CULTIVATION OF MOST VALUABLE MEDICINAL PLANT "PUNARNAVA" (*Boerhaavia diffusa* Linn.) PRACTICED FOR THE TREATMENT OF URINARY DISORDERS

THESIS
SUBMITTED FOR THE DEGREE OF
Doctor of Philosophy
IN
Agricultural Botany
OF
VEER BAHADUR SINGH PURVANCHAL UNIVERSITY
JAUNPUR

By
Radha Kant Pandey
M.Sc. (Botany)
Enrolment No. PU 95-19398

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL BOTANY
SRI DURGA JI POST GRADUATE COLLEGE
CHANDESHWAR, AZAMGARH, U.P.

2005
PUNARNAVA (Boerhaavia diffusa Linn.)

Medicinal Value:

**Root** - diuretic, good expectorant, used in jaundice, ascites, anasareca, scanty urine and internal inflammation, mixed with dried ginger it is given in urticaria, powdered root is given in several cases of anagarea, root ground in rice water is given internally for snake-bite, also used in scorpion-sting.

**Leaves** - appetiser, alexiteric, used in Ophthalmia, eye wound and in pain of the joint.

**Seeds** - tonic, expectorant, carminative, useful in muscular pain, lumbago, scabies, scorpion-sting, purify the blood and hasten delivery.