

Book Review

Lokvanaspati Vigyan: Ek Sankshipt Parichaya (Vartika Jain and Sudhanshu Kumar Jain): **लोकवनस्पति विज्ञान: एक संक्षिप्त परिचय**

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Human beings have been utilizing plants and plant products in various forms for their survival since time immemorial. The traditional and indigenous relationship between people with their ambient vegetation broadly termed as 'Ethnobotany', a dynamic science with tremendous potential for future. The rural and ethnic people of India possess a vast knowledge of traditional uses of plants for various ailments they suffers from. However, due to depleting interest of the newer generation on traditional healthcare system and rapid urbanization, these traditional knowledge continuing with the words of mouth rapidly disappearing. In last five decades, efforts were made by various dedicated ethno botanists to document the century old practices from different parts of our country.

However, popularizing these practices through local colloquial language or Hindi is the most important task.

Lokvanaspati Vigyan: Ek Sankshipt Parichaya is one of such books in Hindi on ethnobotany authored by Dr. Vartika Jain and Dr. S.K. Jain. This Book has 10 chapters on various important aspects of Ethnobotany, its concept, definition, methodology and applications in a lucidly language. It also provides ethnobotanical uses of 30 common plants of India with their local names, botanical names, families, botanical descriptions and their ethnobotanical uses, which will be useful for many undergraduate and post graduate students in Hindi speaking states. The concept of access to benefit sharing, intellectual property rights and bio-piracy related issues, important of need-based and culture-based man-plant relationships have also been discussed in the book. Besides, the book provides a list of Hindi to English words, list of botanical names vs Hindi names of plants; twenty nine useful references pertaining to ethnobotany; list 47 important regional/national herbaria are appended in the last.

This book will be very much useful for the students, researchers, common masses, foresters, local herbal practitioners of the Hindi speaking regions of the country. It is strongly recommended for the library self of the research organizations and educational institutions of India.

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