

USE OF ETHNO MEDICINAL PLANTS BY ETHNIC PEOPLE FOR THE TREATMENT OF DERMATOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

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Abstract: Medicinal plants are a rich source of active ingredients of secondary metabolites which provide a safer and cost effective way to treat diseases. The present article reviewed the published paper on ethno botanical plants used to treat the dermatological problems which are common in the West Bengal state of India and ethnic people of the state used locally available plant resources. A total of 74 plants belonging 69 genera and 36 families have been extracted for their therapeutic use against different skin related problems such as cuts, burns, infection, leucoderma, boils etc. Among all the plant parts, leaves were the most frequently utilized part of plant and most herbal remedies are prepared as paste, extract or juice and applied externally and were found to possess good healing property over a short period of time. The present study concluded that further clinical and phytochemical experimentation is needed.

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