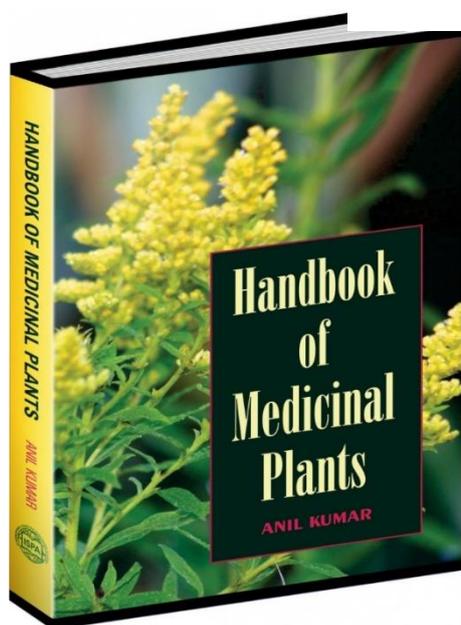


REVIEW



Handbook of Medicinal Plants

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The Book entitled '**Hand Book of Medicinal Plants**' authored by **Anil kumar** and published and printed by International Scientific Publishing Academy 4594/9 Daryaganj, New Delhi will appeal to professional in the field of medicinal plants.

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It covers descriptions specially (a) Heyday and Decline of Indigenous Remedies. (b) Safety and Efficacy of Herbal Medicine (c) Pharmacology and Actions (d) Atherosclerosis (e) Toxicity (f) Cognitive Functioning

(g) cytotoxic activity (h) Chemistry (i) Phytochemical Characteristics (j) Folk Medicines (k) Economics (l) cultural studies.

Herbs obtained from (1) Roots and other underground parts, barks, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, lower part of plants and insecticides and raticides have been mentioned.

Many conventional drugs, which originate from plant sources: some of the most effective drugs are plant based, such as aspirin derived from bark of willow, digoxin derived from foxglove, quinine derived from the bark of cinchona and morphine derived from poppy. The development of drugs from plants by drug companies encourage large scale of pharmacological screening of herbs as well as Chinese herbalism as the most dominant of the ancient herbal traditions have been described. The book may act as an essential reference guide for well being

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