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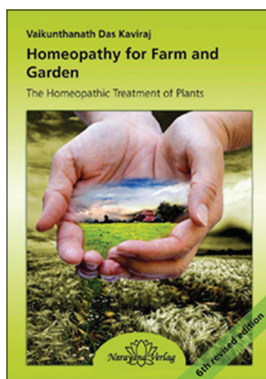
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Homeopathy for Farm and Garden, The Homeopathy for Farm and Garden

Author: Vaikunthanath Das Kaviraj

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vaikunthanath Das Kaviraj was involved in years of research in Australia and Europe, which formed the basis of his guide, “Homeopathy for Farm and Garden.” Kaviraj began working, at the age of 14, in tree nurseries and on organic dairy farms. His initial interest in Homoeopathy was aroused after he became seriously ill during a trip to India and was cured with Homoeopathy. His journey with plants began in Switzerland in 1986, when a friend suggested he attempted to treat an apple orchard suffering from a severe bright red rust. He applied *Belladonna*, which resulted in a successful harvest of delicious apples.

ABOUT THE BOOK

This book emphasises the usage of Homoeopathy for plant diseases based on classical Homoeopathy, which helps treat

plant diseases. This homoeopathic treatment of plants can significantly reduce the need for chemical pesticides and compounds, helping to preserve and protect the environment. This book has a significant focus on the homoeopathic treatment of plants in different problems such as malnourishment, parasitic, fungal, bacterial and viral diseases, any external damage or injury and weed infestation.

OUTLINE AND CONTENT

This book comprises 547 pages and fifteen chapters. In the initial editions, the arrangement of chapters was alphabetical but in the new edition reorganised with a new layout by topic, making the book easier and simpler for broader use as a practical reference. With input from the latest research and field experience, many new remedies were added. These provide a greater chance of selecting the best remedies for beneficial results. Pests and afflicted diseases of plants were illustrated in 137 coloured illustrations. The inputs are very beneficial for agricultural crops, thus benefiting the farmers and the community with quality-rich yields. A very wonderful captivating book could realign the future of farming towards pure and organic yield.

The first two chapters are the foreword and introduction to the book, third chapter deals with the basic principles of Homoeopathy. The fourth chapter gives the basic idea of agriculture, the soil structure and plant structures and tissues. The 10th to 11th chapters deals with the various diseases occurring in the plants and the usage of homoeopathic remedies for those conditions with indications and administration. The 12th chapter talks about the injuries experienced by plants and their treatment with homoeopathic remedies. The 13th and 14th chapters deal with weeds in relation to their allelopathic effects and their indicated homoeopathic remedies. In the final 15th chapter, the author gives a small repertory of homoeopathic remedies for ready reference from his experience.

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EVALUATION

The systematic presentation of this book about plants and their diseases with the individualised and customised approaches in the selection of homoeopathic remedies is extraordinary. Readers are appraised by the latest research outcomes. The homoeopathic indications given throughout the book are of much practical utility and serve as a source to yield good results in the field of agricultural crops. The presentation of the book is very simple and easy to comprehend and attracts a broader range of stakeholders and ground-level farmers.

However, there are some medicines recommended in this book as a potentised form of pesticides and insecticides, which need more validation before their clinical use.

RECOMMENDATION

This book serves as a handy practical guide for treating diseased plants and soils with Homoeopathy to result in the best yields. This book is thought-provoking to young researchers to take forward the concept of Agro-homoeopathy with evidence-based outcomes.