

AN EVALUATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE BASED STUDIES IN UTTAR PRADESH AND UTTARAKHAND

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Abstract: Dwindling ethnicity in states in question and renaissance of traditional knowledge and phytotherapy especially in AYUSH systems of alternative medicine have prompted the authors to document the present scenario of traditional knowledge for the benefit of new researchers and technothirsty Herbalists because despite recognition of 175 medicinal species in Uttarakhand alone, there remains untapped reservoir of various phytochemicals awaiting intensive investigation for their biological activity based on existing pool of traditional knowledge which is being documented in present communication.

INTRODUCTION

Since remote past wide variety of plants/their parts (root, stem, bark, flower, fruit) products (edible carbohydrates, proteins, carotenoids, fibers, gums, resins, flavonoids, terpenoids, vitamins, essential oils, etc.) are known to meet daily sustenance, religious, cultural, social, economic and health needs of human beings besides maintaining biodiversity and eco-equilibrium. Plants are also known for their nutritional, mineral, medicinal, aromatic and savory quality besides contraceptive, insecticidal and antioxidant properties (Singh and Vats, 2006; Ansari and Joshi, 2004; Agrawal, 1988).

Renaissance of traditional knowledge and phytotherapy became imperative due to the diversity, accessibility,

affordability, biodegradability, less phyto-toxicity, preventive as well as curative properties of NTFPS in Ayurvedic, Unani, Sidha, Homeopathic and Tibetan systems of alternative medicines used to treat stress related, anxiety related, psychosomatic, post traumatic, digestion related, radiation related, toxicity related, disability related, infection related and life style related disorders (Singh and Vats, 2006; Sharma, 2007). Consequently, ethnobotanical studies/traditional knowledge were undertaken in UP and Uttarakhand and their update is presented herein, especially so because agrotechniques of high altitude medicinal and aromatic plants may be developed in view of threats to plants and, herbal potential may be fully worked out. Present work comprises only of references without details for which papers cited may be referred to.

Table.1- Documentation of Ethnobotanical Studies in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand

S.No.	Place	Author(s)	Year
1.	Supplementary food plants of Kumaon	K S Bhargava	1959
2.	Medicinal plants of Saharanpur	B S Ahuja	1965
3.	Plant lore of western UP	S B Arya	1965
4.	Medicinal Plants of Bhagirathi valley	S. Juyal & M R Uniyal	1966
5.	Ethnobotany of Kumaon	R. Sahay & N C Joshi	1973
6.	Botanical drugs from hill districts of UP	N C Shah	1975
7.	Wild edible fruits of Garhwal himalayas	R D Gaur	1977
8.	Some medicinal ferns from Pithoragarh hills	A K S Niranjan & J P Dude	1978
9.	Ethnobotany of district Garhwal	M. Kaur	1979
10.	Medicinal plants of Dharchula block (Pithoragarh)	A K Singh, S K Palvi & H. Singh	1980
11.	Ethnobotany of Tharus of Kheri district, UP	J K Maheshwari, K K Singh & S. Saha	1981
12.	Alpine flora of Tungnath, Garhwal	J K Semwal & R D Gaur	1981
13.	Ethnobotanical records of infectious diseases from tribals of Banda district	A P Saxena & K H Vyas	1981
14.	Unusual supplementary wild plants of Kumaon	P S Pangtey, R D Rawat & B. Kalakoty	1982
15.	Some medicinal plants of district Saharanpur	S. Bhargava	1982
16.	Ferns of Chakrata	S P Khullar, S S Sharma & P. Singh	1982
17.	Some little known wild edibles of Garhwal	R D Gaur & J.K. Semwal	1983
18.	Folk medicinal claims of Chakrata forests	V K Singh, A. Mohd & Abrar M Khan	1984
19.	Wild medicinal ferns of Shahjahanpur distt (UP)	S C Sharma	1985

