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*All the flowers of  
tomorrow are in the seeds  
of today...*

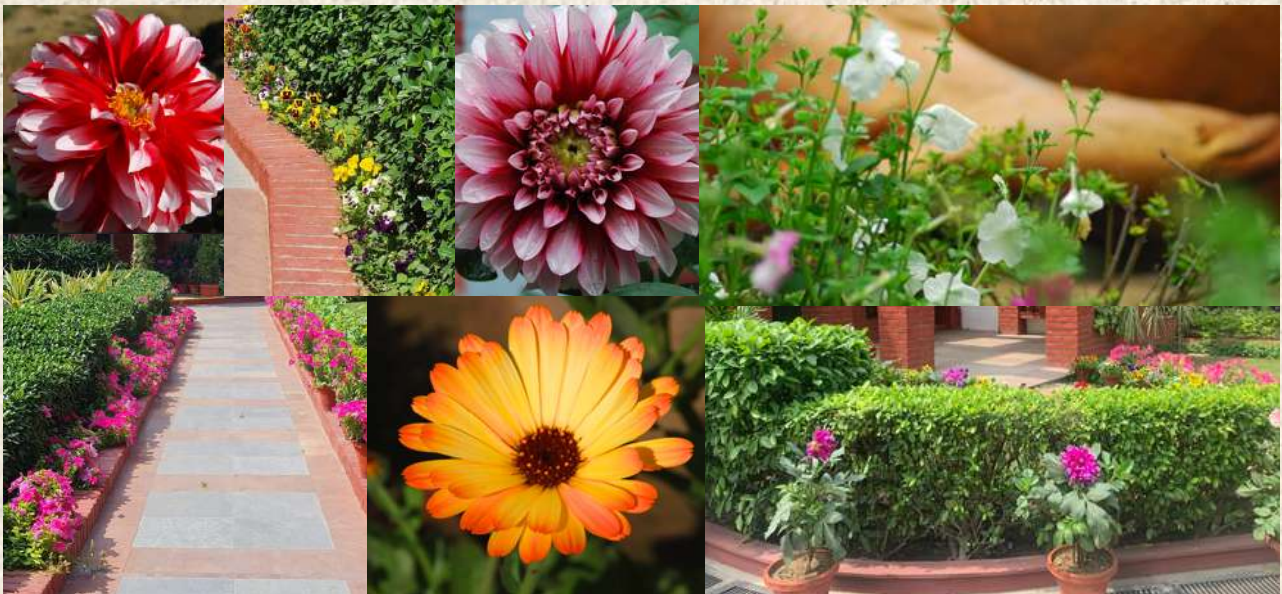
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# Where Flowers Bloom, So Does Hope

*The vibrant beauty of nature is something we marvel at. It differs from region-to-region in form and number – yet flowers remain omnipresent.*

*From the searing soils of the Sahara to ice-cold Canadian tundra, flowers – and the distinctive aroma they exude - are seen everywhere, commonly found in the temperate climes and tropics of the world. Over the course of the Earth's evolution from inhospitable wasteland to biological utopia, flowers have become an integral part of the ecosystem – a fact best personified, perhaps, by the symbiotic relationship they share with bees. Did you know, that flowers can actually hear buzzing bees? Or that they were once a form of non-verbal communication?*

## SPRING AT GYAN BHARATI SCHOOL



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# National Flower



## LOTUS - NELUMBO NUCIFERA

The lotus is the national flower of India and holds significant cultural and spiritual importance in the country. This aquatic plant is known for its beauty, purity, and perseverance, and has been mentioned in various ancient texts and mythology. In Indian culture, the lotus is regarded as a symbol of spiritual enlightenment, purity and divine beauty. It is a beautiful representation of the country's rich heritage and natural diversity.



### SIGNIFICANCE OF LOTUS

- Apart from India, Lotus is also the National Flower of Vietnam.
- In Egypt, Lotus is considered auspicious because it is regarded as the symbol of the Sun God.
- According to Hindu mythology Lotus is made the seat of the Goddess of wealth - Lakshmi.
- Although Lotus is mainly regarded as an ornamental flower and is used for religious purposes, it has several other uses.
- Lotus honey is useful for the treatment of eye diseases.



