

***AESCHYNOMENE ASPERA* L. : A PLANT OF DIVERSE USE**

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ABSTRACT : *Aeschynomene aspera*, is a herbaceous plant belonging to the family Fabaceae and known as 'Indian Cork' or 'Shola Pith Plant'. It is important plant in terms of its utility, either ecologically, ethno-medicinally or economically. Although its diversities, in terms of its use has not been known to many, among us. This paper mainly deals with the floristic characteristics and useful aspects of this plant to generate proper awareness, among the common mass. The awareness will pave the way of further researches, efforts and investigations towards sustainable use and conservation of this threatened species.

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