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Dr Raghavendra Rao, presently CSIR Emeritus Scientist at CMAP Bangalore, started his career as UGC Research Fellow at University of Mysore. He later joined Botanical Survey of India (BSI), and served the organization in different capacities. He has 35 years of research experience in the field of taxonomy, biodiversity, conservation, phytogeography, and ethnobotany, with a gradual transition towards interdisciplinary research. He also served as faculty in the North-Eastern Hill University Shillong and has nearly 10 years of teaching experience. To his credit Dr Rao has 16 books and 192 research paper. He has guided 14 PhD students, and several MSc level students at NEHU, Garhwal University Srinagar, and Luchnow University. Biodiversity assessments, and description of several new tax from North-east India & Himalaya, biogeographic assessments of flora, work on endangered species their conservation and reproductive biology, assessment of threatened plants of India, and ethnobotanical surveys in Nagaland and Meghalaya and discovery of several little known/unknown plants are some of his major scientific achievements. He has also published a hand book on 'Field and Herbarium Methods'. He is recipient of several awards, including Prof Birbal Sahni Gold Medal from Indian Botanical Society - 2013, Scientist of the year 2000 by National Environmental Science Academy, Pitamber Pant National Environmental Fellowship by MoEF - 1999, Willium Harshberger Medal 1994 by Society of Etnobotanists etc. He is elected member of many professional societies, and representing many national level committees constituted for advancement of science, research guidance, and project/ programme evaluation and steering. He is the Fellow of Indian National Science Academy and many other academies. He also served as editor of Journal of Ethnobotany from 1989-96 and is the nominated member in the editorial board of Current Science.