

this book is dedicated) laid the foundation of pharmacy education at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1932. N.K. Basu, D.N. Majumdar, G.P. Srivastava and S. Prasad were other prominent educationists of BHU. R.P. Patel and M.L. Khorna also contributed to pharmacy education and pharmacy profession in general. K.C. Chatterjee, H.R. Nanji and B.V. Patel played a great role in the development of industry, statutory control of drugs and pharmacy practice. S.N. Biswas, J.C. Ghosh and B.N. Vyas were other prominent pharmacy professional of the last century. Several medico pharmaceutical professionals like R.N. Chopra, K.S. Grewal and B. Mukerji have contributed a lot to the pharmaceutical developments in India.

Prof. Singh has done a great service to the profession of pharmacy by writing this book. The book is excellently written and it is a treasure for the pharmacy profession, not only in India but for the pharmacy world. Pharmacy profession in Western countries means practice in community and institutional pharmacies. A pharmaceutical history book covering various aspects of pharmacy disciplines has been written for the first time. The author has explored in various chapters the developments of pharmacy practice in India covering over 150 years of history and thus provided a valuable informative data on this subject. The author has further given a brilliant account of the British Indian pharmacopoeial history and thus made a new original addition to the subject of history of pharmacopoeias. The development of pharmacy education in a large country like India was a complex process and the author puts it together into a clear understandable essay. Biographies of persons who helped in the development of pharmacy profession in the country makes the book interesting to read. Numerous pictures of pharmacies, pharmacopoeias, institutions and portrait photographs sprinkled throughout the book help break up the text. An appendix of the supplementary readings at the end of the book gives a complete bibliographical list of the publications of the author. The cover picture of the book shows the front view of the University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh. This book should serve as a standard text book in the Indian Universities and a reference on the subject of history of Indian pharmacy. Prof. Singh has produced an excellent record of the pharmaceutical history of India and the subject pharmacy in general, which could be a valuable resource for understanding one of the most important professional fields in India today.

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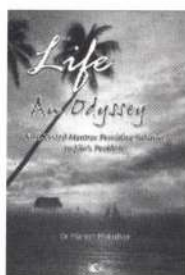
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