:**

The Plateau Region of Jharkhand state is fulls of biodiversity of flora of various kinds especially the medicinal plant. Systematic and Scientific survey recorded 86 genera of medicinal plant of ethnobotanical importance in the Chhotanagpur plateau region. However, these plant are facing the risk of being distorted and extinct due to increase human interference rapid urbanization and high pollution. Ethnobotanical and pharmacological detail of these medicinal plants is the need of the hour. Identification, conservation, maintenance and grafting of these plants using GAP is required a priority especially for Jharkhand State.

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