BENEFITS OF HERBAL EXTRACTS IN COSMETICS: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT: Herbal extracts are primarily added to the cosmetic formulations due to several associated properties such as antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and antimicrobial properties. Even today, people in rural and urban areas depend upon herbs for traditional cosmetics. Information on the herbal cosmetics was collected via electronic search (using pub med, scifinder, Google Scholar and web of science) and library search for articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Furthermore, information also was obtained from some local books on ethnopharmacology. The herbal extracts, as a whole or part, have been used for various ailments of the skin, hair, and dental care for overall appearance. Cosmetics alone are not sufficient to take care of skin and others body parts, it requires association of active ingredients to check the damage and ageing of the skin. Herbal cosmetics have gained much popularity among the population. Herbal cosmetics products claimed to have efficacy and intrinsic acceptability due to routine use in daily life and avoid the side effects which are commonly seen in synthetic products. Due to the awareness of the environmental damage caused by industrialization, a trend has developed to use products with natural ingredients. Various adverse effects may occur in the form of acute toxicity, percutaneous absorption, skin irritation, eye irritation, skin sensitization and photosensitization, sub chronic toxicity, mutagenicity, and photo toxicity by the usage of synthetic products that’s why today’s generation prefers herbal cosmetics for hair, skin and dental care. This review attempts and emphasizes the benefits of herbal extracts in cosmetics.

INTRODUCTION: Since ancient times, plants have been used as herbal medicines. Ayurveda has a 5000 years old rich heritage of role of the use of plants in the treatment of various human ailments as alternative medicines1. In the last few years, there has been an exponential growth in the field of herbal medicine and these drugs are gaining popularity both in developing and developed countries because of their natural origin and less side effects. Many traditional medicines in use are derived from medicinal plants, minerals and organic matter 2.

A number of medicinal plants, traditionally used for over 1000 years named rasayana are present in herbal preparations of Indian traditional health care systems 3. In Indian systems of medicine most practitioners formulate and dispense their own...
recipes. The World Health Organization (WHO) has listed 21,000 plants, which are used for medicinal purposes around the world. Among these 2500 species are in India, out of which 150 species are used commercially on a fairly large scale. India is the largest producer of medicinal herbs and is called as botanical garden of the world.

India has a very long, safe and continuous usage of many herbal drugs in the officially recognized alternative systems of health viz. Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy and Naturopathy. These systems have rightfully existed side-by-side with Allopathy and are not in ‘the domain of obscurity’, as stated by Venkat Subramanian.

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India is sitting on a gold mine of well-recorded and well-practiced knowledge of traditional herbal medicine. But, unlike China, India has not been able to capitalize on this herbal wealth by promoting its use in the developed world despite their renewed interest in herbal medicines. Now-a-days, in the whole world there is turn to return towards the use of herbal products and to adopt more natural way of life.

People prefer natural food, herbal medicines and natural curing practices for healthy life. The usage of herbal cosmetics has been increased in many folds in personal care system and there is a great demand for herbal cosmetics. All this happen due to excessive use of synthetic based products, synthetic chemicals, chemical dyes and their derived product in the last one and half century; their production and usage cause human health hazard with several side effects leading to numerous diseases. It also caused considerable environmental pollution and disturbed our ecosystem. The more than 500,000 non-allopathic practitioners are trained in the medical colleges (>400) of their respective systems of health and are registered with the official councils which monitor professionalism.

Hence, these systems are not folklore or traditional herbal practices. There are basic axioms of these systems leading to a logical and systematic structure of pathogenesis and diagnosis, which serves also as a determinant for therapy.

**Cosmetics:** Natural herbs help in preserving and enhancing the beauty and personality of human beings. Natural cosmetic is general term applied to all preparation and external conditioning and beautifying the body.

