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## FORTHCOMING TITLES

### **Bioinformatics: Basics, Algorithms and Applications**

*Singh, Ruchi & Sharma, Richa*

The importance of Bioinformatics has been recognised by many universities and therefore several courses and programmes are being offered today. For the study of bioinformatics, a background in molecular biology and chemistry with a strong foundation in computer science is required. Bioinformatics: Basics, Algorithms and Applications helps a student understand the basic ideas underlying the study of bioinformatics using several examples, algorithms and applications.

### **Cell Biology**

*Channarayappa*

In this book the chapters are well organized and systematically presented such that the information covered is comprehensive, covering the most important topics in Cell biology. Origin of life and the theories of origin of life, which is generally lacking in most cell biology books, have been very discussed for the benefit of students. A number of computer graphics, photomicrographs and figures generated by the author have been included for authenticity and easy understanding.

### **Short Stories About Numbers**

*Rajnish Kumar*

Why is 11 eleven and not oneteen, and 12 twelve and not twoteen? Why of all bases, has this strange number 2.718... been chosen as the natural logarithm base called  $e$ ? Why does the computer use such a strange notation as F29 to denote 3881? These are questions that may have arisen in the curious minds of young learners. Here, by answering a few of these questions, the author brings out the innately fascinating quality of mathematics and its astonishing ability to explain many mysterious phenomena of nature.

The material for Short Stories About Numbers has been collected by the author over years of adventuring in mathematics, motivated only by his love and passion for numbers and with the hope that it will serve as a friendly encouraging guiding post for other young adventurers.

### **Kariamanikkam Srinivasa Krishnan: His Life and Work**

*D C V Mallik and S Chatterjee*

This is a biography of Dr K S Krishnan, an outstanding physicist who made pioneering contributions to quantum condensed matter physics. His role in the discovery of the Raman effect is well known, but his other more significant contributions to the field of physics and role in the development of science and technology in India is not so well known. This well-researched and well-documented life story of Dr Krishnan addresses that lacuna; it is a compelling narrative that brings to light the multiple facets of his personality—a great teacher, outstanding physicist and populariser of science. The book would be of interest to a practising scientist, a student of science and anyone interested in the social history of twentieth century India.

### **Conservation Biology**

*Kamaljit Bawa*

The book explores basic concepts, principles and approaches of conservation biology. It is an adaptation of 'A Primer of Conservation Biology' by Richard Primack for South Asia. It focuses on biological diversity and its value, the threats to biological diversity, conservation at the population and species levels, protecting and managing habitats and ecosystems, and sustainable development. Case studies are included to demonstrate the controversies in the field and to stimulate thought and discussion. The book is an ideal way to introduce the subject to undergraduates and can also be used as a handbook by research students.

# BIODIVERSITY

## AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

### Controversial Drug Plants

*Nair, Vasudevan*

This book describes some commonly used medicinal plants of uncertain botanical identity. With the increased public interest in the use of herbs to treat ailments, many spurious plants are being used in the manufacture of Ayurvedic medicines. This is sometimes owing to ignorance and in other cases, an attempt by unscrupulous manufacturers taking advantage of this demand. The book differentiates between adulterants, substitutes and genuine drugs. This book will be helpful to those manufacturers who wish to use genuine drug plants in their preparations and to educate lay people who are using Ayurvedic remedies. It will also be useful to pharmacists.

**2003 • 120 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-469-6 • Rs. 195.00**

### Cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops

(Revised Edition)

*Farooqi, A.A. & Sreeramu, B.S.*

In recent years, there has been a tremendous growth of interest in plant-based drugs, pharmaceuticals, perfumery products, cosmetics and aromatic compounds used in food flavours, fragrances, and natural colours. An attempt has been made in this book to provide all possible pooled information including the research findings that have been generated by the Division of Horticultural Sciences, the University of Agricultural Sciences, the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Crops, the National Botanical Research Institute, the Regional Research Laboratories, ICAR, and others.