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## शब्दों का शतरंज



# STATE FLOWERS



States	Flower	Binomial Name
Andhra Pradesh	Water Lily	Nelumbo
Arunachal Pradesh	Lady's Slipper	Cypripedioideae
Assam	Foxtail Orchids	Rhynchosyilis gigantea
Bihar	Pot Marigold (Genda)	Calendula officinalis
Gujarat	Marigold (Galgota)	Tagetes erecta
Haryana	Lotus	Nelumbo nucifera
Himachal Pradesh	Rhododendron	Rhododendron ponticum
Jharkhand	Parrot Tree	Butea monosperma
Karnataka	Lotus	Nelumbo nucifera
Kerala	Golden Shower Tree	Cassia fistula
Madhya Pradesh	Parrot Tree	Butea monosperma
Maharashtra	Tamhini, Jarul	Lagerstroemia speciosa
Manipur	Siroi Lily	Lilium mackliniae
Meghalaya	Lady's Slipper	Cypripedioideae
Mizoram	Red Vanda	Renanthera imschootiana
Nagaland	Rhododendron	Rhododendron ponticum
Odisha	Ashoka	Saraca asoca
Rajasthan	Rohira	Tecomella undulata
Sikkim	Noble Orchid	Cymbidium goeringii
Tamil Nadu	Glory lily	Gloriosa superba

Telegana	Senna auriculata	Caesalpinioideae
Tripura	Nag Kesar	Mesua ferrea
Uttar Pradesh	Palash	Butea monosperma
Uttarakhand	Brahma Kamal	Saussurea obvallata
West Bengal	Night-flowing Jasmine	Nyctanthes arbor-tristis

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rashtrapati Bhavan's Historic Mughal Gardens is renamed as 'Amrit Udyan'. The decision is said to be part of Government of India's 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a project to mark 75 years of Independence, according to the government.

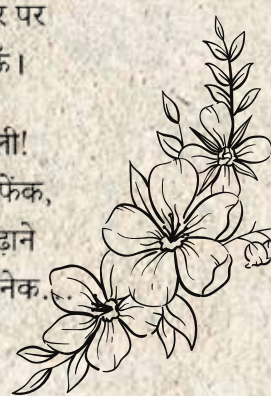


### पुष्प की अभिलाषा

चाह नहीं मैं सुरबाला के  
गहनों में गूँथा जाऊँ,  
चाह नहीं, प्रेमी-माला में  
बिंध प्यारी को ललचाऊँ,

चाह नहीं, सम्राटों के शव  
पर हे हरि, डाला जाऊँ,  
चाह नहीं, देवों के सिर पर  
चढ़ूँ भाग्य पर इठलाऊँ।

मुझे तोड़ लेना वनमाली!  
उस पथ पर देना तुम फेंक,  
मातृभूमि पर शीश चढ़ाने  
जिस पर जावें वीर अनेक.

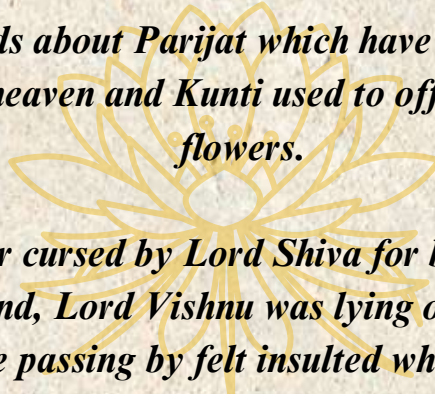




# FLOWERS AND MYTHOLOGY



*There are a number of legends about Parijat which have popular acceptance. One is that Arjun brought this tree from heaven and Kunti used to offer and crown Lord Shiva with its flowers.*



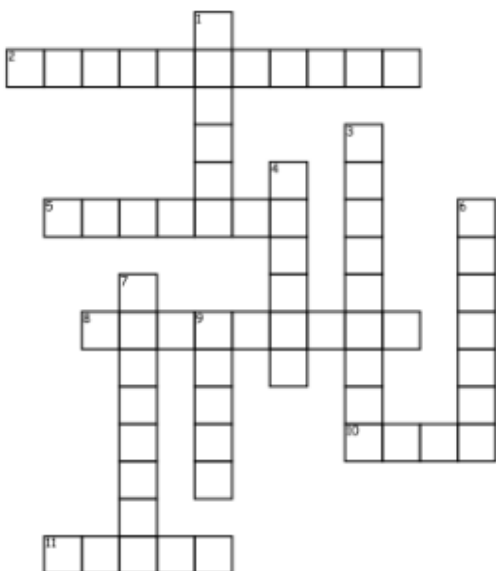
*Ketaki is a forbidden flower cursed by Lord Shiva for bearing a false witness of Lord Brahma. According to a legend, Lord Vishnu was lying on the serpent couch in the sea of eternity. Lord Brahma, while passing by felt insulted when Lord Vishnu neither rose nor greeted him.*

