

Medicinal Plants from Dibang Valley (A. P.)— Social Forestry and Afforestation

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The district Dibang Valley is situated in the north eastern part of the Arunachal Pradesh, arching China in its north east. The western and southern part of the district is surrounded by East Siang and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh respectively with a little part of Assam (Sadia) in the south. The district lies between 95°-15' & 56°-92' E. (longitude) and 28°-11' and 29°-15' N (latitude). The district occupies the mountains of snow clad in the north eastern part followed by the rugged areas and steep slopes. The terrain in the southern part of the district is plain. The district is inhabited by the tribes Idu Mishmis, Digoru mishmis and Padam. The land of the district varies from plains in high altitude hills and the shifting cultivation plays major role in the destruction of the natural vegetation. To utilise waste lands after shifting

cultivation the Social Forestry should be encouraged to cultivate the herbal medicines alongwith trees of high timber values with the joint efforts of the medicinal botanists and agriculturist.

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