

PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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Qualification Ph.D. in Botany (Plant Ecology)

Area(s) of Specialization: Plant Ecology, Plant Systematics, Pollination Ecology, Floristics; Natural History, Plant-Animal interactions; Wildlife Photography

Occupation/Designation: SERB-DST Young Scientist at Agharkar Research Institute, Pune and Founder President of Biospheres: a Pune based NGO works in the field of Biodiversity conservation and education

Major Activities: Floristics (North Western Ghats & Sikkim Himalaya); Revisions (Indian *Ceropegia*); Pollination Ecology (*Amorphophallus*, *Ceropegia* & *Brachystelma*); Endemism (Western Ghats); Wildlife Photography (myriad and dwindling Biodiversity of India)

Awards/Recognitions:

- **Fellow of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (FIAAT)**
- Listed in **Who's Who in the World 2011** (28th Edition) in the Section on Academics & Research
- Awarded **SERB-DST Young Scientist** scheme by Govt. of India, New Delhi
- **Dr. K. S. Manilal** award for the best paper in the Floristic theme by the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy in 2004
- **Dr. R. S. Rao** award for the best paper in the Biodiversity Conservation (Angiosperms) theme by the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy in 2006
- **Prof. M. Sabu** award for the best paper in the Angiosperms Systematics theme by the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy in 2012
- Nominated member of **IUCN/Species Survival Commission (SSC)** of Primates
- Member of **International Organization of Palaeobotany**
- Life Member of **Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT)**
- Member of **South Asian Primate Network (SAPN)**
- Member of **Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC)** of Pachgaon-Parvati area, Pune