*Harpocrates was a Roman/Egyptian god of silence and secrecy. His preferred form was that of a child, with a finger to his lips whenever a meeting was to be kept secret in Rome, a rose would be hung from the ceiling, the god's favorite flower and everybody in that meeting would be sworn to secrecy. It used to be called, sub rosa or under the rose.*

*Flowers appear quite often in Hinduism, where significant flowers are assigned to specific gods. For example, Laxmi sits on a Lotus, and Lord Vishnu is believed to born in one. The Jasmine is offered to Lord Hanuman and the flower of Tulsi is believed to be closely connected to Lord Krishna.*

*Narcissus is a flower that is found at the edge of a pond, with the flower bent towards the water body. Greek myth has it that Narcissus was the most beautiful youth ever to have walked the earth, and one fateful day fell in love with his own reflection. He constantly tried to win over the boy in the reflection but to no avail. Finally, the gods had pity on him and turned him into the flower which to this day is found around ponds in Greece*

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# Religious Significance

Flowers are one of nature's most cherished gifts to mankind. They are a perfect combination of color, fragrance, delicacy that is seldom found in an object. They can express a feeling of sorrow, love, longing and so much more. Yet despite this nonchalance, they are quite intricately associated with Indian cultures. Flowers have a light yet significant role in our culture. They can lighten up any occasion just by being there, magnifying all the emotions in air tenfold.

**Hinduism** - In puja, flowers are generally used as an offering to the gods. In fact, the word 'puja' literally means 'the flower act'. Each deity has a specific, unique flower. It is a Hindu tradition to throw flower petals at the newly married couple - a sign of good luck.



**Islam** - Roses are often chosen for marriages and funerals along with various palm leaves. Roses are sprinkled over new graves at the end of rituals and ceremonies.

A dark dye is extracted from the leaves and flowers of the henna plant to decorate the hair and skin. Floral patterns are drawn on the hands and feet of the bride before the wedding to signify good fortune and fertility.



**Christianity** - Lilies are often used during Easter. The white lily is considered to represent the purity and divinity of Christ.

Red roses stand for love and as a sign of Christ's blood. Catholics see roses as symbols of the rosary (which they use during prayer and to commemorate important events in Christ's life).

Church altars are decorated with flowers with flower vases on special occasions like Christmas, weddings and christenings.



# FLOWERS IN ARCHITECTURE

Built in the 17th century by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is renowned for its intricate marble carvings, ornate domes, and delicate floral motifs.

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# Different Festivals Associated With Flowers



## FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The Festival of Flowers embellished by myrtle bower and parma violet of rainbow that made the flower grow the symphony of Marigold with the resonant of Lily's gold.

~Samuel Francis Leumas

## DID YOU KNOW?

Asia's largest tulip garden in Srinagar has attracted nearly 1.35 lakh visitors within 10 days of its opening.

*Ensconced between the famous Dal Lake and Zabarwan Hills, the 52.5-hectare Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden presents a colorful look with 16 lakh tulip bulbs of different hues and 68 varieties in bloom in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.*





# Endangered Flowers in India

*Some flowers in India are endangered. This means if we don't act now and preserve them, we might never see them bloom again.*

## *Woodrow's Crinum Lily*

*A critically endangered plant. the Woodrow's Crinum Lily was thought to be extinct but it was recently rediscovered after 100 years in 2004. Caterpillars pose as a great threat to the survival of this plant since they feed on the reproductive parts of the Lily.*



## *Siroi Lily*

*The Siroi Lily was recently discovered in 1945 and is the state flower of Manipur. There is a legend that says that lily will not thrive anywhere else except the Siroi Hill of Manipur.*



## *Magenta Ghost Flower*

*A parasite native to South India. the Magenta Ghost Flower plant does not have any leaves and lacks chlorophyll. Therefore, it feeds on the nutrients it derives from other plants*



## *The Lost Orchid*

*The Lost Orchid, which gets its name from the loss of information about its original habitat, is an extremely endangered flower. It belongs to a group of orchids known as 'The Lady's Slipper'.*

*Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, located in the Himalayan Mountains in the northern part of the country, includes as core areas the Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks. The Valley of Flowers National Park is renowned for its meadows of endemic alpine flowers and outstanding natural beauty.*

# INDIAN CUISINE & FLOWERS

*How do Nature's blooms become the dishes we consume?*

## Rose flowers

Foreign or not, we all realise the roles of roses in sweet dishes. It can be gulkhanda or a paste in paan, have candied petals on sweets and in tea; kewra water as a coolant. This brings about with it healthy cholesterol levels, inflammation and soreness reduction. They're our natural immunity system enhancer.



