

(marich van), Saphale village, Palghar District,Maharashtra, India.

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Abstract: -This study conducted in Tandulwadi (Marich van), Saphale village, Palghar District, is a region nestled in the Western Ghats Maharashtra, India. The main objective of this study is to assess the biodiversity and ecological importance of the flora in Tandulwadi (Marich van), Saphale village, Palghar District, Maharashtra, India. A comprehensive field survey was conducted to document the plant species diversity, distribution, and ecological characteristics across various habitats in the region. Taxonomic identification was performed for each species encountered, and data on their abundance, habitat preference, and ecological interactions were recorded. The survey revealed a rich diversity of plant life, including tropical forest species, moist deciduous trees and grassland vegetation. The diversity of the species was calculated using the Simpson's Index, Shannon Wiener Index and Evenness Index. The endemic and rare species were also identified, highlighting the ecological significance of the area. Ethnobotanical interviews with local communities provided insights into the traditional uses of plants for food, medicine, and cultural practices. The result of this study contributes to the conservation and management of plant biodiversity in Saphale village and provide valuable baseline data for future research and conservation initiatives in the region. Differences in species abundance and distribution across altitudinal classes may be related to resource availability, habitat overlap, habitat fragmentation, land area, degree of human impact or biotic disturbance.

Keywords: -Flora, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Habitat, Ethnobotany, Ecological significance, Species richness, Habitat analysis, Conservation strategies

Introduction: - To sustain the ecosystem for its sustainable use, biodiversity is essential. In General biodiversity make a reference to living organisms which involves plants, animals, aquatic and other habitats mainly of a region or a country. (2) A preliminary survey was conducted to document the diversity and economic importance of the angiosperms in Tandulwadi (Marich van), Saphale village, Palghar District. The collection of data involved the questionnaire and semi structured interview with local knowledgeable individuals about the flora of the Tandulwadi (Marich van). Interview was carried out in local dialect and permitting for open ended discussions about the uses and traditional knowledge of the plants. The research area provides endemic and certain endangered species with optimal conditions and serves as a seed bank for local species. The study area's diversity indices, which included species abundance, richness, and evenness, were determined to be significant.

Materials and Methodology

Study Area: -Saphaledistrict, situated in Maharashtra was chosen as the study area because of its varied topography and prospective ecological importance. The study incorporated various habitats, which involved tropical forests, grasslands, wetlands, and agricultural lands. The latitude of this areais 19.589224 and the Longitude of the area is 72.850115.

Figure no.1 Geographical map of Saphale village



Field Surveys: - Organized field survey was administrated in the month of January to record plant species diversity. During the survey open end discussions were carried out with the knowledgeable resource individuals for better understanding of the floristic diversity.

Taxonomic Identification: -The plant specimens was assembled and precisely identified utilizing standard taxonomic keys, field guides and consultation of botanical experts. Voucher specimens were collected and herbarium were prepared for future references.

Data Collection: - Data of the identified plant species involved the immense knowledge on the morphology, distribution, abundance and habit fondness. The GPS photographs were catalogued for each sample location to facilitate mapping. The origin of the materials for this floristic study was the substantial data collections of Angiosperm on the Tandulwadi Hill. The ground work survey was carried out in the month of January which confirmed the diversity of plants from the research area. The study aimed on collection of data on different habits of Angiospers which involved herb, shrub, grass, climber, trees, lianas.

Habitat Analysis: -To comprehend the patterns of plant species distribution throughout the landscape, a variety of habitats, including wetlands, grasslands, and woods, were comprehensively sampled. Transects were set up to evaluate the structure and composition of the vegetation.

Diversity Analysis: - Statistical interpretation involved species abundance, diversity indices and community structures were performed to quantify the biodiversity of the flora.

A diversity index is a statistic used in ecology that is intended to gauge an ecosystem's biodiversity. Diversity indices, like Simpson's Diversity Index, Wiener Index, and Evenness Index, were developed in order to assess and analyse the degree of diversity within the research region. The following metrics were calculated: species abundance (Simpson's index, D); species richness (Shannon Wiener index, H); and evenness (H-max, measured evenness).

