

Book Review

Bibliography of Flora and Ethnobiology in West Bengal by Sunit Mitra, Subhajt Bandyopadhyay and Sobhan Kr. Mukherjee, East Himalayan Society for Spermatophyte Taxonomy, Siliguri-734013, West Bengal, India, 2010, Paperbound, Price: Rs. 250, pp. 165.

Any research work possesses three major components, selection of research topic, actual research work with due respect and reference to earlier work done by researchers in the same field and writing of thesis including bibliography consulted. On occasions, it may be of help or it is imperative to consult concept and materials and methods and findings to prove the novelty of the work done by a researcher. It is not worthwhile to mention or to explain the importance of bibliography to the researchers.

It is important to consult bibliography by searching through research journals, abstracting journals and through various search facilities available on internet. Present booklet is a useful addition towards the research work done or to be done especially on ethnobotany of West Bengal and plant science in general.

It is a fact that bibliographic work is never ending and is a continuous process. Authors of this booklet have added more references to former bibliographic

accounts published by various authors. It contains more than 1250 entries involving more or less all the related branches of botany like, floristics, vegetation, taxonomy, systematics, morphological, economic botany, palynology, aerobiology, etc. arranged in 3 different chapters for easy consultation. All these references are compiled by perusal of more than hundred journals and proceedings etc. For easy consultation an index of all the names of the authors is given at the end of each chapter.

The specialty of this booklet is that, it is a compilation of references starting from the works of William Jones in 1790 to till date references of up to November 2010. Though this is a bibliography, in its starting 22 pages, it has provided an interesting reading material on West Bengal geography, vegetation, botanical and ethnobotanical history.

Presence of content page, which is missing in this booklet, would have been a handy tool to consult this small handy booklet.

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