REVIEW OF ETHNOMEDICINAL USES OF GLORIOSA SUPERBA 
PLANT OF NANDURBAR DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA

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ABSTRACT

Gloriosa superba is a famous Ethnomedicinal plant of Nandurbar district. Beautiful, multicolour flowers attracts the tribal of study area in the month of July - October to collect the V and L shaped underground tubers. Due to presence of Colchicines in large quantity the collection of tubers turns into commercial practice. This affects the status of the plant. Ethnomedicinal approach towards species Gloriosa superba is a small attempt to realize the ethnic glory of plant in present study area. Large number of diseases prevailing in Nandurbar district was treated with this ethno medicine. Its medicinal potential is known to tribal’s from long time and now the commercial over collection of tubers means starting of competition between pharmaceutical production of raw material based companies of other countries in our remote and tribal areas also. Gloriosa superba is widely distributed in India. But it becomes Endanger in present study area of Nandurbar district.

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Gloriosa superba, Ethnomedicines, Nandurbar district