Result and Discussion: -A aggregate number of Two hundred and thirty-eight taxa belonging to Seventythree families of Angiosperms were archived from the Tandulwadihill (Marich van) of Saphale Village, Palghar district, Maharashtra in the course of the study interval.

Sr No	Botanical Name	Comman Name	Family	Habitat of the plant
1	Helicteresisora	Murud sheng or kewad	Malvaceae	Tree
2	Jasminum malabarium	Ranjaai, Ran mogra	Oleaceae	Shrub
3	Sida cordifolia	Chikni or Bala	Malvaceae	Herb

Table no.1 List of plants from study area. (Reference 6,10)

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4	Terminalia bellirica	beda	Combretaceae	Herb
5	Haldina cordifolia	Hedu	Rubiaceae	Tree
6	Bauhinia varigata	kanchan	Fabaceae	Tree
7	Celastrus paniculatus	Jyotishmati vel	Celastraceae	Shrub
8	Baliospermum blume	Dantivel	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
9	Desmodiumgangeticum	Salvan	Fabaceae	Shrub
10	Hemidesmus indicus	Anant vel	Asclepiadaceae	Herb
11	Randia Spinosa	Madanfal	Rubiaceae	Shrub
12	Cissampelos pareira L.	Pahadvel	Menispermaceae	Shrub
13	Asparagus racemosus	Shatavari	Liliaceae	Shrub
14	Gossypium Herbaceum	Kapus	Malvaceae	Shrub
15	Bauhinia racemosa	Apta	Fabaceae	Shrub
16	Gloriosa superba L.	Kal lavi	Colchicaceae.	Climber
17	Heliotropium indicum L	Naagdawan	Boraginaceae	Herb
18	Bauhinia Acuminata	Safed aaein	Caesalpiniaceae	Shrub
19	Elaeocarpus angustifolia	Rudraksha	Elaeocarpaceae	Tree
20	Aegle marmelos	Bael	Rutaceae	Tree
21	Oroxylum indicum	Tetu	Bignoniaceae	Tree
22	HiptageBenghalensis	Madhumalti	Malpighiaceae	Shrub
23	Eclipta alba	Bhrigraj, Maka	Asteraceae	Herb
24	Cynodondactylon	Durva	Poaceae (Gramineae)	Herb
25	Ziziphus mauritiana	Badri	Rhamnaceae	Tree
26	Datura stramonium	Dhotra	Solanaceae	Shrub
27	Ocimum sanctum	Tulsi	Lamiaceae	Herb
28	Prosopis cineraria	Shami	Fabaceae	Tree
29	Punica granatum	Dalimb	Lythraceae	Tree
30	Achyranthes aspera	Aagada	Amaranthaceae	Herb
31	Solanum indicum	Dorli	Solanaceae	Herb
32	Nerium indicum	Kanher	Apocynaceae	Shrub
33	Calotropis procera	Rui	Apocynaceae	Shrub
34	Terminalia arjuna	Arjun	Combretaceae	Tree
35	Evolvulusalsinoides	Vishnukrant	Convolvulaceae	Herb
36	Cedrus deodara	Devdar	Pinaceae	Tree
37	Origanum majorana	Marwa	Lamiaceae	Herb
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Peepal