**2004 • 344 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-504-4 • Rs. 900.00**

### Cultivation of Spice Crops

*Farooqi, A.A., Sreeramu, B.S. & Srinivasappa, K.N.*

Spices constitute an important group of agricultural commodities, which, since antiquity, have been used for flavouring foods. Some species are used in the pharmaceutical, perfumery, cosmetics and related industries, and others possess colourant, preservative, antioxidant, antiseptic and antibiotic properties.

This book reflects the intensive research carried out on this group of 42 spice crops since 1971, the improvement in agro-techniques and the release of many high-yielding varieties. It provides exhaustive information on all aspects of cultivation, harvesting and processing of each crop and will be an invaluable aid to students, teachers and growers of spice crops, both individual and corporate.

**2005 • 468 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-521-1 • Rs. 525.00**

### Herbal Home Remedies

*Nair, Vasudevan*

This book contains information about the use of common plants to cure common ailments based on knowledge gained from the experience of generations. The suggested treatments are simple, inexpensive and easy to follow. They are recommended only as primary health care measures. The book is beautifully illustrated with line drawings of each plant to facilitate easy identification.

**2004 • 58 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-482-5 • Rs. 85.00**

### Indian Medicinal Plants:

A Compendium of 500 Species

*Warrier, P.K., Nambiar, V.P.K. & Ramankutty, C.*

This compendium is based on a treatise prepared by S. Raghunatha Iyer, a scholar of both Sanskrit and Ayurveda and aims

to make an authoritative contribution to the field. The original work which drew upon classical texts and current research, as well as the oral medical knowledge of tribal groups, has been updated by scholars associated with the Arya Vaidya Sala in Kottakal, India.

This unique compendium offers profiles of 500 key species with detailed taxonomic information. One of the leading features of this compilation is the special technique used in the illustrations, both colour and line, which aims to achieve authenticity of texture, colour and form.

The compendium also lists the distribution and popular nomenclature in English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil. The main texts present properties and uses in a format which cites ancient verse texts and ethnobotanical sources. This rare work, in five volumes, should be of special interest to practitioners of alternative medicine, students of Ayurveda, the research and industry associated with medical botany, pharmacologists, sociologists and medical herbalists.

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**Joint Forest Management:  
Spread, Performance and Impact**  
*Ravindranath, N.H., & Sudha, P.*

This book assesses the performance and impact of the Joint Forest Management (JFM) programme from the community's perspective, based on the studies conducted by the Ecological and Economics Research Network in

six states—Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal. The approach adopted by the network involved the development of a common methodology, based on which studies were undertaken during 2001–2002.

This book presents the evolution of the JFM policy in India, information about the status of JFM with respect to

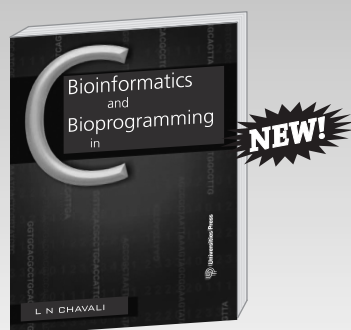
its spread, performance and impact in the six states, case studies of successful JFM Committees and ecological and silvicultural aspects of JFM. It also suggests a strategy for monitoring and evaluation of JFM, and advancing policy, institutional and silvicultural strategies and options to sustain JFM.

**2004 • 342 pp. • Paperback**  
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## BIOTECHNOLOGY

**Bioinformatics and  
Bioprogramming in C**

*Chavali, L.N.*



*Bioinformatics and Bioprogramming in C* is designed to introduce C language to the biology, biochemistry, microbiology and biotechnology community as a tool for solving biological problems. To help in understanding the concepts, most of the terminology used is biocentric and the programs help in real-life problems like gene sequence analysis and prediction.

The book moves gradually from simple ideas to more complex programming concepts, thus equipping the reader to comprehend the case studies on dynamic programming and PAM matrices included at the end.

**Contents:** Introduction | Basic terminology | Operators | Statements and control flow | Functions | Character input and output | Arrays | Pointers | Structures | Files | Data structures | Case studies | Appendix

**2009 • 224 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-648-5 • Rs. 250.00**

**Biotechnological Methods  
of Pollution Control**

*Abbasi, S.A. & Ramasami, E.V.*

This book covers the technologies most appropriate for India and other neighbouring countries. It can be used as a 'companion' to the textbooks on biology, agriculture, environmental science, environmental engineering and biotechnology.