## Neem flowers

Neem flowers are offered to gods on Gudi Padwa (New Year in Western India) and then eaten by family members. They are considered to be an antiseptic that can cleanse your system. They can cure skin impurities when applied on the skin. They can be Neem flower chutneys that accompany the dosa, Vepampoo Sadam: the dried Neem flower rice or Vepampoo Rasam (Neem flower Rasam).



## Banana flowers

Indians and bananas have a close relationship, which includes banana flowers also. It smells and tastes similarly like the expensive zucchini flower. The South Indians with banana leaves have another 'super dish' of banana flowers: the protein-rich Adai-Vazhaipoo. It reduces anxiety, bad moods and weight gain; has protein, fibre and Vitamin C; it even encourages healthy gut bacteria!



Watermeal

## Papaya flowers

In north-east states like Manipur, papaya flowers grow abundantly. They are used in salads, accompanied with fish heads in simmering, or cooked with potatoes. Their flowers have been used for curing dengue, lung-infections and liver-related concerns. Who knew that a flower can solve health issues that perplexed a lot of doctors?



## Let's Explore!

- The world's smallest flower is the Watermeal, which measures just 0.1mm across.
- The world's largest flower is the Rafflesia Arnoldii, which can grow up to 3 feet across.
- The world's oldest known flower is a 130-million-year-old specimen of Montsechia Vidalii.
- The most expensive flower is the Juliet Rose, which sells for \$15,800 per stem.



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**TULIP**  
**VIOLET**



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# Flowers: God's Magnum Opus

Did you know what made the world blossom  
for you?

Did you ever think about the tiny shy souls  
living near you?

And did you ever in life make the effort to  
thank these undeniable, most aesthetic  
creations of the almighty?

Flowers are a masterpiece in themselves, most  
magnificent creations of the creator;  
We need to care for them or else we won't see  
them later.

Symbol of love, beauty, pleasure, friendship,  
joy and purity;

This is the time to rethink our priorities and  
shoulder responsibility.

How can life be possible without God's  
magnum opus?

These blooming tokens of love make our homes  
paradise with their hocus-pocus!

I wonder what symbol of elation will be;  
If there'd be no flowers for us to see.....

# ***Petals Of Wisdom***

***In fields and meadow, they dance and sway,  
A symphony of colors on display,  
Flowers, so delicate and pure,  
Their beauty, an endless allure.***

***Each petal a brush stroke, a work of art,  
A masterpiece in nature's heart,  
They bloom, they wither, and they die,  
Their short-lived beauty, a reason to sigh.***

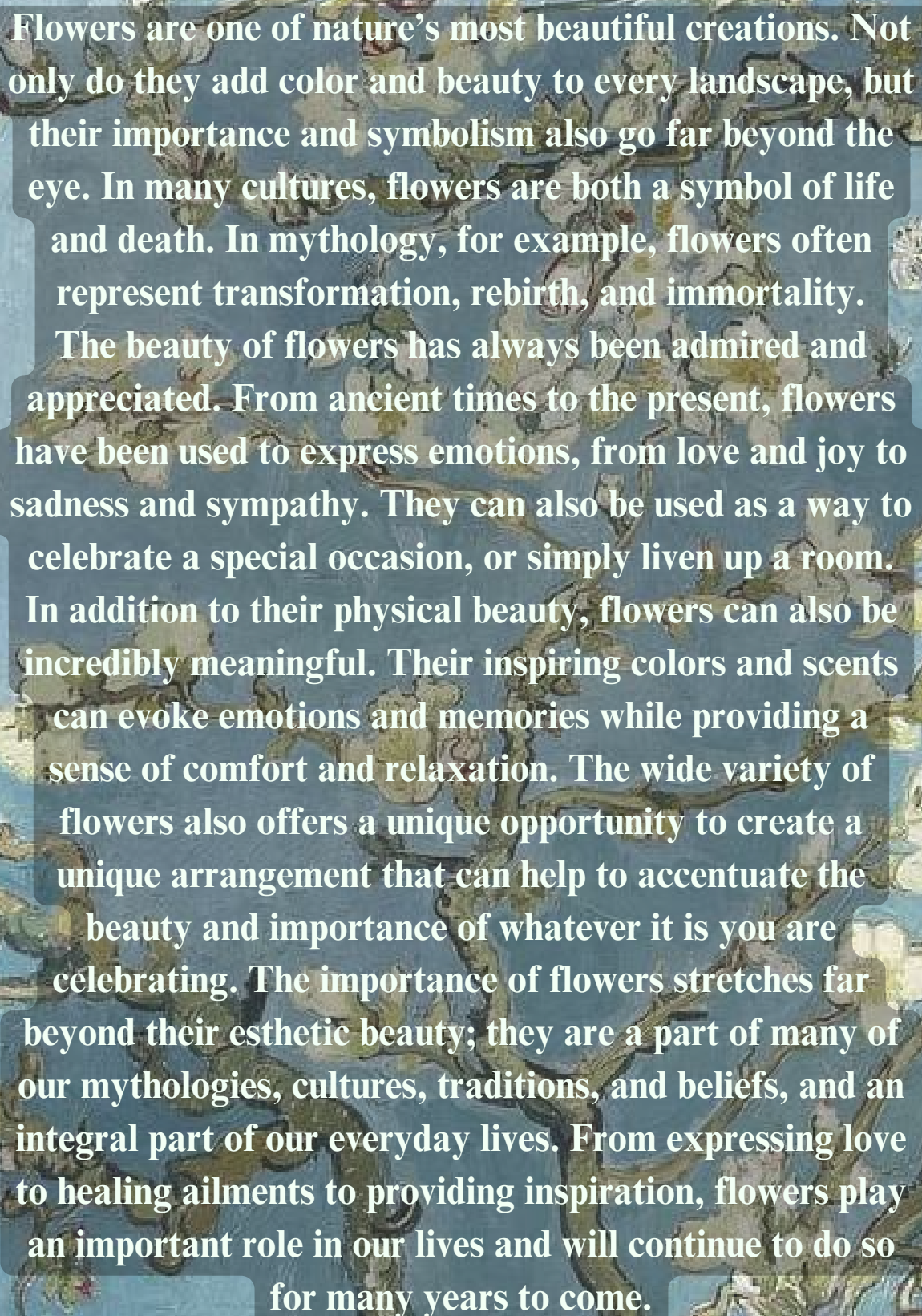
***But in their brief existence, they teach,  
Lessons that are profound and reach,  
Beyond their fragrant and vibrant guise,  
Into our lives, they softly advise.***