20.	Ethnobotanical approach of Jaunsar & Siwalik	Wazahat Husain & M B Siddiqui	1987
21.	Ethnobotany of Alpine regions of Kumaon	G S Rawat & Y P S Pangtey	1987
22.	Some less known edible & economic ferns of Kumaon region of western Himalaya	P C Pande & Y P S Pangtey	1987
23.	Ethnobotanical study of common trees in Garhwal	K S Negi, J K Tiwari & R D Gaur	1987
24.	Socioeconomic plant resources in Vyasi valley of Tehri Garhwal	S K Dhyani & R K Sharma	1987
25.	Ethnobotany of Kumaon Himalayas	N C Sahay and S K Jain	1988
26.	Indian Butter Tree: some ethnobotanical notes	K S Negi <i>et al</i>	1988
27.	Traditional herbal remedies of Tharus in Bhabraich	K K Singh & J K Maheshwari	1989
28.	Medicinal hydrophytes of Shahjahanpur	S C Sharma, R. Sarabhai & S A Ahmad	1989
29.	Ethnobotanical wealth of district Muzaffarnagar	Dhrupal & S K Gupta	1989
30.	Ethnobotanical importance of fern flora of Balmiki Nagar (Eastern U.P.)	R B Srivastava & R M P Verma	1991
31.	Ethnobotany of Tons valley of Uttarkashi district	S K Jain & A. Saklani	1991
32.	Ethnobotanical observations on some gymnosperms of Garhwal	H. Singh, A. Saklani & B. Lal	1991
33.	Flavouring and masticating plants of Bhotias	K C Bhat, M.K. Bist & R D Gaur	1991
34.	Folk medicines of Tharus of Gorakhpur	K K Singh & J K Maheshwari	1992
35.	Medicobotanical studies on the trees of Badaun district	S C Sharma & Madhu Gautam	1992
36.	Ethnobotany of Rajis in Pithoragarh district	K C Bhat & R D Gaur	1992
37.	Ethnobotany of Bundelkhand	S K Saxena & J K Tripathi	1993
38.	Ethnobotany of tribals of Kumaon	Pramila Joshi	1993
39.	Traditional herbal medicines of Shahjahanpur distt., UP	S C Sharma	1993
40.	Ancient therapeutic wealth of Tehri Garhwal	G S Negi	1994
41.	Medicobotanical study in relation to veterinary medicines of Shahjahanpur	S C Sharma	1995
42.	Common medicinal Pteridophytes	P. Kaushik & A K Dhiman	1995
43.	Vedic medicinal plants of Hardwar region	P. Kaushik & A. Dhiman	1995
44.	Ethnobotanical uses of some ferns amongst tribals of UP	K K Singh, S. Sahai & J K Maheshwari	1997
45.	Ethnobotany of Pteridophytes of hilly districts of UP	Pramila Joshi	1997
46.	Ethnobotany of Bhotia tribe of Kumaon	P. Joshi & P C Pande	1997
47.	Medicinal plants from Nanda Devi biosphere in traditional health care	R K Malkhuri, S. Nautiyal, K S Rao & K G Saxena	1998
48.	Ethnobotanical study on tribal areas of Almora district	R P Arya, P C Pande & Ved Prakash	1999
49.	Ethnobotanical studies on Gymnosperms of Kumaon	B. Pandey & P C Pande	1999
50.	Ethnobotany of Pteridophytes of hilly districts of UP	P. Joshi	1999
51.	Flora of the Distt Garhwal with ethnobotanical notes	R D Gaur	1999
52.	Studies on traditional medicines in Kumaon	Hema Joshi & P C Pande	2000
53.	Phytochemical studies of some medicinal plants of Garhwal	Sati	2000
54.	Traditional therapeutic methods of Tehri Garhwal	A. Barthwal, G S Negi & P P Badoni	2002
55.	Indigenous phytotherapy among rural women of Shahjahanpur district	S C Sharma	2002
56.	Ethnobotany of Philibhit, Kheri, Konda, Bhabraich, Sidharthnagar, Basti (Gorakhpur) & Maharajganj	K K Khanna	2002
57.	Cultivation techniques of some high altitudes medicinal herbs	M C Nautiyal, V. Prakash& B P Nautiyal	2002
58.	Folk Botany of a weed in Tarai belt of north eastern UP	A Kumar, D D Tiwari & Sachin Tripathi	2003
59.	Sacred plants of district Hardwar	A K Dhiman	2003
60.	Medicinal value of gum & resin secreting plants of	P. Nagiyan, A K Dhiman & A K	2003

