## MICROSCOPIC AND PHYSICO- CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF KAZHARCHCHI CHOORNAM - A SIDDHA PREPARATION

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Kazharchchi choornam is one of the important preparations used in Siddha system of medicine. The ingredients entering into this preparation were microscopically examined separately and Kazharchchi choornam as a whole was also subjected to microscopic and chemical analysis and by comparing the characters with the individual drugs. This type of studies will help in identification and also establishing the authenticity of the compound preparations by laying down the pharmacopoeial standards.

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