Beauty, the quality that gives pleasure to the senses, is perhaps the desire of every human being on earth. Some are born beautiful and some are in fact made beautiful. Aesthetic appearance has always been a matter of prime importance. The word ‘Beauty’ is not only related to women, as is often thought, but men also used cosmetic products. By the European Directive 93/35/EEC (European Commission), the ‘cosmetics products’ are define as “any substance or preparation intended to be placed in contact with the various external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair system, nails, lips and external genital organs) or with the teeth and mucous membranes of the oral cavity with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, changing their appearance and/or correcting body odours and/or protecting them or keeping them in good conditions.”

Cosmetics typically claim to improve skin tone, texture, and radiance, while reducing wrinkling. Cosmeceuticals are the fastest-growing segment of the natural personal care industry.

A cosmeceutical’s “intended use” - gleaned from the labelling, advertising, promotional materials – determines the regulatory fate of cosmeceutical as a cosmetic or drug.

In general, vitamins, herbs, various oils, and botanical extracts may be used in cosmetics, but the manufacturer may not claim that these products penetrate beyond the skin’s surface layers or that they have druglike or therapeutic effects.

Herbal cosmetics are the preparations, which represent cosmetic associated with active bioactive ingredients or pharmaceuticals. The uses of phytochemicals from a variety of botanicals have dual function;
They serve as cosmetics for the care of body and its parts and;

(ii) The botanical ingredients present influence biological functions of skin and provide nutrients necessary for the healthy skin or hair.

Herbal cosmetics are not considered under the preview of drugs and regulations of food and drug administrations. Like cosmetics, these are subjected for their safety according to their existing rules of the different countries. Generally it is not mandatory for a manufacturer to claim that how bioactive ingredients penetrate the skin or that these ingredients cause drug-like or therapeutic effect.

Cosmetic Preparations:

The physical states of cosmetics preparation are broadly divided into following three categories:

1. **Solids:** Face powders, Talcum powders, Face packs, Masks, Compact powders, Cake make-up, etc.

   2. **Semi solids:** Creams, Ointments, Liniments, Wax base creams, pastes, etc.

   3. **Liquids:** Lotions, Moisturizers, Hair oil, Conditioners, Shampoos, Cleansing milk, Mouth washes, Deodorants, Liniments, Sprays, etc.

The preparation of any herbal cosmetics basically follows the same procedure as in the case of cosmetics. In preparation, suitable bioactive ingredients of their extracts are used along with requisite ingredients basically used for cosmetics. It requires selection of suitable emulsifying agent, and modified methodology to obtain desirable product of specified parameters.

   The herbal cosmetics formulation is a sophisticated and sensitive technological profile because it retains the bioactivity of the botanicals during excessive processing and ascertains their availability after application on skin. It is desirable that manufacturers should ensure the quality of products through systematic testing at their level. Other parameters like organoleptic characteristics, pH, viscosity, stability towards light and refrigeration should also be evaluated.