**1999 • 176 pp. • Paperback**  
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**Biotechnology Unzipped:  
Promises and Realities**

*Grace, E.S.*

*Biotechnology Unzipped* explains biotechnology simply and clearly, creating sufficient scientific and historical context so that the reader understands its continuity with earlier scientific developments going back to the discovery of the cell.

**1998 • 264 pp. • Paperback**  
**978-81-7371-144-2 • Rs. 275.00**

**Concepts in Biotechnology  
(Revised Edition)**

*Balasubramanian, D., et al.*

The book covers the fundamental principles and concepts in biotechnology which form the basis for the subject and illustrates their applications in selected areas such as health care, agriculture,

animal systems, food and beverage, production, environment maintenance and bioprocess technologies. This textbook is the outcome of a COSTED-IBN project on curriculum development in biotechnology for undergraduate study. It is designed to provide a strong base in this emerging, interdisciplinary area which holds great promise for economic development.

This revised edition incorporates two new chapters on biotechnology in food and beverage production and environmental biotechnology.

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### **Genetic Engineering:** **Shaping the Material of Life**

*Thro, E.*

Scientists today are able to manipulate genetic information contained in the DNA molecule, creating new variations in the forms life takes. But this new capability has posed new questions: What changes are truly desirable for humankind? Should 'new life forms' be patented? What regulations are needed to prevent the release of harmful variants into the environment? This book provides the background for understanding this new science and deals with the controversial questions surrounding it.

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### **Genetics and Genetic Engineering**

*Yount, L.*

This book explores the great discoveries in genetics—the study of genes and the inherited information they contain. Beginning with geneticists at the start of the century, who worked out certain rules by which characteristics are inherited, and progressing to the development of genetic engineering, or the process of moving and altering genes, it shows men and women patiently and creatively unravelling one of the central mysteries of life.

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### **Molecular Biotechnology:** **Principles and Practices**

*Channarayappa*

*Molecular Biotechnology: Principles and Practices* is intended as a textbook aimed at providing undergraduate and postgraduate students with a strong base in this emerging and highly promising interdisciplinary science. It strikes a balance between two important aspects of the science—the theory of molecular biology and the experimental approach to the study of biological processes. The main feature of this book is that it covers a wide range of molecular techniques in biotechnology and is designed to be a student- and teacher-friendly textbook. Each technique is described conceptually, followed by a detailed experimental account of the steps involved. The book can also serve as a reference to the interested reader who is venturing into the field of biotechnology for the first time.

**Special Features:** Comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of key concepts in biotechnology; logical format to provide easy access to the information; clear and well-labelled figures; extensive cross-referencing between chapters.

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### **Plant Biotechnology:** **Methods in Tissue Culture and Gene Transfer**

*Keshavachandran, R. & Peter, K.V. (Eds.)*

There is growing demand for more food crops. The book has 21 chapters contributed by eminent scientists from all over the country. It discusses the various techniques and aspects of biotechnology that can bring about crop improvement. The book serves as a textbook for postgraduate students and researchers working in the fields of plant biotechnology and horticulture and as a reference book for undergraduates.

**2008 • 312 pp. • Paperback**  
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**Plant Tissue Culture:****Basic and Applied***Jha, Timir Baran & Ghosh, Biswajit*

Plant tissue culture in one form or another has become one of the most promising branches of plant science. Arising from the totipotency of plant cells, it now occupies a key position in plant breeding, plant propagation and plant biotechnology.

*Plant Tissue Culture: Basic and Applied* brings to the student accessible, up-to-date information on this subject. Basic knowledge of tissue culture methods such as isolation of suitable tissues from the mother plant, maintenance of the tissues under *in vitro* condition in an undifferentiated or de-differentiated stage, methods of genetic engineering and gene transfer, chromosomal studies and the handling of *in vitro* micro plants are described in detail in this book. Similarly, application aspects of micropropagation, haploid cell culture, protoplast culture, embryo culture, somatic embryogenesis and artificial seeds are also discussed.

