

Some Medicinal Plants in the Folk-lore of Varanasi District, U.P.

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Information on fifty-two medicinal plants used by the rural population of Varanasi district, comprising their local name, locality, flowering and fruiting period, collection number, frequency of occurrence and the way the plant parts are employed in the treatment of various diseases is provided in the paper.

*Some of the medicinal plants like *Achyranthes aspera* L., *Adhatoda zeylanica* Medic., *Aloe barbadensis* Mill., *Blumea lacera* DC., *Boerhaavia diffusa* L., *Capparis sepiaria* L., *Sida rhombifolia* L., *Solanum surattense* Burm. f. etc. are frequently used by the rural population of the district to treat various ailments.*

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