

ETHNO-MEDICINES OF AKA TRIBE, WEST KAMENG DISTRICT, ARUNACHAL PRADESH (INDIA)

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Ethno-medicines play crucial role in health services of tribal society. Its documentation is very important in present context of higher side effects of synthetic drugs; while traditional or indigenous herbal therapy is time tested with little side-effects. It is more relevant in case of Arunachal Pradesh where various tribes have rich traditional knowledge passed down orally through generations. This communication brings ethno-medicines practised by Aka tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. A total of 18 plant species and their uses in curing ailments is reported in this study.

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