HARNESSING MEDICINAL PLANTS THROUGH ETHNOBOTANIC APPROACH IN NORTH-EAST INDIA

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Medico-ethnobotany, the branch of ethnobotanical science, owing to its relevance in discovery and development of medicinal plants and herbal drugs, has been gaining resurgence of interest in recent years. Prompted by rich flora and traditional societies, the CSIR - North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat has continued with a programme of tapping, documentation and assessment of medicinal plant lore of North-East India for follow up R & D of the resources and preservation of the knowledge base. The present communication highlights some progresses achieved so far in the programme.

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