Moraceae

Ficus religiosa

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Tree

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39	Jasminum officinale	Jai, suman	Oleaceae	Shrub
40	Pendanusodoratissimus	Kevda	Pandanaceae	Tree
41	Sesbania grandiflora	Hadga	Fabaceae	Tree
42	Tridex procumbens	Dagdipala	Asteraceae	Herb
43	Zlziphus rugosa	Toran	Rhamnaceae	Tree
44	Syzygium aromaticum	Lavang	Myrtaceae	Tree
45	Strychnos nux vomica	Kajra	Loganiaceae	Tree
46	Emblica officinalis	Avla	Phyllanthaceae	Tree
47	Syzygiumcumini	Jambul	Myrtaceae	Tree
48	Acacia catechu	Khair	Fabaceae	Tree
49	Mesua ferrae	Naagkeshar	Calophyllaceae	Tree
50	Aquilaria sinensis	Krushnaguru	Thymelaeaceae	Tree
51	Butea monosperma	Palas	Fabaceae	Tree
52	salmaliamalabarica	Sawar	Bombacaceae	Tree
53	Artocarpus Heterophyllus	Fanas	Moraceae	Tree
54	MitragynaParvifolia	Kalamb, bumikadamba	Rubiaceae	Tree
55	Azadirachta Indica	Neem	Meliaceae	Tree
56	Madhuca Indica	Maha, mahua	Sapotaceae	Tree
57	Mimusops Elengi	Bakula	Sapotaceae	Tree
58	Cinnamomum Tamala	Tejpatra, tamalpatra	Lauraceae	Herb
59	Gardenia Jasminoides	Anant	Rubicaceae	Shrub
60	Semecarpus Anacardium	Beeba	Anacardiaceae	Tree
61	Carissa Carandas	Karwand	Apocynaceae	Shrub
62	Averrhoa Bilimbi	Bilimbi	Averrhoaceae	Tree
63	Piper Nigrum	Mikhel	Piperaceae	Climber
64	Plumbago zeylanica	Chitrak	Plumbaginaceae	Herb
65	Aerva Lanata	Kapoor tulsi	Amaranthaceae	Shrub
66	Pterocarpus Marsupium	Bibla	Fabaceae	Tree
67	Cymbopogan flexuous	Gavtichaha	Gramineae	Herb
68	Piper betel	Paanvel	Piperaceae	Climber
69	Morus alba	Shahatuta	Moraceae	Shrub
70	Clerodendron serratum	Bharangi	Lamiaceae	Herb
71	Elettaria cardamom	Elaichi	Zingiberaceae.	Herb
72	Gmelina arborea	Shivan	Lamiaceae	Tree
73	Garcinia indica	Kokam	Clusiaceae	Tree

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74	Spondias pinnata	Ambada	Anacardiaceae	Tree
75	Ziziphus jujube	Bore	Rhamnaceae	Shrub
76	Piper cubela	Kankol	Piperaceae	Climber
77	Quisqualis indica	Rangoon creeper	Combretaceae	Shrub
78	Crossendrainfundibuliformis	Aboli	Acanthaceae	Herb
79	Chlrophytumcosmosum	Dragon spider	Asparagaceae	Herb
80	Dracenareflexa	Song of India	Asparagaceae	Herb
81	Coleus blumei	Flame natel	Lamiaceae	Herb
82	Begonia aserifolia	Rex begonia	Begoniaceae	Herb
83	Andrographis paniculata	Bitter weed	Acanthaceae	Herb
84	Dieffenbachia aurantiaca	Dumb cane	Araceae	Herb
85	Vernonia cinerea	Little iron weed	Asteraceae	Herb
86	Costus spectabilis	spiral ginger family	Costaceae	Herb
87	Plumeria alba	White Frangipani	Apocynaceae	Shrub
88	Bryophyllumpinnatum	Paanfutti	Crassulaceae	Herb
89	Vitex negundo	Mints	Lamiaceae	Shrub
90	Musa paradisica	Banana	Musaceae	Tree
91	Poinsetia alba	Poinsettia	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
92	Digitaria arvensis	Crabgrass	Poaceae	Shrub
93	Portulaca oleracea	Pursley	Portulacaceae	Herb
94	Chenopodium album	Lambsquarters	Amaranthaceae	Herb
95	Amaranthus spinosus	Pigweed	Amaranthaceae	Herb
96	Atalantiamauritiana	Makadlimbu	Rutaceae	Shrub
97	Litsealamk	Sandhrukh	Lauraceae	Tree
98	Lycianthes laevis	Ajaan	Solanaceae	Tree
99	Abrus precatorius	Gunj	Fabaceae	Tree
100	Dalbergia sissoo	Shisav	Fabaceae	Tree
101	Tecomellaundulata	Raktarohika	Bignoniaceae	Tree
102	Simarouba amara	Simaruba	Simaroubaceae	Tree
103	Garuga pinnata	Kakad	Burseraceae	Tree
104	Hymenodictyonorixensis	Kadvai	Rubiaceae	Tree
105	Mutingiacalabura	Cherry	Muntingiaceae	Shrub
106	Flacortiamontana indica	Atak	Salicaceae	Tree
107	Glycosmis mauritiana	Kirmir	Rutaceae	Shrub
108	Thespesia populnea	Parosapeepal	Malvaceae	Shrub

