



WATER CONSERVATION IN SACRED GROVES



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ABSTRACT

Reserved forest patches of forests are sacred groves. These are the segmented areas containing flora and fauna. Such areas are protected by human societies and remain undisturbed with interrelationship to the divine or to nature. We have visited Shankar and Vinzayidevrai at Mulshi near Pune district. Observed flora, fauna and water bodies in the sacred groves which are helpful in maintenance of biodiversity. River, streams, lake, ponds conserve the water and maintain the groundwater table for the whole year. These are the sources of water in summer.

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