

Preface

Of late, global attention is being focused on *Biodiversity and its conservation*. Its study became more significant in the present day due to continuous loss of biological diversity by indiscriminate human activity. The present text book caters to the needs of both Post graduate and undergraduate students of all universities. This book is discussing various aspects of Biodiversity in detail. It is an attempt to make the reader acquainted thoroughly with recent developments in the subject. The authors have taken pains to include all the basic concepts required with in-depth insight.

In fact, the Biodiversity is not a new subject, but simply an extension of ecological approach that stresses upon the study of the environment in its totality. Efforts have been made to make the subject matter more comprehensive and up-to-date with simple language and systematic presentation. Well informative diagrams and tables have been included to supplement the text. Great emphasis has been laid not only on basic fundamentals and also detailed recent information, so that the students may have a solid background for their examinations. It is hoped that this text book will prove useful for the post graduate and undergraduate students of all Indian Universities. Constructive criticism and valuable suggestions for further improvement of the book are gratefully acknowledged.

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