

QUICK DRYING OF FLOWER PETALS AND LEAVES IN MICROWAVE OVEN

Road sides of rural and hilly areas are covered with different types of colourful flowers and foliage (domesticated, semi-domesticated or wild) at different seasons round the year. In spite of aesthetic beauty all these natural resources are totally unutilized/wasted due to unawareness of their use. All these can be converted into value added products by using dehydration technique. Different techniques have been standardized for dehydration. The optimum stage, time of harvesting and time required for dehydration have been extensively studied and standardized. Present article reports a quick method for dehydration and preparation of quality raw materials using microwave oven.

***SENGA SILCHARENSIS*, A NEW CESTODE SPECIES FROM THE
INTESTINE OF THE FRESH WATER FISH *CHANNA PUNCTATUS*
(BLOCH) FROM CHATLA HAOR, SILCHAR, ASSAM**

Senga silcharensis, a new cestode species from the intestine of the fresh water fish *Channa punctatus* (Bloch) has been described and compared with the other known species of the genus *Senga* in the lures of work by Dollfus (1934). It differs from all the known species of the genus in the number of hooks, testes and shape of the scolex.
