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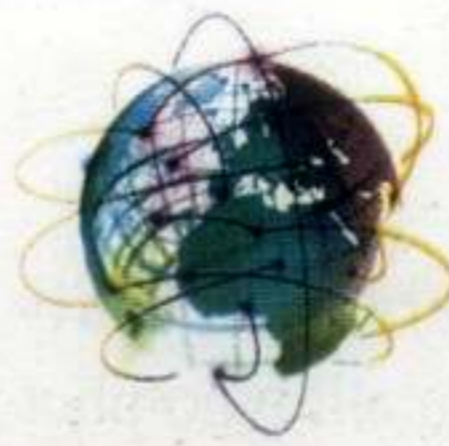
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is a wonderful site showcasing the flowers of India, maintained by amateur flower enthusiasts, Thingam Girija and Tabish Qureshi from Jamia Millia Islamia. They are the creators of this site and the site lists Girija as a "flower hunter" and Tabish as a "web designer".

The web site is full of stunning photographs of flowers, trees and cactii, most of which have been photographed by Girija and Tabish. The site is designed beautifully and lets you search for your favorite flowers by name and by color from a collection of over five hundred photographs! Moreover, each photograph lists the complete botanical name of the flower with a short informative description. What is most appealing to the lay flower enthusiast is the number of popular and "common names" of

flowers in vernacular Indian languages listed in this site. The creators of the site have gone out of their way find out as many Indian names – in Hindi, Tamil, Manipuri, Malayalam, Bengali, and Telugu, for instance - for many of the flowers. So, this is one site where you can find "Harsingar", "Nargis", "Mogra", "Malli", "Champa", "Kachnar", "Amaltas", "Cherei", "Rangan", "Rajnigandha" and many more.

The site also includes a section on "unidentified flowers" where the hosts invite you to share your knowledge and identify these unknown flowers. In fact, many of the flowers listed on the site have been identified by visitors to the site and friends of Tabish and Girija whom they acknowledge on the site. Interesting recent additions to this site are sections on "Understanding

Botanical Names", "Flower Shapes", and "Leaf Shapes" which are extremely illuminating for a lay flower enthusiast.

For physicist Tabish Qureshi, and student of psychology, Thingam Girija, the creation of this site is truly a labor of love. It is sure to delight the professional botanist with its quality and authenticity and turn the uninitiated visitor into a die hard flower enthusiast.

