Export Potential of Certain Selected Indigenous Medicinal Plants, with Special Reference to Ayurveda and Siddha Systems of Medicine

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More than 75% of the plants mentioned in diffierent recognised Pharmacopoeia of the world and almost all the important medicinal plants used in Ayurveda and Siddha are found occurring in their natural state in different parts of the country. Owing to its large potential in its botanical resources, India has been a traditional exporter of Medicinal plants and herbs for the past several decades. Today, it occupies a substantial position amongst the developing countries in the exports of the medicinal plants, but it stands nowhere near the developed countries. The exports have shown upward trend during the last couple of the years.

The paper in general deals with the export potential of a few selected important medicinal plants used in Ayurveda and

Siddha and also identifies, the major destinations of export.

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