



INDIAN LATENT ETHNIC-MEDICINAL PLANT *ANNONA RETICULATA*: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT: Medicinal plants are measured to be operative and for most imperative for the numerous resolutions. The source Flora has providing us through an enormous reckoning of vegetation and wildlife. Approximately of the usual medicinal plants are so communal that we use them in day-to-day life deprived of eloquent their medicinal reputation. *Annona reticulata* commonly grown extensively in also known as Ram-Sithaphalam, Ram-Sithaphal (Telugu, Hindi), belongs to the family Annonaceae. It is largely as a fruit overriding plant & deciduous tree. In India this plant theatres epically an imperative locus so it is safeguarding as sacred plant. Ethnically the importance of the plant parts like leaves, fruits and their therapeutically significance have been discussed. The present review represents a straight exertion to put advancing the medicinal reputation and biochemical feature about the sacred plant.

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The ethnic treatment has identical bottomless root in Indian ethos, the usages of the medicinal plants not only for remedial illnesses but also throughout numerous ceremonials. Accurate from commencement to man antiquity, society have trusted on ethnic medicine plants, in specific to indorse and uphold decent fitness. This reliance of man on plant ready him to attain the acquaintance on medicinal and monetary possessions of plants through experimental methods. Occupy of ethnic remedies and medicinal floras in most emerging republics as restorative agents for the extension of virtuous health has been lengthily detected (UNESCO 1996). In India 65 % of the populaces be contingent on ethnic medicine, which is the solitary resource of their vital health attention requirements (Rajashekharan et al. 1996). India is one of the twelve mega-biodiversity republics of the biosphere having amusing greenery with an expansive variability of plants with medicinal worth. In superfluous of 550 tribal societies are vaulted beneath 227 ethnic clusters exist in around 5000 villages of India in diverse forests (Sikarwar 2002). *Annona reticulata* L. (Figure 1) belongs to *Annonaceae*, this is rich in phenolic compounds. The genus *Annona* consists of about 119 species (Thang et al., 2013). *A. reticulata* L. is a semi-evergreen and small deciduous (Baskar et al. 2007). It is commonly called as custard apple, bullock's-heart or ox-heart (Chang et al. 1993). The common names of



Picture1: *Annona reticulata*, Leaves & Fruit.