

Preface

Variation is the essence of life. It occurs everywhere and every moment in nature. In fact, variation is the beauty of nature. This variation and variability among organisms and ecosystems is biological diversity or biodiversity. It encompasses all species of plants, animals and microorganisms and ecosystems and ecological processes. We can not think a life without biodiversity. But due to the greed of mankind, there has been a threat to the biodiversity. Industrialization and urbanization have caused a great loss to biodiversity. Time has come when we have to think seriously about this. No method can be successful without the awareness of public and its involvement. The idea behind this book is to make the people aware about biological diversity.

The book is divided into two sections- *Section I* includes review articles by various academicians while *Section II* has research papers by scientists and academicians.

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We present this book with the hope that it will be able to achieve its mission—to make students and general people aware about biological diversity and they will also come forward and make their contribution in its conservation.

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