

Abstract Details

Title: Vernacular Plant Names in Maharashtra (India): In Ethnobiological Perspective

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Abstract: It appears that ethnobiological study of vernacular plant names, which aids in revealing conceptual development in a human society, has largely remained neglected possibly due to more attention of botanists towards applied avenues of research. The present attempt to divulge bases of coining vernacular names in the State of Maharashtra (India) included interesting 31 vernacular plant names. These are founded on about 23 different criteria related to various plant features, human sentiments and observations. Each mankind endeavors to employ his mind almost for his every activity he performs. This hold true in this human society of the region, whether literate or illiterate, Earlier some attempts have been made to understand conceptual basis of indigenous knowledge of these region. The authors' appeals for conducting more research in this much neglected area of investigation. The authors' appeals for conducting more research in this much neglected area of investigation.

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