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109	Santalum album	Chandan	Santalaceae	Tree
110	Pterocarpus santalinus	Raktachandan	Fabaceae	Tree
111	Barringtonia asiatica	Samudrafal	Lecythidaceae	Tree
112	Citrus limetta	Mosambi	Rutaceae	Tree
113	Dichrostachyscinera	Durangibambool	Fabaceae	Shrub
114	Ficus microcarpa	Nandruk	Moraceae	Tree
115	Nyctanthesarbor-tristis	Parijatak	Oleaceae	Tree
116	Melia azedarach	Bakananim	Meliaceae	Tree
117	Dolichandrone falcata	Medshingi	Bignoniaceae	Tree
118	Dillenia indica	Motha karmal	Dilleniaceae	Shrub
119	Adenantherapavonina	Ratangunj	Fabaceae	Tree
120	Boswellia serrata	Salai	Burseraceae	Tree
121	Acacia leucophloea	Hivar	Mimosaceae	Tree
122	Ougeiniaoojeinense	Tivas	Fabaceae	Tree
123	Pterospermumacerifolium	Muchkand	Sterculiaceae	Tree
124	Cymbopoganwinterianusjowitt	Citronella	Fabaceae	Herb
125	Symplocosracemosa	Lodra	Symplocaceae	Tree
126	Citrus sinensis	Santra	Rutaceae	Tree
127	Nephelium lappaceum	Rambutan	Sapindaceae	Tree
128	Callicarpa lanata	Ishwar	Lamiacae	Shrub
129	Datura metel linn	Kala dhotra	Solanaceae	Herb
130	Brassica juncea	Mustard	Curciferae	Herb
131	Convolvulus arvensis	Bindweed	Convolvulaceae	Herb
132	Celosia cristata	Cocks Comb	Amaranthaceae	Herb
133	Hibiscus rosasinesinsis	Shoe flower	Malvaceae	Shrub
134	Sterculia foetida	Janglibadam	Malvaceae	Tree
135	Myristica dactyloides	Raan jaayfal	Apiaceae	Tree
136	Trachyspermumammi	Ajwain	Apiaceae	Tree
137	Mangifera indica	Mango	Anacardiaceae	Tree
138	Carica papaya	Рарауа	Caricaceae	Tree
139	Ficus hispida	Dhedumbar	Moraceae	Tree
140	Cordia macleodii	Dahivan	Boraginaceae	Tree
141	Albizzaprocera	kinai	Fabaceae	Tree
142	Ochna obtusata	Kanakchampa	Ochanaceae	Shrub
143	Mirabilis jalapa	Gulbakshi	Nyctaginaceae	Herb

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144	Dioscorea bulbifera	karanda	Dioscoraceae	Climber
145	Cassia auriculata	Tarwat	Fabaceae	Shrub
146	Urania lagopoides	Pitvan	Fabaceae.	Herb
147	Gliricidiasepium	mouse killer"	Fabaceae.	Shrub
148	Cassia tora	Takla	Fabaceae.	Herb
149	Cymbopogon citratus	Lemon grass	Poaceae	Herb
150	Pyllanthusurinaria	Bhuiavla	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
151	Nerium odorum	Kanehar	Apocynaceae	Shrub
152	Ricinus communis	Eranda	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
153	Calycopteris floribunda	uukshi	Combretaceae	Climber
154	Piper betle	Betel	Piperaceae	Climber
155	Cocculus hirsutus	Broom creeper	Menispermceae	Shrub
156	Albizia amara	shirish	Fabaceae	Tree
157	Mentha spicata	Spearmint	Lamiaceae	Herb
158	Morus alba	white mulberry	Moraceae	Shrub
159	Aerva lanata	mountain knotgrass	Amaranthacae	Shrub
160	Diplocyclospalmatus L.	Striped Cucumber	Cucurbitaceae.	Herb
161	Diospyros malabarica	Tembhurni	Ebenaceae	Tree
162	Garcinia india	Kokam	Clusiaceae	Tree
163	Samanea saman	Rain tree	Fabaceae	Tree
164	Cassia fistula	Bahava	Fabaceae	Tree
165	Centella asiatica	Mandukparni	Apiaceae	Herb
166	Curcuma longa	Turmeric	Zingiberaceae	Herb
167	Alstoniascholaris	Saatwin	Apocynaceae	Tree
168	Passiflora coccinea	Passifloraceae	Passifloraceae	Shrub
169	Beaumontia grandiflora	Easter Lily Vine	Apocynaceae	Climber
170	Moullava spicata	cork bush	Fabaceae	Tree
171	Acacia concinna	Shikakai	Fabaceae	Tree
172	Vallarissolanacea	Bread Flower	Apocynaceae	Climber
173	Ipomoea aqutica	Morning-glory	Convolvulaceae	Climber
174	Lysilomalatislliquam	False tamarind	Fabaceae	Tree
175	Phylanthus reticulatus	Black-Honey Shrub	Phyllanthaceae.	Shrub
176	Mallotusphilippensis	Kampillaka	Euphorbiaceae	Tree
177	Syzygiumjambos	Rose apple	Myrtaceae	Tree
178	Barleria cristata L.	Philippine viole	Acanthaceae	Herb

