A Study on Nochi in the Plant Lore of Dharmapuri District

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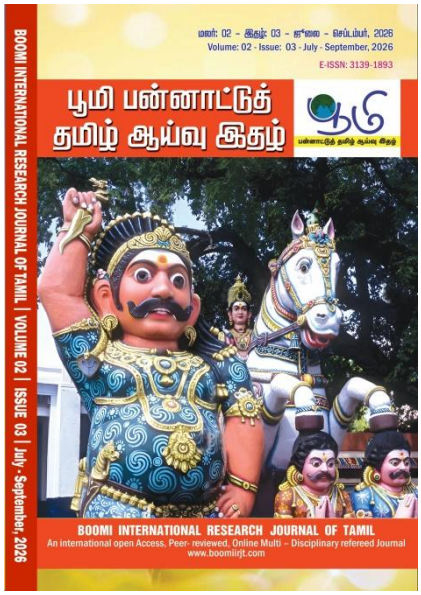

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Abstract

Dharmapuri is considered to be the special land where the god who gave the gooseberry to Aavaiyar lived. Various plants have a close relationship with the natural environment, agriculture and lifestyle of the people of this district. Among them, the nocchi plant has many cultural elements in the folk lifestyle of the people of Dharmapuri, beyond its medicinal use. This study aims to identify the plant customs prevalent among the people of Dharmapuri district regarding Nochchi and to reveal its uses and cultural significance.

Based on the information obtained during the field study, this study records the use of Nochi in various livelihood activities such as worshipping rituals, agriculture, water conservation, use of pesticides, grain protection, human medicine, veterinary medicine, and mosquito repellent. This study reveals the traditional knowledge related to Nochchi, the lifestyle practices connected to nature, and the knowledge of plant use that has been passed down from generation to generation among the people of Dharmapuri district.

Keywords: Tamil culture, Dharmapuri district, plant customs, Nochi, folk uses.

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