**A view on efloraindia Googlegroup** by Dr. Santhan P Plant Taxonomist Medicinal plant specialist. On the occasion of 15 anniversary celebration.

EfloraofIndia google group is a symbol of cooperation coordination and free service. I am associating with the group from the past 10 years. I first appreciate the enthusiasm and focused and planned work of JM Garg ji and other members like Dinesh Walke ji, Gurusaran singh ji etc. Experts from different part of the country youngsters, senior members, working professionals, retired members have contributed a lot for the present development of the group activity. Dr. E.S. Santhosh Kumar, Dr. Giby Kuriakose, Dr.Prabhu Kumar, C Kunhikannan ji, Dr. Sasidharan, N. etc, from Kerala, myself, Vijayasankar Raman, Muthu Karthick, Dr. Badrinarayanan T, Thiruvengadam Ekambaram from Tamilnadu, Dinesh Walke ji, Anurag N. Sharma, Raman Arunachalam, Prashant K awale, T.S.P Kumar(DFO), Puttaraju K, Mahadeaswara ji, etc, from Karnataka, Radha veech ji, Alka Khare, Tanaybose, Aarti S. Khale, Dr. RiteshKumar ji, Shrikant Ingalhalikar, Mayur Nandikar, Satish Pardeshi, Dr. Satish Phadke, Smita Raskar, Neil Soares etc. from Maharashtra; Paradesi Anjaneyulu, Dr. Lalithamba Avadhanam, etc. from Andhra Pradesh, Ashutosh Sharma, Ashwini Bhatia, Dr. Anil Thakur from Himachal area, DSRawat, Dr. G. S. Goraya, IFS from Uthrakhand, Surajit koley ji, Tapas Chakravarthi ji, Dr. Usha Desai Mam from West Bengal, Karuna Das ji from Assam; Dr.**Balkar Arya, Dr. Nidhan Singh from Punjab area,** Dr. Pankaj Kumar from Jharkhand orchid specialist contributed considerably to the group. Due to the official importance some may not able to associate continuously. Still the main members with Garg ji as an engine brought the activity to the present level. Efloraindia is having 600000 lakh images of 14000 species of flowering plants, Ferns and Conifers of India and other countries, especially Nepal which is contributed by Saroj Kasaju ji. Each member is a dedicated taxonomist and photographers. Their contribution is valuable. Updating it to the current level is equally a big task. Suddenly Google did not support the site. Garg ji, Dinesh ji took immediate initiative and started our own website and uploaded the whole data into the new site. On the behalf of 3000 members, I appreciate the efforts of Garg ji, who borne all the financial commitments. The restless photo uploading of Alka Khare, Aarti S. Khale cannot be forgotten easily. During family week celebration during 2013-2015 so much image uploads happened. Being Taxonomist I need to collect information on valid botanical names, author citation and common name in different languages. I am able get this detail instantly from efloraofIndia.com web site. More than 10 women members are associating with the group. Encouraging the members by giving moderatorship, nominating them as pillars of efloraofIndia is really gave a boost in the group, indirectly it provided responsibility and ownership to the members.

Indian Botany (Floristic study) is developed by great botanists like Robert Wight, William Roxburg, Joseph Dalton Hooker, Charles Baron Clarke, Sir Dietrich Brandis, J.S gamble, CEC Fischer, Philip Furley Fyson, Theodore Cooke, Father Santapau as director of Botanical survey of India and other officials continuously discovered several new species and published FloraIndia volumes and state flora. Several University professors also publishing new regional floras. The efloraofIndia.com(Indiatreepix- Googlegroup) is really a commendable contribution for the current world. It is our responsibility to develop it further and made available to the community and world. Appreciating and thanking the members for their hard work and participation.