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**Practical Biotechnology:****Methods and Protocols***Janarthanan, S. & Vincent, S.*

The book will help undergraduate, postgraduate and research students perform basic experiments in

biotechnology. The laboratory protocols in this book are simple to understand. Each laboratory exercise contains an introductory unit, protocol and easy-to-follow instructions for reagent preparation. The methods and protocols aim to make students ready for independent research in biotechnology laboratories.

**Contents:** DNA Isolation - Isolation of plasmid DNA | Isolation of bacterial genomic DNA | Isolation of yeast genomic DNA | Isolation of fungal genomic DNA | Isolation of genomic DNA from blood | Isolation of DNA from animal cells | Isolation of genomic DNA from eukaryotic tissues | Isolation of plant DNA using CTAB extraction method | Isolation of chloroplast DNA | Mitochondrial DNA isolation | Phenol chloroform extraction of DNA | Ethanol precipitation of DNA | RNA Isolation - Isolation of total RNA from bacterial cells | Isolation of total RNA from plant tissues | Hot phenol isolation of RNA from plant tissues | Acid phenol extraction of RNA | Messenger RNA isolation or poly (A) RNA isolation | Working with DNA - storage | Purification | Concentration | Spectrophotometric determination of nucleic acid purity and concentration | Fluorescent quantification of DNA | Quantification of DNA using diphenylamine (DPA) Assay | Molecular biology methods - restriction enzyme digestion of DNA | DNA ligation | Agarose gel electrophoresis of DNA | Elution of DNA fragments from agarose | Phenol purification of DNA from low melting agarose | Southern blotting | Agarose gel electrophoresis of RNA | Northern blotting | Cloning | Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) (*in vitro* amplification of DNA) | SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis | Western blotting (immunoblotting) | Iso-electric focusing (IEF) of proteins | 2D Gel electrophoresis (2D Page) | Trypsin digestion of protein gel | Protein dialysis | Enzyme (esterase) gel electrophoresis | Some useful information for methods in molecular biology—antibiotic concentration in media | *E. coli* growth curve | Storage of bacterial strains in stab agar | Storage of bacterial strains in glycerol solution | Decontamination of ethidium bromide (EtBr) solutions | Preparation of solutions | Glassware and plasticware | Disposal of buffers and chemicals | Autoclave

operating procedures | Safety procedures | Preparation of solutions

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**Principles and Practice of Animal Tissue Culture***Gangal, Sudha*

The technology of cell, tissue and organ culture is of primary importance in the development of the biotechnology industry. Major advances in the biological sciences have been possible, at least partially, due to this technology. *Principles and Practice of Animal Tissue Culture* provides basic information regarding the technology of animal tissue culture and discusses several specialised techniques. The book is well supported by relevant graphs and photographs of equipment and cultured tissues.

The book is a comprehensive practical guide that emphasises 'good laboratory practices'. Protocols, aseptic techniques, media preparation and data have been systematically presented to be of help primarily to students of biotechnology.

**Contents:** Designing the tissue culture laboratory | Equipping the tissue culture laboratory | Glassware and plasticware used for tissue culture | Aseptic techniques | Sterilisation of materials to be used for tissue culture | Tissue culture media | Types of tissue culture | Organ and organotypic cultures | Primary cultures | Transformation, differentiation and dedifferentiation | Culture of cell lines | Protocols for routine characterisation of cell lines | Specialised techniques in tissue culture | Stem cells cultures | Autoradiography of cultured cells | Cytogenetic analysis of cultured cells | Flow cytometric analysis of lymphocytes and cultured cells | Hybridoma cultures to generate monoclonal antibodies | Laser confocal microscopy and its application in cell biology | Troubleshooting | Answers to exercises | References | Appendices

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## EARTH SCIENCES

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**Climate Change and India:**

Vulnerability Assessment and  
Adaptation

*Shukla, P.R., et al.*

Global scientific assessments of climate change present a picture of a warming world and other changes in the climate system. There is increasing evidence that human activities contribute to the warming, which will continue to change atmospheric composition throughout the twenty-first century. This book provides assessments of the impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation needs for the key economic and ecological sectors of India. The sectors assessed include water, agriculture, forestry, ecosystems, health, coastal zones, energy and infrastructure. The book will be of interest to policy makers, researchers and modellers engaged in impact assessment and global environmental assessment programs, and development experts.