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<td>Vasaca</td>
<td>Vasicine, vasicine acetate, 2-acetyl benzy1 amine, vasicinone, quinazoline</td>
<td>Fresh leaves juice / extract is used for skin affection and control of scabies.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td><em>Ailanthus excels</em></td>
<td>Maharukh</td>
<td>Apigenin, luteolin, kaempferol, quercetin</td>
<td>Leaves extract checks skin eruption and useful in skin creams and lotions.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td><em>Allium sativum</em></td>
<td>Garlic</td>
<td>Llicin, phytoncidea, alliin, ajoene, isoalliin, methiin, alliin</td>
<td>Garlic oil is useful to control sores, pimples and acne. It may be used in skin lotions and creams.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td><em>Aloe vera</em></td>
<td>Ghikanwar</td>
<td>Hydroxyanthroquinone – barbaloin, y – hydroxyaloin isomers, aloe emodin, chrysophanol, loins, Barbaloin, Isobarbaloin, Aloin</td>
<td>Leaves juice, its pulp or extracted material is applied on skin for smoothness, healing controlling skin burn, sun burn and injury. Used in moisturizers, lotions, creams, hair tonic, shaving creams, etc.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td><em>Andropogon muricatus</em></td>
<td>Khas</td>
<td>Vetiselinol, khusimol, sesquipenoids-vetidiol</td>
<td>Powdered root paste with red sandal wood is used to cure irritated skin and allergies.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td><em>Azadirachta indica</em></td>
<td>Neem</td>
<td>Di-n-propyl disulfide, 1-cinnamoylmelianolone, Isonimolicinolide, nimonicinoic acid</td>
<td>Bark, seed, fruits and leaves contain diterpenes and highly oxidized tetraner warmer parts triterpenoids including azadirachtin; antiseptic agent; useful in curing wounds, skin deseases, leprosy, ulcers etc.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td><em>Butea frondosa</em></td>
<td>Dhak</td>
<td>6, 8 di-C-rhamsosyl apigenin, luteolin, Chrysoeriol 7-O-β-D-4C1-glucuronic acid</td>
<td>Leaves extract is useful in pimples and seed extract for fungal infection and bruises.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td><em>Carica papaya</em> Caricaceae</td>
<td>Papaya</td>
<td>Milky juice of unripe fruit is a good ingredient for facial and face cream; fruit pulps make skin soft and remove blemishes.</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td><em>Cassia tora</em> Caesalpinioideae</td>
<td>Panwar</td>
<td>Leaves and seed extract are useful for skin infection, ringworm, eruption, etc.</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td><em>Citrus limon</em> Rutaceae</td>
<td>Nimbu</td>
<td>Potential source of vitamin C; oil is used in various preparation to reduce skin itching and skin nourishment, pulp left after extraction of juice is useful as a facial ingredient.</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td><em>Cocos nucifera</em> Arecaceae</td>
<td>Nariyal</td>
<td>Coconut oil is useful for skin itching and rashes.</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td><em>Cucumis sativus</em> Cucurbitaceae</td>
<td>Khira</td>
<td>Water extracts of fruits and seeds protect skin from sunburn.</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td><em>Curcuma longa</em> Zingiberaceae</td>
<td>Haldi</td>
<td>Rhizome powder possesses anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties; used in facial, face creams and ointments.</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td><em>Cuscuta reflexa</em> Convolvulaceae</td>
<td>Akash bel</td>
<td>Plant extract is useful to control dermatitis, itching and ringworm.</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td><em>Cydonia oblonga</em> Rosaceae</td>
<td>Bile</td>
<td>Seed extract is used for beautification and protection of skin.</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td><em>Eclipta alba</em> Asteraceae</td>
<td>Bhringraj</td>
<td>Paste of herb is useful to control skin diseases and eczema.</td>
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<td>17.</td>
<td><em>Euphorbia thymifolia</em> Euphorbiaceae</td>
<td>Choti dhudhi</td>
<td>Plant extract is useful to control ringworm and skin infections.</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td><em>Jasminum grandiflorum</em> Oleaceae</td>
<td>Chameli</td>
