MAGICO RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ABOUT PLANTS IN MEENA TRIBE OF SAWAI MADHOPUR, RAJASTHAN

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Tribals have deep faith in supernatural beings like ghosts, demons and evil spirits. They promptly attribute mishappening to these forces. In their daily routine superstitions based on plants have a great deal of impact, which may appear irrational scientifically. However, they have developed this thinking generation after generation and appeasement of these supernatural forces is done for the betterment of their society. In the present investigation, the authors have surveyed six village of the tehsil Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan and collected the information of about forty three plants in which the Meena tribe has strong magico religious beliefs.