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# Medicinal and other uses of small millets by the tribal farmers of the Bastar Plateau Zone of Chhattisgarh

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**SUMMARY :** This study was focused to investigate the communicational traits of the tribal millet farmers which are affecting their level of awareness and utilisation of the recommended cultivation practices of small millets in the Bastar Plateau Zone of Chhattisgarh State of India. Data were collected through the personal interview, with the help of interview schedule prepared in Hindi. The results revealed that, millets were used for strengthening of mud walls, as fertilizer for onion fields, diseases and insect-pest control, protecting pulses in storage, for baking of earthen pots, treatment of animals and poultry, raising milk productivity in cattle, treatment of burns, etc. and many more uses. The other uses of small millets included, use as snacks, green fodder, medicinal uses, useful in diabetes for lowering of blood sugar, nutritionally superior to other fine cereals, and many more.

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