**2004 • 462 pp. • Hardback**  
**978-81-7371-471-9 • Rs. 660.00**

**Climate Policy Assessment**

**for India:** Application of  
Asia-Pacific Integrated Model (AIM)

*Shukla, P.R., et al.*

The Asia-Pacific Integrated Model (AIM) brings together models belonging to diverse disciplines for analysing policies on climate change, pollution management and ecosystems preservation. The focus of AIM is on national and regional policy assessments in the Asia-Pacific region and their interface with global economic and environmental regimes. In this book, climate change policy assessment studies for India using top-down (macroeconomic) and bottom-up (techno-economic) models belonging to the AIM family are presented.

The book will be of particular interest to policy makers, modellers, researchers and research networks interested in

the areas of development, energy, environment and climate change.

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**Disaster Management**

*Gupta, Harsh K. (Ed.)*

This book contains seven chapters, each dealing with one major natural disaster encountered in our country. Each of the authors is an expert in that particular field. The outstanding contribution of this book is that it not only deals with the forecasting and description of the various natural disasters, but also stresses on the management aspect, exhaustively detailing the necessary steps that need to be taken to deal with the fallout in the wake of these disasters. The book also describes the advances in remote sensing and the state-of-the-art technology available in India for the monitoring and prediction of these phenomena. It also draws up a comprehensive warning system to be implemented, in order to minimise the extensive losses to life and property that occur year after year.

**2003 • 188 pp. • Hardback**  
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**Dynamic Himalaya**

*Valdiya, K.S.*

This monograph aims to apprise readers of the natural events that occurred and the processes that were in operation before the emergence of the giant edifice of the Himalaya. Helping to achieve clearer understanding of the structural architecture or makeup, the book purports to highlight the mechanisms and the stages of development of the world's youngest mountain province. The text is supplemented with exhaustive data, maps, figures and colour photographs.

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**Earthshaking Science:**

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about Earthquakes

*Elizabeth, Susan*

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**Elementary Exercises in Geology**

*Prasad, C.V.R.K.*

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## **Ganga**

*Sivaramamurti, C.*

This book presents a rare, beautiful study of the many moods of Ganga, the celestial river that came down to earth, as captured by artists, sculptors and poets over the centuries. Forty-two art plates form the basis of this book. These are accompanied by a lucid commentary which introduces, describes, as well as interprets the images, supported throughout by quotations from relevant Sanskrit texts.

**1976 • 99 pp. • Hardback**  
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**1976 • 99 pp. • Paperback**  
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## **Geology, Environment and Society**

*Valdiya, K.S.*

This book on the applied aspects of environmental geology encapsulates a geologist's concern that people are selling their future to finance their present. It explores subjects of ecosystem structure; soil and mineral resources and their conservation; hydrogeology and water resources management; terrain evaluation and land-use planning; engineering geology and the application of technology; understanding earth processes and natural hazards, climate change and drought; careful waste disposal methods; and medical geology.

The book addresses the problems of environmental security within the context of geological settings and the geodynamic sensitivity of terrains. It suggests measures to mitigate the adverse consequences of tampering with nature's fine balance. Over 150 detailed and clearly labelled diagrams, photographs, maps and satellite images illustrate these aspects, and are critical to the understanding of these problems.

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## **Global Warming:**

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*Brown, P.*

Global warming is a fact. There is no longer any doubt that we are causing the earth's climate to change. This will happen at a faster pace than nature can adapt. The latest findings of 1000 top scientists are gathered here along with the politics—what little has been done and the struggle for survival that lies ahead.

**1998 • 240 pp. • Paperback**  
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## **Himalaya: Emergence and Evolution**

*Valdiya, K.S.*

This book is written for those who are not familiar with geological jargon, but still want to know about the amazing and spectacular mountain that towers over our nation. It provides a broad but brief and updated coverage of the birth and development of the Himalayas. It is a simplified synthesis of geomorphological, geological and geophysical data, leading to the emergence and rise of the world's highest but youngest mountain. Presented in the context of the wider panorama of the evolution of the Indian subcontinent, the book highlights the crucial developments that overtook the northward-moving landmass of India.

