

SHORT RESEARCH COMMUNICATION

Some Anti-Venom Medicinal Lores from Tribal Areas of Banswara

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Banswara district lying in the Southern most extremity of Rajasthan, is one of the well known tribal pockets in India. The undulating hilly terrain of the area is full of forests which harbours interesting medicinal plants being utilised by the local tribals, mostly the *Bhils*. During the medico-botanical survey of Banswara district interesting medicinal lores were collected besides other data. It was observed that the incidence of snake-bite is quite frequent in the area and the Adivasis are mostly treating the affected person by local herbs in the area. In the present paper an attempt has been made to bring to light some of the interesting medicinal lores with regards to snake bite being practised by the tribals of the area. The present data as an anti dote to snake venom after scientific screening may provide materials in the discovery of an easily available, cheap and safe anti venom drug.

The data with regards to the medicinal lores with regards to snake bite from Banswara district are presented here

alphabetically in the following sequence i.e. serial number, botanical name, local name, sanskrit name, (in bracket) Locality with field No., part used, and mode of administration. The local names of the snakes are also given in certain cases.

1. *Anogeissus latifolia* Wall., Dhokada (Dhava), Chordungari forest, 5502, Bark, About 5-10 ml. Juice of bark is administered orally.
2. *Aristolochia indica* Linn. (i) Hapnevellow (ii) Nagtumbi, (Ishwari), (i) Kushalgarh forest (6207) (ii) Mandok Chirata forest, (i) Leaves (ii) Root. (i) Paste or powder of two and half leaves is administered orally once only. After administering the leaves, if the patient does not vomit then second dose is given. (ii) About 2" root is crushed and mixed in a cup of water and administered orally. If the root is not available then four leaves are chewed and 100 ml. ghee is administered orally. It is usually