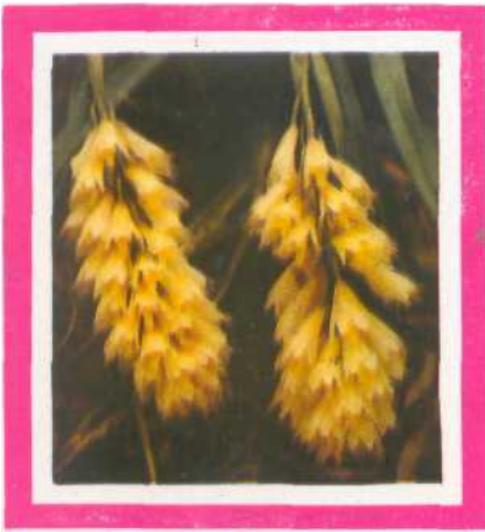
A cluster of yellow orchids with dark spots on their petals, set against a dark background. The flowers are arranged in a dense, downward-sloping group. The petals are a vibrant yellow, and each flower has a prominent dark brown or black spot in the center of its labellum. The background is a dark, almost black, textured surface, possibly a book cover or a photograph of a natural setting. The overall composition is centered and visually striking due to the high contrast between the bright yellow and the dark background.

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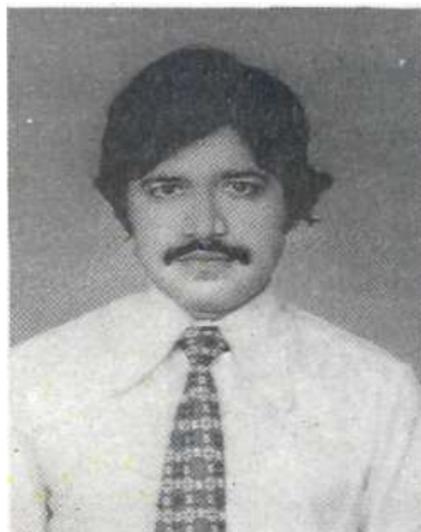
## **ORCHIDS OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH SADANAND N. HEGDE**

Arunachal Pradesh is an abode of orchids—the loveliest of all the flowering plants. This book while introducing the various orchids occurring in Arunachal Pradesh offers, a brief history of development of orchidology, morphology, habitat—distribution, cultivation and propagation methods and brief classification followed by enumeration of rare, endangered, curious and showy orchids of this territory. In the Enumeration, there are relevant notes on the habit, habitat and cultivation methods on the individual species. A chapter has been devoted on orchid breeding giving the details of the technique for the improvement of indigenous species. All the 368 species of orchids recorded so far in Arunachal Pradesh by various workers have also been listed at the end followed by bibliography.

The aesthetic beauty of orchids has been brought out effectively in this book in simple language and through line drawings, 34 black & white and 84 colour photographs of orchids.

This book is basically meant to create an awareness for conservation of orchids and to inculcate an interest for their cultivation amongst the people of Arunachal Pradesh. However, it is certain that the book will find place in every library and will be a useful reference to the students of botany, researchers in Orchidology, Foresters, amateur orchid growers and Nurserymen alike.

*Front Cover:*  
*Dendrobium chrysanthum* Lindl.



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*Back Cover:*  
*Paphiopedilum fairieanum*  
(Lindl.) Pfitz.