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## **Introduction to Geomorphology**

*Kale, V.S. & Gupta, Avijit*

It introduces modern principles and methods in geomorphology and illustrates these with a large number of examples from India and other countries of the tropics and subtropics. The book will be useful to geographers, geologists, ecologists and environmental scientists. Its special features are: introduction of current theories and techniques; ample illustrations with case studies, diagrams and

photographs; applications of the subject especially in areas of hazard mitigation and environmental management.

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## **Saraswati:**

*The River that Disappeared*

*Valdiya, K.S.*

This book is about the River Saraswati that vanished more than 2000 years ago. Written in simple language shorn of technical jargon, it explores the existence of a mighty, snow-fed river, traces its course from the foothills of the Himalayas to the shores of the Arabian Sea and outlines the history of human settlements along this river. It finally highlights the geological events that overtook the land leading to the disappearance of the river that was once the lifeline of the people that inhabited its floodplain. It is lavishly illustrated in both colour and black and white.

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## **LIFE SCIENCES**

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*Kashyap, H.V.*

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*Vogel, S.*

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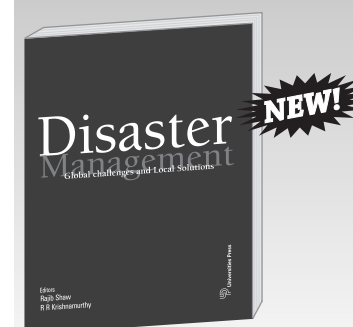
Environmental and ecological economics is a transdisciplinary branch of knowledge. It covers the study of the processes of simultaneity involved in the functioning of the economy and environmental/ecological systems, with a view to promote human well being sustainably. It is an applied branch, but its theoretical dimension is very powerful, as the issues it analyses constantly demand new concepts and insights.

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*Shaw, Rajib & Krishnamurthy, R.R. (Ed.)*



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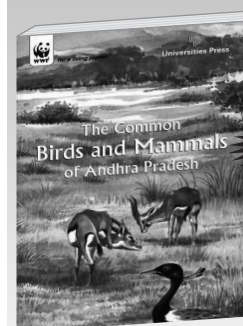
are an important target group as they have a role to play, not only in the dissemination of information, but also in assisting professional conservationists in gathering data on bird distributions and abundance.

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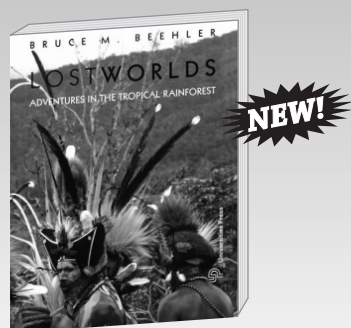
*Johnsingh, A.J.T.*

Each of the thirty-seven articles in this book is a journey into a protected forest, some well-known and others rarely accessed. Nearly always, a long walk is involved, a walk that picks up details that an untrained eye would easily miss. Close encounters with temperamental tuskers, protective elephant mothers, reclusive tigers, poachers, villagers, tribal communities and forest guards pepper these walks. Dr Johnsingh's analyses include his deep concern for the tremendous challenge ahead if these places and their inhabitants are to be conserved in the face of an alarming onrush of humanity. Each journey, finally, involves a thoroughly enjoyable understanding of the protected area, its history, people, plants and wildlife.

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*Beehler, Bruce M.*



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*Wilson, Edward O.*

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*Karanth, Ullas K.*

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*Ehrlich, Robert*

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Bose, D.M. Sen,  
S.N. Subbarayappa, B.V. (Ed.)



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### Creative Problem Solver's Toolbox, The

Fobes, R.

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Nath, Biman B.

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Kumar, N.

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Valdiya, K.S.

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Maor, E.

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*Shylaja, B.S. & Madhusudan, H.R.*

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*Narlikar, J.V.*

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*Selin, Helaine & Narasimha, Roddam*

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*Landels, J.G.*

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*Yount, L.*

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*Nahin, Paul J.*

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### **Nine Crazy Ideas in Science**

*Ehrlich, Robert*

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