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179	Boerhaviadiffusa	punarnava	Nyctaginaceae	Herb
180	Markhamia lutea	Nile tulip	Bignoniaceae	Tree
181	Caesalpinia cariaria	Divi Divi	Fabaceae	Tree
182	Hibiscus mutabilis	Confederate Rose	Malvaceae	Shrub
183	Catharanthus rosesus	Sadaphuli	Apocynaceae	Herb
184	Colocasia esculanta	Suran	Araceae	Herb
185	Royalstonea regia	Royal Palm	Arecaceae	Tree
186	Senna siamea	Kassod Tree	Fabaceae	Tree
187	Cassia grandis	Horse Cassia	Fabaceae	Tree
188	SpathodeaCampanulata	Flame of the Forest	Bignoniaceae	Tree
189	Grevillea robusta	silk oak	Proteaceae	Tree
190	Tabebuia aurea	Trumpet plant	Bignoniaceae	Tree
191	Erythrina indica	Pangara	Fabaceae	Tree
192	Pimetata dioica	All spice	Myrtaceae	Herb
193	Callianadrahaematocephala	Powder ouff	Fabaceae	Tree
194	Ficus religiousa	pepal	Moraceae	Tree
195	Bauhinia variegata	Kanchan	Fabaceae	Tree
196	Abelmoschus moschatus	Musk mallow	Malvaceae	Herb
197	Abutilon indicum	Country mallow	Malvaceae	Shrub
198	Achyranthes aspera	Devil's horsewhip	Amaranthaceae	Herb
199	Ageratum conyzoides	Goat weed	Asteraceae	Herb
200	Alternanthera brasiliana	Brazilian joyweed	Amaranthaceae	Shrub
201	Crotalaria sagittalis	Arrowhead rattlebox	Fabaceae	Herb
202	Cyanotisaxillaris	Spreading dayflowe	Commelinaceae	Herb
203	Cynodondactylon	Bermuda grass	Poaceae	Herb
204	Leucas aspera	Common leucas	Lamiaceae	Herb
205	Ludwigiaadscendens	Creeping water primrose	Onagraceae	Herb
206	Malachra capitata	Brazil Jute	Malvaceae	Herb
207	Oxalis corniculata	Creeping wood sorrel	Oxalidaceae	Herb
208	Artocarpus lakoocha	Lakuch/monkey jack	Moraceae	Tree
209	Phyllanthus niruri	Stonebreake	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
210	Adentherapavonina	Ratangunj	Fabaceae	Tree
211	Sida cordifolia	Flannel Weed	Malvaceae	Shrub
212	Millingtoniahorrtensis	Buch	Bignoniaceae	Tree
213	Atrabotryshexapetalous	Hirva chapha	Annonaceae	climber

