

## PHARMACOGNOSTIC STUDIES OF *ACTINIOPTERIS RADIATA* (SW.) LINK.

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*Plant of Actiniopteris radiata is used as an anthelmintic and styptic. The plant is also sold in the crude drug market as "Mayur Sikha". In Rajasthan the plant is called 'Jahrila Podha' and is used for the treatment of bronchitis and the leaf ash with honey in gyanecological disorders by the local tribes. The pharmacognostic features of the plants collected from their natural habitat and the drug market of Bombay are being described. Attempts were also made to cultivate in the garden of the Botany Department, Allahabad University, where it is growing successfully.*

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