Flower arrangements and indoor decorations
What is flower arrangement

- Arranging flowers is a kind of art and a successful flower arranger is a born artist. But, one can become reasonably conversant about this art with proper training, a lot of patience and perseverance.
Different types of flower arrangements

- Japanese flower arrangement (Ikebana): Emphasis is given on spiritual and religious background and only few flowers are used.
- English flower arrangement: Emphasis is given on mass flower arrangement and is primarily a form of art, so as to make the arrangement attractive as far as possible.
Ikebana

- The first school, ‘Ikebana’ is called as ‘Ikenobo’ meaning it as the arrangement of flowers of the hermitage along a pond’ and it was started by Buddhist monk Semmu around 621 A. D.
- Earlier flower offerings were in the form of standing arrangements, which were tall in nature and called as ‘Tatebana’.
- ‘Sogestsu’ is a Japanese flower arrangement which does not follow rigid rules of offering flowers to Lord Buddha and flower arrangers can use their imagination after following basic traditional lines of Ikebana.
Basic lines in all Japanese flower arrangements

- Heaven ‘Shin’
- Man ‘Soe’
- Earth ‘Hikae’
Different types of Ikebana

- Moribana
- Nageire
- Jiyubana
- Zeneika
- Zeneibana
- Morimono
Moribana

- ‘Moribana’ means piled flowers, in which arrangements are made in shallow containers.
- The flowers and branches are supported with the help of pin holders, which are known as ‘Kensan’ in Japanese language.
- This arrangement looks very natural and is often called as natural ‘Ikebana’
Nageire

- ‘Nageire’ means thrown in and flowers are arranged in upright containers.
- Flowers must have sufficient stem length and these are supported with the help of cross bar fixture, which may be single or split types.
Juyubana

- ‘Juyubana’ means free flowers, which can be arranged both in ‘Moribana’ or ‘Nageire’ styles of ‘Ikebana’.
- Wood, metal or any other material may be used in addition to flowers.
Zeneika

- ‘Zeneika’ means abstract and this style does not simulate nature.
- Straight material with uneven height is used.
Zeneibana

- In this style a beautiful sculpture is created using wood, stone, rocks, metal depicting any natural scenery.
Morimono

- In this style fruits, vegetables and flowers are arranged and this style looks like ‘English flower Arrangement’.
Material required for ‘Ikebana’

- Flower vase
- Pin holders
- Cross bar fixture (single or split)
- Flowers, foliage, wood, fruits or vegetables depending upon style of ‘Ikebana’ to be prepared.
Principles of ‘Ikebana’?

- Harmony
- Simplicity
- Variety
- Balance
- Proportion
- Emphasis or accent or focal point
- Space
Style of arrangement in the room

- Place of keeping arrangement (central or side table)
- Drawing, bedding, dining room