

Godetia : A source of natural dyes

The Godetia being a beautiful bedding plant can be used as cut flower, but the vase-life of the flower is very less. Besides this, it can be used in the value-addition by making the dry flower products and extracting the natural dyes.

The natural dyes extracted from the plants are safer in comparison to the synthetic dyes as these leads to environmental pollution and promotes the spread of allergies like dermatitis, asthma and bronchitis, etc.

Being a good source of natural dyes, the dye extracted from the pink Godetia flower can be used for the coloration of fabrics, tinting of dry flowers, paper printing ink, leather, cosmetics, paint industries and preparation of the other value-added products.

For detailed method of extraction, visit:
<https://bit.ly/2ZADKk5>

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