

PREFACE

Haryana is a small state with sparse vegetation as most of the land is under cultivation and pockets of dense vegetation are seen only in Siwalik and Aravali ranges. The assessment of vegetation of such a region therefore assumes more importance as every single species has enormous value from floristic point of view. The inventorisation of floristic diversity of a region has become of utmost importance after the Convention on Biological Diversity as it facilitates the assessment and conservation of valuable plant resources.

The present floristic account of Haryana in the form of "**Flora of Haryana (Materials)**" is an outcome of the survey and explorations by various workers (including the author himself) and documenting the data in a systematic manner, providing current nomenclature, important synonyms, basionyms, flowering and fruiting time etc. The local names of the plants and suitable notes on nomenclatural aspects and/or economic importance are also provided. The text is enriched with the inclusion of 14 photographs and 84 illustrations of important taxa representing various plant families. There is a complete chapter on vegetational account representing various forest types, analysis of floristic diversity showing dominant plant families and genera, monotypics and rare & threatened plants. In the end, an appendix on economically important plants and their various uses is also presented. Although much care has been taken in bringing the publication without error, the author will appreciate receiving suggestions and drawing attention towards errors for their rectification in future editions.

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