

## Utility Hitherto Unknown Herbal Drugs Traditionally used in Ladakh and Possible Alternative Medicine

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*Medico-Botanical exploration done in 'Ladakh' areas has revealed the occurrence of some hitherto unknown herbal drugs which are being used traditionally there and can form a possible alternative medicine for diseases like Malaria, cancer and Gastrointestinal disorders etc. A detailed research work is needed to be done to prove their efficacy and utility as an alternative medicine, therefore, information on such 20 herbs e.g. Dyanku (*Nepeta longibracteata*), Demok (*Microula tibetica*), Kapichu (*Tulipa stellata*), Pashak (*Centaurea depressa*), Taskya (*Caragana cuneata*) and Parpata (*Arbabis tibetica*) etc. giving their Ladakhi/Local names, Botanical names, general description, general (distribution in the area, parts used and methods of medication etc. has been collected and incorporated in the present paper:*

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