P R E F A C E

This thesis summarises the results of 4 years of studies on the ethnobotany of 'Nath' of Bundelkhand region.

The bulk of the thesis is divided into seven chapters. In the Chapter-I, effort has been made to explain why the present problem was undertaken. A brief account of social condition of 'Nath' is given in Chapter II. A brief historical review on the subject is given in Chapter III. Material collected, methodology followed and detailed physiographic account of the area of study form the contents of Chapter IV. The ethnobotanical description of all the plant species recorded after this survey followed by a classified list of 272 plant species is given in Chapter V. A detailed general discussion on the ethnobotany of 'Nath' of Bundelkhand form the basis of Chapter VI. Chapter VII deals with the summary of present findings and author-wise list of alphabetically arranged references is given under bibliography.

The thesis is supported by 6 Tables and 10 illustrations.