<td>Essential oil extracted from flowers is used in skin creams and lotions to control skin diseases. Essential oil extracted from plant is used in creams for the protection from sunburn.</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td><em>Juniperus communis</em> Cupressaceae Lavandula vera Lamiaceae</td>
<td>Aaraar</td>
<td>Whole plant extract is useful in skin creams to control skin rejuvenation.</td>
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<td>20.</td>
<td><em>Lavandula vera</em> Lamiaceae</td>
<td>Lavender</td>
<td>Essential oil is used in skin anti-acne.</td>
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<td>21.</td>
<td><em>Leucas aspera</em> Lamiaceae</td>
<td>Hul Khusa</td>
<td>Juice of leaves is applied to control scabies, skin psoriasis, chronic skin, skin eruption and eczema.</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td><em>Mallotus philippensis</em> Euphorbiaceae</td>
<td>Kamala</td>
<td>Flower powder is useful to control scabies ringworm, leprous eruption, etc.</td>
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<td>24.</td>
<td><em>Matricaria chamomilla</em></td>
<td>Babuna</td>
<td>Leaves extract is applied in anti-acne cream.</td>
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<td>Mimosas pudica (Mimosaceae)</td>
<td>Lajwanti</td>
<td>Flavones, isoorientin, orientin, isovitexin, vitexin 57.</td>
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<td>Momordicin I, momordicin II, cucurbitacin B, momordin, charantin, charantosides, momordicin, monomordinol, momordol momorcharin, momordin 59.</td>
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<td>Herb extract applied in skin creams and lotions to control itching 58.</td>
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<td>Plant extract possesses antioxidant properties 60.</td>
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<td>Fruit extract possesses anti-oxidant properties 64.</td>
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<td>Leaves extract is applied to control chronic skin disorders 66.</td>
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<td>Kernel extract is used in sun creams and other formulations to make the skin fair and beautification creams 68.</td>
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<td>Seeds extract possesses potential to control skin diseases 70.</td>
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<td>Essential oil extracted from flowers is used in skin creams, lotions and ointment for beautification, smoothness and protection from sunburns 46.</td>
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<td>Paste of hardwood is used in face pack; essential oil used in preparation of creams, ointments and lotions for skin beautification and protection from sunburns; possesses anti-oxidant properties 73, 74, 75.</td>
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<td>Roots extract is used in ointments for chronic skin diseases 78.</td>
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<td>Seed extract is useful for skin protection and rejuvenation 80.</td>
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<td>Bark powder extract controls skin affections; possesses antioxidant properties 82.</td>
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<td>Whole plant extract is used in skin cleansing formulations and possesses antioxidant properties 84.</td>
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<td>Acacia concinna</td>
<td>Shikakai</td>
<td>Lupeol, spinasterol, lactone, hexacosanol, spinasterone, calycomine, racimase-A oleanolic acid, lupenone, betulin, betulenic acid, betulonic acid ̈ thirsty 87.</td>
<td>Pods extract is used as hair cleanser and for control of dandruff 88.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Arnica montana</td>
<td>Arnica</td>
<td>Helenalin, 11α, 13-dihydrohelenalin 89.</td>
<td>Flowers extract is used in hair oil as a tonic material. It stimulates the hair follicles 90.</td>
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<td>Betula pendula</td>
<td>Birch</td>
<td>Carotenoid, Rubisco, uronic acids, lignin 91.</td>
<td>Extract of leaves is used as anti-dandruff 92.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Brassica spp.</td>
<td>Mustard</td>
<td>Quercetin, predominate, kaempferol, luteolin, apigenin indole-3-carbinol ̈ α-cadinol, T-murolol, a-thujene, dcdamin, a-thujene, d-cadinene, d-cadinene 95.</td>
