

ANTILITHIATIC ETHNOMEDICINAL PLANTS USED BY THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF ANANTAPUR DISTRICT, A.P

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ABSTRACT

Anantapur district is having less forest area but with rich medicinal flora. Native people are having good expertise in effective use of medicinal plants. A survey was conducted to document the ethnobotanical knowledge of plants used in the treatment of kidney stones or urolithiasis. Valuable information about potential crude drug yielding plants was collected from local people, tribal people, herbalists, bare foot doctors and healers. Thirty one popular medicinal plant remedies used in the treatment of renal calculi are presented along with their botanical and local names, part or parts used, mode of drug preparation and administration. Most reliable crude drug remedies were enumerated.

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