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## Editorial

It is with great pleasure we bring out this issue of *Mapana-Journal of Sciences*. This issue focuses on Biological Sciences with five articles and a book review from different fields.

The first article of this issue is focused on wetland biodiversity and conservation in the state of Kerala with reference to Herons, species of birds which inhabits these areas. The authors have studied different ecological conditions such as habitat, prey abundance and foraging of herons.

In the second article, the authors have studied fish diversity in Huchharayanakere which is situated in Shivamogga district, Karnataka. The study was done for about a year from January to December 2015. In their work, they have extensively studied different physio-chemical parameters and also fish diversity.

The third article focuses on the enhancement of biodegradation of Palm oil mill effluents by using locally isolated fungal species. The authors have collected samples from a palm oil mill factory which is situated in Gultur village, Tumkur district. The authors have conducted experiments on autoclaved palm oil effluents and raw palm oil effluents to compare the biodegradation activity. They have studied various biochemical activities to check the level of biodegradation.

The fourth article of this issue focuses on phytoplankton population of Navule pond which is in Shivamogga district. The authors have studied the pond from September 2014 to August 2015. They have studied various physio-chemical parameters from the water samples which were collected from the pond across the time period.

The fifth article of this issue, Limnological studies on different ponds of Bihar, India: A review, presents a list of ponds of Bihar used for drinking purpose. The review presents various physio chemical parameters conducted by various researchers to check the quality of water.

Apart from interesting articles, we have also included an informative book review by Prof. Ganesh. The importance and relevance of the book titled '*Guhanagari*' by Sathya Chandra Sagar H S, and Pradeep Hegde has been explained in detail through a commendable analysis.

We would like reiterate that we are very glad to present to you an issue of *Mapana* with information on unique and interesting research that is happening in different parts of the country.

We thank all the authors and reviewers for their contribution and all the readers for their support and constructive criticism. We look forward to your continued support and coordination and also invite you all to publish your valued research outcomes in the various issues of *Mapana- Journal of Sciences*.

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