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## Certificate

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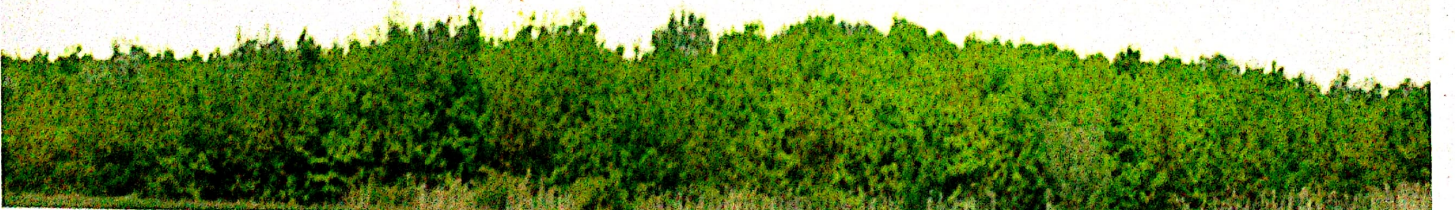
Prof. G.D. Muratkar (Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, arts, Science & Commerce College, Chikhaldara, Dist. Amravati) has written a book "Melghat : Identification of grass species" in academic year 2022-23.

This book has been published on 14-04-2023 by Shri. Maheep Gupta (IFS), Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra in presence of Ms. Jayoti Banarjee (IFS), Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve.

This book is very important for frontline staff and officers of Melghat Tiger Reserve in identification of grasses and wildlife habitat management.

(Sumant Solanke, I.F.S.)

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## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Tamilnadu State Forest Department and Tamilnadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project for Climate Change Response (TBGPCCR), sincerely appreciates **Prof. Gajanan Dadaraoji Muratkar** of Maharashtra for the vast & exhausting knowledge on Grasslands and its management for wildlife.

**Prof. Muratkar** delivered a very informative & exhaustive lecture on Zoom webinar as a part of expert lectures to the Forest Officials and Frontline field Staff of the Tamilnadu Forest Department on 05th May 2023.

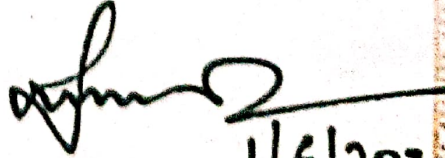
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Looking forward to your cooperation for promotion and imparting further professional expertise in future as well.

Yours Sincerely,

To  
**Prof Dr Gajanan D Muratkar,**  
Grasslands Expert,  
Department of Environmental Science, Arts Science and Commerce college,  
Chikhaldara Dist, Amravati, Maharashtra State

  
1/6/2023



# Certificate of participation



This Certificate is awarded to

**Prof. Dr. Gajanan Muratkar**

(Grassland Ecologist, Maharashtra State, India)

for attending and giving an invited lecture entitled **Grassland management techniques in protected areas** during the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SEB – K and 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of NAPRECA – K, a virtual conference jointly organized by the Society for Ethnobotany – Kenya (SEB – K) and the Natural Products Research Network for Eastern and Central Africa – Kenyan Chapter (NAPRECA – K),

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Prof. Paul Mbugua  
President, SEB–K

Prof. Catherine Lukhoba  
Chair, NAPRECA–K

**Sri. C.P. VINOD KUMAR, I.F.S.**  
Field Director, Project Tiger,  
Kawal Tiger Reserve.



Forest Complex,  
Mancherial  
Telangana.  
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Date : 07/09/2023

To,  
Dr. G.D. Muratkar  
Grassland Ecologist,  
Dept. of Environmental Sciences Arts,  
Science & Commerce College,  
Chikhaldara, Amravati District,  
Maharashtra State - 444 807.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for taking time and visiting the Kawal Tiger Reserve, Telangana during 06.09.2023 to 07.09.2023 for imparting field training. I sincerely appreciate your contribution and training given to our staff of Kawal Tiger Reserve and other districts in grassland development. The field training given by you since 05 years have yielded good result in developing extensive grasslands and visible change is noticed in Kawal Tiger Reserve. Your visit has given lot of practical field guidance to all the staff up to Forest Beat Officer level and also Protection watchers.

Your visit has given guidance to all of us in further improving, developing and maintaining grasslands in Kawal Tiger Reserve.

On behalf of all the officers and staff of Kawal Tiger Reserve, I sincerely express gratitude and acknowledge the services rendered by you in the field of grassland management.

With regards.

Your Sincerely,

**(C.P. Vinod Kumar)**  
Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Field Director, Project Tiger,  
Kawal Tiger Reserve, Mancherial

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# Certificate

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Professor **Gajanan. D. Muratkar, Grassland Ecologist** (Department of Environmental Science, Arts, Science & Commerce College Chikhaldara, District- Amravati) Maharashtra State has written a book "**Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve: Grasses species (Important)**" in academic year 2023-24

This book has been published on 01/03/2024 by **Hon. Shri. Sudhirji Munguntiwari, Minister Forest, Fishery and Culture, Maharashtra State**, in presence of Hon. Shri Shaileshji Tembhurnikar HOF, PCCF Maharashtra State, Shri Mahip Gupta, CWL, PCCF (Wildlife) and Dr. Jitendra S. Ramgaakar (IFS), Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur.

This book entitled "Grass Species of TATR" contents include – Grasses identification, Weeds & Wild Leguminous plants identification and how to bring out weeds eradication and Ecological Restoration methods and grasses seeds collection procedure. This book is very important for frontline staff and officers of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in identification of grasses and wildlife habitat management.