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214	Muraraya Paniculata	Kunti	Rutaceae	Shrub
215	Melia azedarach	Bachneem	Meliaceae	Tree
216	Antigoninleptopus	Icecream creeper	Polygonaceae	Climber
217	Vallerissolancea	Vishmogeri	Apocynaceae	Shrub
218	Merremia tuberosa	Woodrose	Convolvulaceae	Climber
219	Acacia concinna	Shikakai	Fabaceae	Shrub
220	Argyreia nervosa	Samudrashok	Convolvulaceae	Climber
221	Pyrostegiavenusta	Sankrantvel	Bignoniaceae	Climber
222	Caesalpinia bounduc	Sagergota	Fabaceae	Shrub
223	Ruelliaprostrata	Prostrate wild petunia	Acanthaceae	Herb
224	Schefflera elliptica	Pachotra	Araliaceae	Shrub
225	Butea superba	Palasvel	Fabaceae	Climber
226	Combretum latifolium	Piluk	Combretaceae	Climber
227	Dalbergia horrida	Pentgul	Fabaceae	Climber
228	Dalbergia volubilis	Alai	Fabaceae	Climber
229	Monstera deliciosa	Monstera	Araceae	Climber
230	Combretum indicum	Rangunvel	Combretaceae	Climber
231	Porana paniculata	Heemvel	Convolvulaceae	Climber
232	Derris scandens	Ambri	Fabaceae	Climber
233	Portulaca oleracea	Common purslane	Portulacaceae	Herb
234	Physalis minima	Sunberry	Solanaceae	Herb
235	Lantana camara	Wild sage	Verbenaceae	Shrub
236	Ipomoea obscura	Obscure morning glory	Convolvulaceae	Herb
237	Euphorbia hirta	Asthma Herb	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
238	Datura metel	Thorn apple	Solanaceae	Shrub

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Figure no.2 Graphical representation of Number of species per family

The most dominating family was the Fabaceae family with a total number of Forty genera (17.7%) was recorded during the survey. The Malvaceae family was the second dominating family with a total number of Eleven genera (4.5%) which was documented during from the Research area. The Apocynaceae family had in total of (4.1%) of superiority with an aggregate number of Ten genus which were recorded during the survey. The family Bignoniaceae was around (3.7%) covering at around nine genera. The Amaranthaceae and Moraceae, lamiaceae family had a dominance of 8 Genus with (3.3%). The Combretaceae family had all around 7 genus and species with (2.9%). The Anacardiaceaefamily had (1.2%) of dominance with all around 3 Genus and species. The Portulacaceae and Zingerbaceae family had only two genus and species with (0.8%) which was documented during the survey. Although thirty-two families in total were recorded with only one Genus and species with (0.4%) which include Oleaceae, Malpighiaceae, Rhamnaceae, Celastraceae, Lythraceae, Pinaceae, Crassulaceae, Loganiaceae, Salicaceae, Muntingiaceae, Dilleniaceae, Onagraceae, Oxalidaceae, Polygonaceae, Araliaceae, Verbanaceae.



Figure no.3 Graphical representation of Distribution of habit

Habit-wise categorization of plant from the research area demonstrates that there are 94 trees with (46.6%) of dominance which was followed by the Shrubs which included almost 54 shrubs with (26.0%). Other habits like Herbs which had almost 68 herbs with (23.3%) of superiority and there

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were about 23 climbers with (4.1%) of dominance. As a result, the domination of tree species with a higher number of 46.6 percent was reported in the research field.



Figure no.4 Graphical representation of Biodiversity of species

In the current study the value of Simpsons Diversity Index is 0.04. The results presented that the Research area had a higher level of Diversity. Shannon's Wiener Index is calculated to detect the species richness as overall index of diversity. The value of Shannon index ranges from 1 and 2. Higher the value greater the species diversity. In this study the Shannon Wiener index and Evenness index is 1.86 and 0.43 respectively.

Conclusion: -For the first time, a preliminary floristic survey was conducted on the angiosperms found in Tandulwadi (marich van), saphale village, Palghar District area. The inquiry revealed that, over the course of the study period, 239 taxa from 73 families of angiosperms were identified. The plants identified from the research region were discovered to provide significant advantages for human health. It was discovered that the research region was primarily dominated by plants of medicinal significance, followed by plants that were used for food and lumber. Future research in the areas of documenting many angiosperms and studying their value seems promising. Plants found in India's natural environments may prove to be a very valuable resource for human welfare.

Future scope: -The area should be developed into a tourist spot so that the trees in this area will be conserved and also other anthropogenic activities should be stopped which disturbs the biodiversity. The cultivation of the endangered or rare plants is necessary because it has abundant uses and if not conserved it will be vanished.

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