

Book Review

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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FLORA AND ETHNOBIOLOGY IN WEST BENGAL

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A wholesome data-base on bibliography covering studies on Bengal (Bengal Province of pre-independence period as well as of West Bengal in independent India) in the fields of flora, vegetation, nomenclature, morphology, systematics, economic- and ethno- botany, medicinal plants, palynology, aerobiology, ecology etc was long wanted. Credit must be given to Dr. Sunit Mitra, Dr. Subhajit Bandyopadhyay and Prof. Sobhan Kumar Mukherjee for their endeavours to materialize the publication of the book ***BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FLORA AND ETHNOBIOLOGY IN WEST BENGAL***, which with its contents is prepared for the fulfillment of such a long-awaited need.

The book covers as many as 1250 publications ranging from the work of Jones (1790) to the mid- November 2010; thus giving an idea about the trends of research in plant taxonomy and allied branches in a temporal scale of 220 years. It is because of the efficiency of the authors especially of Dr. Sobhan Kumar Mukherjee, Professor, Department of Botany, Kalyani University that the vast number of references could be incorporated and their contents analyzed for placement under 14 important perspectives presented in three separate chapters. However, references on cytology, embryology, anatomy, genetics, plant breeding, plant physiology, plant chemistry, serology etc are yet to be included. A comprehensive list of journals, periodicals, books etc consulted by the authors is also annexed in order to enable the scientists to find a suitable journal for publication of the research findings. The chapter wise index of Authors would prove very useful in finding out the contribution of any of the authors cited with references.

The book will certainly be the first hand choice for consultation of literature concerning plants of West Bengal for planning and undertaking scientific research in relevant fields. The short historical account of botanical studies in Bengal is also going to be very helpful in the backdrop of which novel ideas can be generated and research work initiated. So the book is certain to have a cordial reception and dynamic accommodation in the libraries of Universities, Colleges and Research Institutions etc. I am certain that the authors would receive for their successful efforts lots of compliments from the users.

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