

Prospects of Introduction of Plants of Ayurvedic and Siddha Medicine in Agriculture

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The ancient Ayurvedic and Siddha medical systems have stood the test of time through centuries of continued use as medicine. There is enormous variations in each plant species under their wild growth. The difference may range from agromorphological to chemical in properties. An study on genetics physiology, agronomy and biochemical parametres could reveal different yield and quality tracts in the genepool of a species and these could be utilized in introducing a specie for domestication into agriculture. In the seventh plan period, it is decided to extend research work on a few other medicinal plants used in native system of medicine for dual purpose. It is to meet their relatively large demand in pharmacies and to relieve pressure of continuous exploitation of wild growing populations in the forests.

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