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**AN ETHNOBOTANICAL SURVEY OF MEDICINAL PLANTS USED BY THE  
GORBANJARA TRIBAL COMMUNITY INHIBITED IN AURANGABAD DISTRICT  
MAHARASHTRA**



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**ABSTRACT**

The Aurangabad city is surrounded by mountainous regions. The mountainous regions or areas are inhabited by many Banjara Tandras. Tandra means a place where Banjara community use to live and follow their own rules and regulations set by Nayak, he is a main who is responsible person deciding many cultural and religious activities of the Banjara community. The word Banjara is said to be derived from Sanskrit word Vanachara (Wonders in jungle). Gorbanjara tribal are followers of Saint. Sevalal Maharaj. He was a great Saint, Warrior, Trader, Social reformer and Medicinal Practitioner. His teaching about social, economical, political views and wisdom about medicinal plants were known as shikwadi i.e philosophy for Gorbanjara community. Logo of Gorshikwadi a social movement of Banjara community is also inspired from Nature; which says, "Wadlasu wadhalu, Limbadasu fulanu, Ghularasu ladaalu." means to grow like Banyan tree, to blossom like Neem tree and to be fruitful like Gular or Cluster fig tree. Present research try to explore ethnomedicinal wisdom of Banjara community of Aurangabad city and its territorial area.