<td>Seed oil is used as hair oil and useful for hair nourishment 94.</td>
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<td>Calendula officinalis</td>
<td>Marigold</td>
<td>Benzyl-O-β-D-glucopyranoside, syringarenol, lirioresinol-A, β-sitosterol, stigmasterol 97.</td>
<td>Flowers extract is used in hair creams for smoothing effect 96.</td>
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<td>Carthamus tinctorius</td>
<td>Safflower</td>
<td>Centellin, asiaticin, centellicin, asiatic acid, asiaticoside, madecassic acid, madecassoside, brahmoside, brahmic acid, brhaminoside, thankuside, isothanquiside, centelloside, madasatic acid, centric acid, cenicic acid, betulonic acid, indocentric acid 100.</td>
<td>Alcoholic extract is used in hair tonics 98.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Centella asiatica</td>
<td>Mandukaparni</td>
<td>Whole plant extract is used for the growth and maintenance of hairs 101.</td>
<td>Whole plant extract is useful for hair’s nourishment and dyeing 105.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Cocos nucifera</td>
<td>Nariyal</td>
<td>Minerals, vitamins, dietary fibres, sugars, organic acids, fatty acid and amino acid, α-Tocopherol, citric, malic acids 102.</td>
<td>Kernel oil is well-established hair oil, which is used as such or as a basic raw material for preparing hair oils and tonics 103.</td>
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<td>Eclipta alba</td>
<td>Bhangra</td>
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<td>Ficus racemosa</td>
<td>Bargad</td>
<td>B-sitosterol, p-amyrin, lupiol acetate 106.</td>
<td>Aerial root powder is mixed with coconut oil for massage to check falling hairs 107.</td>
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<td>Juglans regia</td>
<td>Akroot</td>
<td>Oleic acid, macadamia, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, methionine, cysteine, tryptophan, threonine 108.</td>
<td>Leaves and hull of fruits is used for hair dyeing 109.</td>
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<td>Lawsonia inermis</td>
<td>Henna</td>
<td>Lalisoside, lawsoniaside, uteolin-7-O-β-d-glucopyranoside, awsonicin, lawsoniteem, vomifoliol 110, 111.</td>
<td>Leaves paste is used for hair dyeing and nourishment 112.</td>
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<td>Phyllanthus emblica</td>
<td>Amla</td>
<td>Gallic acid, ellagic acid, 1-O-galloyl-beta-D-glucose, 3,6-di-O-galloyl-D-glucose, chebulinic acid, quercetin, chebulagic acid, corifagin, 3-ethylgallic acid (3-ethoxy-4,5-</td>
<td>Fruit extract is used in oils for promotion of hair growth 116.</td>
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| 1.    | Achyranthes aspera     | Puthkanda   | β-pinene, sabinene, germacrene-D, estragole, linalool | Root used as a toothbrush, good for dental caries. Pulverized seeds good for gum troubles.
|       | Lamiales               |             |                      |      |
| 2.    | Arthemone mexicana     | Kandayi     | Dehydrocorydalmine, jatrophirin, columbamine, oxyberberine | Twigs used to clean teeth; considered good for dental caries and gum infection. Peeled stem considered good for scouring teeth.
|       | Papaveraceae           |             |                      |      |
| 3.    | Azadirachta indica     | Neem        | Azadirachtol, mahamodin, limonoid, nimbin, gedunin, tolimonoid, naheedin | Leaves used for scouring teeth.
|       | Meliaceae              |             |                      |      |
| 4.    | Berberis lycium        | Kashmal     | Berberine, berbamine, palmatine | Latex used for toothache due to dental caries.
|       | Berberidaceae          |             |                      |      |
| 5.    | Boehmeria platypylla   | Handa       | Cypholphine, O-acetylcypholphine, lactone, loliolide | Leaves for use in herbal shampoo as hair cleanser. |
|       | Urticaceae             |             |                      |      |
| 6.    | Calotropis procera     | Ak          | Calotropin, calotocin, calactin, uscharidin, voruscharin, calotropagenin | Fruits boiled in ‘sarson’ oil and oil is poured in ear; good for toothache.
<p>|       | Asclepiadaceae         |             |                      |      |
| 7.    | Capsicum annum         | Mirch       | Phenols, flavonoids, carotenoids, capscaicin, dihydrocapsaicin, poliphenols, flavonoids, carotenoids, capscaicinoids | Leaves for use in herbal shampoo as hair cleanser. |
