

Endemic ethnomedicinal plant species *Dyerophytum indicum* O. Ktze

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SUMMARY

Sangamner taluka of Ahmednagar district (Maharashtra state, India), part of Westernghats called, as Sahyadris include the Baleshwar range in the middle and is rich in ethno-medicinal wealth. Peaks such as Katra dongar, Mura, Wakari, Shirpunj, Ghanchakar (1532m), Bahiroba and Sindola form a series in this range. Sangamner taluka constitutes total area of 1687.90 sq. km out of which 87.65 per cent of villages have forest area and 93.83 per cent of villages have irrigated area. The sense of biological conservation is present in these ethnic societies. *Ficus benghalensis* L. of Pemgiri village is one of the best examples. Tribal from these areas make a proper use of plants and their products in curing various diseases. The present paper deals with ethno-medicinal study of *Dyerophytum indicum* O. Ktze., rare and endemic to Chandanapuri Valley, a notable place near the Baleshwar range. *Dyerophytum indicum* O. Ktze., is a under-shrub with perfoliate, very thick and coriaceous leaves. Bark of this plant has abortifacient property.

Key Words : Endemic, Sahyadris, Chandanapuri, Abortifacient

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