

Certain Oral Contraceptive Folk Claims from Orissa

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Recent ethno-botanical studies in different States of India by the Council (CCRAS) have unfolded hidden treasures of folk-lore for various physical ailments that human beings come across. Hitherto unrecorded curious claims for various ailments necessitate a continuous in-depth probe into this traditional science governed by nature's laws. Orissa State with high percentage of tribal population and dense forests possess curious remedies practiced by the tribals living in remote regions. In this paper four plant species used as oral contraceptives/abortifacients by tribals of Orissa are recorded.

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