|       | Solanaceae             |             |                      |      |
| 8.    | Cassia occidentalis    | Relu        | Torosflavon B, singueanol I, Questin, Methylgernitosorone, Helminthosporine | Leaves for use in herbal shampoo as hair cleanser. |
|       | Fabaceae               |             |                      |      |
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<td><em>Citrus limon</em> (Rutaceae)</td>
<td>Galgal</td>
<td>Fatty acids, palmitic acid, stearic acid, unsaturated fatty acids, oleic acid, linoleic acid.</td>
<td>Leaves used for scouring teeth and good as a mouth freshener.</td>
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<td><em>Citrus medica</em> (Rutaceae)</td>
<td>Nimbu</td>
<td>A-pinene, camphene, b-pinene, sabinene, myrcene, a-terpinene, linalool, b-bornyl, limonene, trans-a-bergamotene, nerol, neral.</td>
<td>Leaves and rind of fruits recommended for scouring teeth along with a pinch of rock salt.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td><em>Curcuma angustifolia</em> (Zingiberaceae)</td>
<td>Haldi</td>
<td>Neocurdlone, 1,2-hexadecanediol, curcuseseterterpene A, curcuseseterterpene B, curcuseseterterpene C, n-nonacosan-1-ol, curcumin.</td>
<td>Powdered rhizome mixed with and mustared oil is applied on gums for pyorrhea.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td><em>Ficus hispida</em> (Moraceae)</td>
<td>Daagrein</td>
<td>Norisoprenoid, ficustrol, phenanthroindolizidine alkaloid, O-methyllylophorinidine.</td>
<td>Latex used for toothache.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td><em>Ipomoea carnea</em> (Convolvulaceae)</td>
<td>Ghodan</td>
<td>Swainsonine, 2-epi-lentiginosine, calystegines B1, B2, B3, and C1, N-methyl-trans-4-hydroxy-l-proline.</td>
<td>Leaf juice recommended for toothache.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td><em>Jatropha curcas</em> (Euphorbiaceae)</td>
<td>Japhrota</td>
<td>Fatty acids, palmitic acid, stearic acid, unsaturated fatty acids, oleic acid, linoleic acid.</td>
<td>Twigs used as a toothbrush; good against dental caries.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td><em>Juglans regia</em> (Juglandaceae)</td>
<td>Khod</td>
<td>Palmitate, stearate, oleate, linoleate, linolenate.</td>
<td>Bark and leaves used for scouring teeth.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td><em>Mangifera indica</em> (Anacardiaceae)</td>
<td>Aam</td>
<td>α-pinene, sabinene, β-pinene, β-caryophyllene, limonene, bornyl acetate, terpinen-4-ol, γ-terpinene, α-humulene.</td>
<td>Leaves used for scouring teeth.</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td><em>Murraya paniculata</em> (Rutaceae)</td>
<td>Gandhela</td>
<td>Fatty acid, sucrose, protein, fiber, aluminum, vitamin C.</td>
<td>Used for scouring teeth and for healthy gums.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td><em>Carya illinoensis</em> (Juglandaceae)</td>
<td>Kagji-khod</td>
<td>Chrysoeriol, diandraflavone, quercetin-3-O-β-d-glucopyranoside, kaempferol-3-O-β-d-glucopyranoside, quercetin-3-O-(6&quot;-O-syringyl)-β-d-glucopyranoside, kaempferol-3-O-(4&quot;-O-galloyl)-α-l-arabinopyranoside, rutin, aglycons, quercetin, kaempferol, apigenin.</td>
<td>Leaves chewed to check toothache.</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td><em>Plumbago zeylanica</em> (Plumbaginaceae)</td>
<td>Chitra</td>
<td>Jaquannine, prunetin, sascururanin, taxifolin, padmetin.</td>
<td>Twigs used for scouring teeth.</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td><em>Prunus cerasoides</em> (Rosaceae)</td>
<td>Paza</td>
<td>Guajanoic acid, beta-sitosterol, uvaol, oleanolic acid, ursolic acid.</td>
<td>Leaves and stem used for scouring teeth.</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td><em>Psidium guajava</em> (Myrtaceae)</td>
<td>Guava</td>
<td>Limettin, stigmast-5, 22-dien-3-ol, palmitic acid.</td>
<td>Stem chewed to check toothache.</td>
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Adverse reaction of Cosmetics: Skin cleansing agents remain on the body for a very short period of time and rarely cause significant adverse reactions, however, perfume and others constituents may cause skin irritation and allergic reactions. Moisturizers increase the hygroscopic properties of the skin; however, high concentration of these substances may cause irritation and exfoliation.

