IMPORTANT MEDICINAL TERMS COMMONLY USED IN

MEDICINAL BOTANY

NO.	MEDICINAL TERM	MEANING
1.	Abortifacient	A drug that induces abortion
2.	Analgesic	A drug which relieves pain
3.	Anorexia	Loss of appetite for food
4.	Antibacterial	Against pathogenic bacteria
5.	Antibiotic	A drug that inhibits the growth or destroys microorganisms
6.	Antidote	A drug used to counteract a particular poison
7.	Anthelminthic	Against parasitic worms
8.	Antihyperglycemic	Drug that helps to lower glucose level in the blood
9.	Anti-inflammatory	Drug that reduces inflammation or swelling
10.	Anti-leucorrheal	Drug that reduces thick uncommon milky vaginal discharge
11.	Anti-microbial	Drug that acts against active microbes
12.	Anti-mutagenic	Agents that interfere with the mutagenicity of a substance
13.	Antioxidant	Substance that inhibits oxidation by scavenging free radicals
14.	Anti-pyretic	Drug used to prevent or reduce fever
15.	Antiseptic	Drug that prevents the growth of disease-causing microorganisms
16.	Anti-toxin	An antibody that counteracts a toxin
17.	Aphrodisiac	A drug that stimulates sexual desire
18.	Appetizer	A substance which increases the feeling of hunger
19.	Astringent	A drug or an agent that brings about contraction of tissues and checks secretions.
20.	Bloating	Feeling of swollen with fluid or gas
21.	Carminative	Drug that relieves flatulence
22.	Catarrh	Cold in the head and increased flow of mucous from the nose
23.	Cathartic	Active form of purgative.
24.	Colic	Severe spasmodic pain in the abdomen due to various factors and caused generally in babies.

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52.	Stimulant	Substance that raises the levels of physiological or nervous activities in the body
53.	Stomachic	Drug that promotes the appetite or assists in digestion
54.	Suppository	A solid medical preparation in a roughly conical or cylindrical shape, designed to
		be inserted into the rectum or vagina to dissolve
55.	Tonic	A medicinal substance taken to give a feeling of vigour or well-being