	Saharanpur district	Bhargava	
61.	Sugandhit chikitsa padwati or Lavender	K S Negi	2003
62.	Ethnobotany of Bageshwar	A K Paliwal	2004
63.	Medicinal Pteridophytes	R D Dixit & Shweta Singh	2004
64.	Antimicrobial herbal drugs	S. Javed, MMM Siddiqui, M Z Abdin, M. Arif Zaidi	2004
65.	Ethnobotanical aspects of pharmacological flora of Tharu tribes of Tarai belt of UP	Akhilesh Kumar	2004
66.	Ethonomedicinal plant of Mainpuri (UP)	A.K. & BPS Chauhan	2002
67.	Folk Botany of <i>Achyranthes aspara</i> of Tarai belt of UP	A. Kumar, D D Tiwari & V C Pandey	2005
68.	Abortifacient plants of Bahraich	S C Tripathi & R K Singh	2005
69.	Some medicinal plants of leguminosae in Saharanpur	Richa Kumar & A K Bhargava	2005
70.	Medicinal and ethnobotanical flora of Kanpur	N. Mohan, P. Singh, S K Shrivastava & Jitendra Mohan	2005
71.	Rare & threatened ferns of Garhwal hills	I M Semwal, J B Singh & Kanchan	2005
72.	Epiphytic ferns of Garhwal	I M Semwal, J B Singh & Sandhya Katiyar	2005
73.	Folk medicinal plants used in rheumatic disorders by the rural community of district Etawah	M. Kumar & I M Semwal	2005
74.	Folk medicinal uses of some indigenous plants of Barnawa, Baghpat, UP	A. Tomar & H. Singh	2005
75.	Medicinal Plants: Trade & Commerce opportunities	R B S Rawat & G P Garg	2005
76.	Exotic medicinal plants from Baghpat district	A. Tomar & H. Singh	2006
77.	Ethnomedicinal uses of plants by the Gujjars of foothills of Uttarakhand	J C Ghildiyal, Geeta Sadana, K M Uniyal, D. & P. Bebnia	2006
78.	Use of herbal medicines in Pauri Garhwal	P. Bahuguna, P P Badoni, Meena Aswal & Aarti Barthwal	2006
79.	Ethnomedicinal use of plants from Ghar area of distt. Saharanpur	S. Kumar, A K Dhiman, P. Perveen & A K Bhargava	2006
80.	Antipyretic traditional herbal medicinal plants of distt. Saharanpur	A. Dhiman, R. Perveen, S. Khurana, S. Kumar & A K Bhargava	2006
81.	Ethnotherapeutics of some medicinal plants from Khatauli block of Muzzafarnagar district	A. Tomar & H. Singh	2006
82.	Medicinal plants in Lal dhang range of Lansdown forest division in Garhwal	J C Ghildiyal, Meenakshi Juyal, K M Uniyal, D. Chandra, D R Khanna & P R Chandra	2007
83.	Crotalaria sericea, a remedy for snakebite from Bahraich (UP)	Babli Singh & T P Mall	2007
84.	Ethnomedicinal flora of Kishanpur forest (UP)	Babli Singh & T P Mall	2007
85.	Medicinal plants affecting fertility	S P Singh & Vijay Laxmi Singh	2007
86.	Therapeutics of Kaljikhali block of distt. Pauri garhwal	Vinod Kumar	2007
87.	Ethnobotany of medicinal plants of Roopkund area of Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve (UK)	Laxmi Rawat, Deepak Kholiya & H B Vashishtha	2007
88.	Biologically active plants of Uttarakhand	K R Arya & D K Mishra	2007
89.	Medicinal plant diversity of Shakumbhari devi hills of Shiwalik range (UK)	P K Patel & Manju Dhiman	2007
90.	Medicinal plants of Ramnagar forest division in Kumaon region (UK)	Shikha Pandey & Ila Prakash	2007
91.	Phytodiversity of eastern Sohelwa forest distt. Balrampur (U.P.)	Archana Shukla, Preeti Prakash & D D Tiwari	2007
92.	Medicinal plants of Tarkeshwar in Garhwal	J C Ghildiyal, Savita Bisht & Rakhi Jadli	2007
93.	Plants of medicinal importance in Kujapuri hills, Garhwal	Megha Rawat, H B Vashistha & Mridula Negi	2007

94.	Some medicinal plants in Uttarakhand	S. Negi, B D Joshi & K L Bisht	2007
95.	Ethnomedicinal studies in Vindhyan Kaimur region of Bahraich	Ramesh Pandey, Babli Singh & T P Mall	2007
96.	Medicinal plants of Himalayan region	Vishal Bhumani & A K Chopra	2007
97.	Antifungal activity of certain plants of Garhwal against opportunistic fungi	Ajay Sharma	2007
98.	Pteridophytes in Distt. Dehradun (Uttarakhand)	Surendra Singh & H C Pande	2007
99.	Antifungal activity of some medicinal plants of Garhwal	Singh, Bamola & P. Kumar	2007
100.	Phytochemical & antibacterial studies on bark extracts of <i>Saraca asoka</i> against pathogenic bacteria	Katiyar <i>et al.</i>	2007
101.	Antifungal activity of some medicinal plants of Garhwal	Bamola <i>et al.</i>	2008
102.	Ethnomedicinal Plants in Agra Distt	N. Mittal, A.K. Si & Gunjan Agarwal	2008

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