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## PREFACE

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission with its headquarters established in Bangalore sprawling around five acres of area on the North side of Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi Road, Bangalore. This area was earlier planted with *Eucalyptus* under dry land development scheme and social forestry scheme of the Bangalore University. The NAAC office was established with a constructed area of two acres and remaining space all round the building was utilised for landscaping. Thanks to the efforts of Prof. V.S Prasad, Prof. S. Ravichandra Reddy & Prof. H.A Ranganath, Former Directors of NAAC who were the key persons for establishing this beautiful garden with large number of exotic species of ornamental value. The landscaping of this area is well marked and it speaks of the expertise of the landscaper. We were attracted by the bewildering beauty of the garden and diversity of plant wealth. Many species of indigenous origin like, *Acacia ferruginea*, *Artocarpus integer* etc and more of exotic species like *Melaleuca*, *Acacia*, *Cuppressus*, *Thuja* etc makes an interesting collection of species. The area enjoys climatic regime of a typical dry deciduous forest. Many typical representatives are seen



growing *Acacia ferruginea*, *Averrhoa carambola* etc. Perhaps a few native species such as *Acacia ferruginea* may be relict of the luxuriant dry deciduous forest of the past. Some of the taxa like *Ixora*, *Jasminum*, *Petunia*, *Allamonda*, *Philodendron*, *Plumeria* and others have several cultivars well maintained in the garden. A well established medicinal plant garden having *Centella asiatica*, *Veteveria zizinoides* etc are part of the garden. It is the interest of the present Director of NAAC, Prof. A. N. Rai, an internationally recognized scientist in the field of Nitrogen fixation and Plant-Microbe to document the various varieties of plants of NAAC campus. This is a best maintained garden and it is crowned by several prizes, awarded, by the flower show organised in various occasions by The Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bangalore. The diversity of plant wealth and their beauty during blooming and the enthralling photographs in full flowering has prompted us to list them and present in the form of coffee table type of book or uploading to NAAC website, hence the work was taken up and listed the plants and photographed. It houses wide variety of *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, *Acalypha hispida*, *Plumeria* spp., *Psidium guayava*, Begonias, Peperomias, Palms, Aroids, Anthuriums etc.



The plant wealth of the campus is not documented so far. Perhaps a small book or web site of the NAAC having the plants of the campus would be standing need of the organisation. We are happy, the work of documenting the flora was entrusted to us.

This work would cater to the needs of the staff working and the plant lovers who visit the institute. The flora includes approximately 300 species. Species are organised alphabetically. Nomenclature is updated as per the *www.plantlist.com* and identification as per volumes of AB Graf's *Exotica*, *Hortica*, *Tropica*.

We would be thankful to the users of this web site for pointing, out any mistakes. We shall make necessary corrections subsequently. We thank the Director, NAAC, Bangalore and staff for all the help extended to us.

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