

## **SRI SIVANI COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

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## HENNA

**BOTINICAL NAME: LAWSONIA INERMIS** 

**FAMILY:** Lythraceae

**SYNONYMS:** 

**ENGLISH:** henna tree

HINDI: Mehndi

TAMIL: Marutāṇi TELUGU: Gorintaku

## **CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS:**

❖ The traditional plant—derived henna contains the active ingredient called lawsone (2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone), which is an orange-red pigment responsible for the typical coloration [2]. Lawsone interacts directly with the amine or sulfur functional

groups of keratin due to its strong affinity.

## USES: 2-Hydroxy-1,4-Naphthoquinone The Harman Page for 0 2004

- making it difficult to trace where it originated and which culture can lay claims to it.
- decrease the growth of tumors, prevent or reduce spasms, decrease inflammation, and relieve pain.
- henna is for protecting the skin against infections and eliminating inflammation Henna contains substances that might help fight certain infections.
- ❖ Henna is mainly used in celebration of special occasions such as weddings & Eid in the joyous gathering of people
- ❖ The Henna paste symbolizes good health & prosperity in marriage, & in some cultures, the darker the henna stain, the deeper the love between two individuals.
- ❖ Henna is sometimes applied directly to the affected area for dandruff, eczema, cabies, fungal infections, and wounds. In manufacturing, henna is used in cosmetics, hair dyes, and hair care products; and as a dye for nails, hands, and clothing. People also use henna on the skin as temporary "tattoos."