

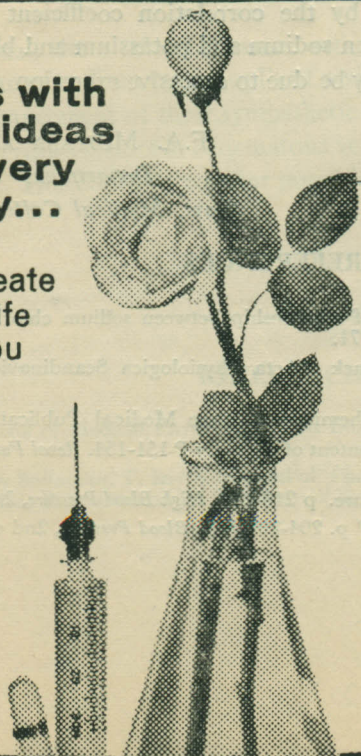
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I.C.M.R., members of the Advisory Committee and Editors, associated with the job of bringing out this publication deserve encomiums for doing a magnificent job. Chopra's *Indigenous Drugs of India* and Nadkarni's *Indian Materia Medica* written several years ago provided very useful reference material for workers interested in research on medicinal plants. However over the last 15 years, an enormous amount of literature has accumulated on medicinal plants. Those not keeping pace with research in this area or new entrants in this field, would be completely lost looking for the material in the journals of Botany, Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Medicine, Ayurveda, Unani etc. *Medicinal Plants of India* has therefore filled the gap. 350 plants have been described alphabetically (A to G) in relation to their botanical, chemical and clinical properties. Plants already well established and dealt with at length in text books and pharmacopias are not incorporated in the monograph. Ayurvedic description (wherever available) as given in the ancient texts is also included. Two appendices, one giving list of plants classified according to activity and the other giving glossary of Sanskrit/Ayurvedic terms are additional welcome features of the monograph. Description on each plant is immediately followed by a list of references. About 75 plants bear illustrations which are well-made. Finally the book is priced reasonably. For those interested in medicinal plants the monograph is a gold mine of information and we fervently hope that Vol. II would follow soon. The book is strongly recommended for the shelves of interested libraries.

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