

'Flowers of Kas' Publication

Kas is a hot spot of natural beauty situated 25 km west of Satara off Mumbai-Bangalore highway. The spectacle of flowering plants at Kas Plateau has earned this location the prestige of World Natural Heritage from UNESCO. If western ghats in India is a hot spot for biodiversity in the world then Kas Plateau is certainly the hottest spot in western ghats. Kas Plateau is now not just a passion for the nature lovers of Maharashtra. Everyone is now curious to know about the floral diversity of Kas. The concern to conserve the specialties of Kas has gripped the layman and forest department equally. Shrikant Ingalhalikar has been visiting Kas for last four decades and has studied the flora and ecology of Kas in details. His new book, 'Flowers of Kas' is designed carefully for quick and easy identification of 175 species found at Kas. The endangered species of Kas are highlighted. This pocket companion is sure to transform 'wild' flowers of Kas into dear acquaintances with individuality.

Dr. Rajendra Shende, former Director of UNEP and Chairman of TERRE Policy Center successfully represented India in getting the UNESCO inscription of World Natural Heritage status for Kas.

The new field guide, 'Flowers of Kas' produced by Shrikant Ingalhalikar will be published at the auspicious hands of Dr. Shende at Bal Shikshan Mandir Auditorium, Mayur Colony, Kothrud at 10 am on Sunday, 2nd September 2012.

Vinita Apte, President of TERRE Policy Center will anchor a dialogue with the chief guest and the author about Western Ghats and Kas Plateau

Nature Trail with Author

The amateur botanist Shrikant Ingalhalikar has recently produced new editions of his popular books, 'Flowers of Sahyadri' and 'Aasmant'. Nature lovers will get an opportunity to get introduced to the new books in the field from the author himself. A nature trail is planned at the base of Sinhagad on the morning of Saturday 1st September 2012. For details and booking contact lexon@rediffmail.com or 98228 36274.