Skin lightening/depigmenting agents, such as hydroquinone (HQ), are one of the most widely prescribed agents. Ochronosis is an uncommon adverse effect of HQ, characterized by progressive darkening of the area to which the cream containing high concentrations of HQ is applied for many years. 182

'Black henna' tattoo is a chemical stain due to p-phenylenediamine (PPD), in the form of commercial hair dye mixed into the henna paste. Addition of this artificial dye stains the skin in much shorter duration, an hour or less. Adverse reactions to PPD can include stinging sensations, with an erythematos rash, swelling, blisters, and surface oozing. 183

Adverse effects to sun-screening agents may result in irritant, allergic, phototoxic, or photoallergic reactions, and caused not only by the active constituents but also by the additives such as fragrances and stabilizers. Benzophenones are probably the most common sensitizers, while dibenzoylmethanes, para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), and cinnamates may cause photoallergic dermatitis. 184

The allergic reactions associated with deodorants and fragrances are usually caused by fragrance or other ingredients. Fragrance can enter the body through lungs, airways, skin, ingestion, and via pathways from the nose directly to the brain and can cause headaches, irritation to eyes, nose, and throat, dizziness, fatigue, forgetfulness, and other symptoms. Fragrance is the number one cause of skin allergic reactions to cosmetics. 185,186

Shampoos and conditioners have only a brief contact with the skin and are not a common cause of cutaneous irritant or allergic contact dermatitis. However, eye irritation can be a problem. Possible sensitizers in shampoos include formalin, parabens, hexachlorophene, triclosan, and fragrances. Matting of scalp hair is most commonly a sudden, usually irreversible, and tangling of scalp hair resulting from shampooing. 187

Hair straightening (relaxing) with pressing oils and heated metal combs or round tongs may be associated with hair-shaft breakage and scarring alopecia. Hair removal techniques may partially account for allergic and photoallergic reactions. 188

The adverse effects of shaving include skin irritation, cuts in the skin, ingrown hair (pseudofolliculitis), etc. The active ingredients in hair bleaches are hydrogen peroxide solutions that oxidize melanin to a lighter color. They may be supplemented with persulfate boosters. The disadvantages of bleaching include skin irritation, temporary skin discoloration, pruritus, and the prominence of bleached hair against tanned or naturally dark skin. Ammonium persulfate may cause types I and IV allergic contact reactions. 189
About 12% of cosmetic reactions occur on the eyelid, mainly due to the use of eye shadow. Irritant contact dermatitis is more common than allergic contact dermatitis. Mascara is the most commonly used eye cosmetic. The most feared adverse effect of mascaras is that of infection, particularly *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* corneal infections, which can permanently destroy visual acuity, due to multiple reuses of applicator and reinsertions into the tube between uses.

Kajal and surma are mainly carbon compounds, but surma also contains mercury or lead and may put at risk of serious health problems.

Nail plate discoloration and allergic contact dermatitis are the major dermatological concerns with the use of nail polish. The nail staining is seen more with dissolved rather than suspended pigments.\(^\text{182}\)

**CONCLUSION:** There are also a number of Institutes/Universities in India carrying our research work on herbal drugs and medicinal plants for lesser side effects and rich sources of beneficial compounds including antioxidants, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and antimicrobial properties. In India more than 70% of the populations use herbal cosmetics for their health care. Now a day’s herbal cosmetics has been increased in personal care system and there is a great demand for the herbal cosmetics in daily life. Healthy teeth, shiny hair and glowing skin are fundamental for the good looking of the human body.

In allopathy, the treatment of all the problems is expensive and cannot be afforded by poor people. So, these types of herbal medicines, which are almost free, are a great help. Although, cosmetic preparations have rarely been related with serious health hazards, this does not mean that cosmetics are always safe to use.

Cosmetics and personal-care products may contain ingredients whose safety is unknown or which are known to create health risks. The present review focuses on the potential of herbal extracts for cosmetic purposes.

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