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ETHNOMEDICINAL PLANTS USED BY ANGAMI TRIBE OF NAGALAND, INDIA

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ABSTRACT: The people of Nagaland located in the North-Eastern region of India utilize diverse plant resources for treating different ailments. The present study revealed the use of 64 different medicinal herbs by the Angamis of Khonoma village belonging to 37 families for the treatment of about 47 ailments, ranging from common ailments like fever, headache and stomachache to kidney, liver and heart problems. Leaf is found to be the most frequently used plant part for medicinal purposes. Angamis of Khonoma village in Nagaland has pioneered a community-based sustainability venture and initiated a community-lead Ecotourism initiative becoming the first “Green village” in India. However sustainable use of the rich forest resources is questionable since vigilance and monitoring of collection and utilization of these resources is poor due to financial constraints. Many plants of potential medicinal values indispensable not only to the village but the entire global community are yet to be identified and ensuring the conservation and sustainable utilization of the same is a prime concern and is the need of the hour.

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