***Be like a flower, resilient and strong,  
Brave life's storms, and sing your song,  
No matter what comes, stand tall,  
And bloom, even in the midst of it all.***

***Spread your fragrance, bring joy and cheer,  
To those around, far and near,  
Be a symbol of hope and grace,  
A reminder of life's precious pace.***

***And when your time comes to fade away,  
Do so gracefully, without dismay,  
For like a flower, you too will leave,  
A legacy of love and beauty to weave.***

***So cherish the flowers, and learn from them,  
Their morals and virtues, like a precious gem,  
For in their humble and gentle way,  
They can make our world a better place each day.***

The background of the entire page is a painting of a flowering branch, likely a cherry blossom, with delicate white flowers and buds against a textured blue background. The painting style is visible, with brushstrokes and a slightly grainy texture. The text is overlaid on this background in a white, bold, sans-serif font, enclosed in a dark, semi-transparent rectangular box.

**Flowers are one of nature's most beautiful creations. Not only do they add color and beauty to every landscape, but their importance and symbolism also go far beyond the eye. In many cultures, flowers are both a symbol of life and death. In mythology, for example, flowers often represent transformation, rebirth, and immortality. The beauty of flowers has always been admired and appreciated. From ancient times to the present, flowers have been used to express emotions, from love and joy to sadness and sympathy. They can also be used as a way to celebrate a special occasion, or simply liven up a room. In addition to their physical beauty, flowers can also be incredibly meaningful. Their inspiring colors and scents can evoke emotions and memories while providing a sense of comfort and relaxation. The wide variety of flowers also offers a unique opportunity to create a unique arrangement that can help to accentuate the beauty and importance of whatever it is you are celebrating. The importance of flowers stretches far beyond their esthetic beauty; they are a part of many of our mythologies, cultures, traditions, and beliefs, and an integral part of our everyday lives. From expressing love to healing ailments to providing inspiration, flowers play an important role in our lives and will continue to do so for many years to come.**

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4. WLOUSNEFR	4. SUNFLOWER
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6. ILYL	6. LILY
7. TLUOS	7. LOTUS
8. SIDYA	8. DAISY
9. UTPIL	9. TULIP
10. NIOLDEDNA	10. DANDELION
11. IHROCD	11. ORCHID
12. NAGRDEYAH	12. HYDRANGEA
13. YANSP	13. PANSY
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3. Venus
4. Wattle
6. Jasmine
7. Daffodil
9. Daisy

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## ANSWERS

2. Daisy
5. Snowy Orchid
8. Rafflesia
10. Rose
11. Tulip.

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