Date: 01/03/2024

**Dr. Jitendra S. Ramgaakar, IFS**  
Conservator of Forests & Field Director  
Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur



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## Appreciation Letter

To,

The Principal  
Arts, Science and Commerce College. Chikhaldara.  
District Amravati (M.S)

**Subject :-** Appreciation for organizing awareness programme for plastic pollution.

Res. Sir,

With the Initiative of the Department of Chemistry at Arts, Science and Commerce College, Chikhaldara, Municipal Council Chikhaldara has been implementing The Plastic eradication campaign for last five years.

In particular, your college has implemented important activities such as public awareness of plastic elimination, street drama, distribution of cloth bags (Made of old cloth) among citizens under this campaign.

Certainly, all these projects for the elimination plastic are a great achievement for this city. Your college always participates in such social events.

We thank you on Behalf of the municipal council, Chikhaldara.



  
Municipal council office  
Chikhaldara,

To,  
The principal,  
Arts, Science and commerce College,  
Chikhaldara.

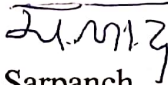
Subject: Appreciation for College Community Initiatives

Dear sir,

The Aladoh local authority extends heartfelt gratitude towards you and the college for organizing impactful activities in our village. Your commitment to address social issues and support in enhancement of the under privileged, especially women, is commendable. Efforts of NSS unit of the college has created a positive impact to foster moral values and ethics among the villagers.

Thank you for being a catalyst for positive changes.

Sincerely,

  
Sarpanch

Group Grampanchayat Aladoh – Shahapur  
Tehsil: Chikhaldara Distt: Amravati (M.S.)

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## APPRECIATION LETTER

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Arts, Science and Commerce College,  
Chikhaldara, Distt. Amravati.

Subject: - Appreciation for College's Community Initiatives.

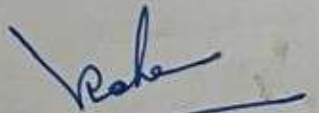
Dear, Dr. R.S. Jaipurkar,

The Nagar Parishad Chikhaldara authority extends heartfelt gratitude to you department of Geology and the students of the college for organizing impactful activities of Rainwater Harvesting Awareness campaign in this region. Your commitment to addressing Democratic concerns and supporting the enrichment the awareness about save water, especially youth and tribe of the Melghat creditable. Your efforts have made a positive change, development community well being.

Thank you for positive change.

Sincerely,



  
मुख्याधिकारी  
नगर परिषद, चिखलदरा



## Wildlife Habitat Award

**Prof. Gajanan D. Muratkar**

***Author, Grassland Ecologist and Grass man***

*Over last two decades you have shaped good grasslands in Protected Area specially in Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur (Maharashtra State) one of the least noticed plant category...grasses and grasslands, your specific interest has been the study of grasslands scientifically in Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve with reference identification, phenology, morphology and role of grasslands in Wildlife Habitat Management.*

*By enveloping young and old into your mission to understand, conserve and management of grasslands for wildlife Habitat, you have demonstrated the role grasslands in wild life Habitat Management and Grasses are architect's of wildlife Habitat so this award for wildlife Habitat Management.*

03 March 2024

**Dr. Jitendra S. Ramgaokar, IFS**

Conservator of Forests & Field Director  
Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur

**LOKESH JAYASWAL, IFS.**

Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)  
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**RC. NO. 18105/PCCF (WL) & CWLW/TS/Peshi/2023, DATED 03 .10.2023**

Sub: - Appreciation letter for immense contribution and guidance for  
grassland development in forest areas of Telangana State

Dear Dr. Muratkar ji,

Telangana Forest department is thankful to you for giving invaluable contribution towards improvement of grassland management practices in both Protected Areas and outside Protected Areas of Telangana Forest Department for last four years.

This year also during month of September, you have visited many forest areas both in Amrabad and Kawal Tiger Reserves and different Sanctuaries and conducted field training and workshops involving forest officials from the cadre of Beat Officers to Conservator of Forests / Field Directors on the grassland management, Wild legume identification, grass seed collection and weed eradication.

Because of your involvement and guidance, visible change has been noticed in different grasslands spread over in the Protected Areas and Reserve forests in the state of Telangana and we express our gratitude and acknowledge the services rendered by you and hope that you will keep associating with us in future also.

With Regards.

*Lokesh Jayaswal 03/10/2023*  
(Lokesh Jayaswal)  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)  
& Chief Wildlife Warden



Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director  
Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve  
Chandrapur



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Date:- 23/4/24

To,  
Dr. Gajanan Muratakar  
Associate Professor,  
Arts, Science and Commerce College  
Chikhaldara, Amravati

**Sub: Appreciation letter for immense contribution and guidance for grassland development & management in Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur.**

Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is thankful to you for making an invaluable contribution towards the improvement of grassland management practices in Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve over the last four years. (2021-2024)

In the years 2023-24, you visited in June 2023, September 2023, October 2023, and February 2024 in the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve for conducting field training, and workshops. Also, give appropriate guidance for grassland management to the Range forest officers and frontline forest staffers of the Tiger Reserve.

Under your guidance field officers have learned the identification of grasses, seed collection process, methods of weed eradication, and documentation.

With your valuable support this year <sup>we could publish</sup> ~~you wrote~~ the book "Grasses of Tadoba" for the officers and field staff. This book was published on the occasion of the Tadoba Festival 2024 by the hand of the Honorable Forest Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar and senior forest officers of Maharashtra. On the same occasion, TATR has felicitated you with the "Wildlife Habitat Conservation Award".

Your guidance has been invaluable in helping us to develop and implement effective strategies for the management of grasslands, which are critical habitats for many endangered species in the tiger reserve. Your efforts have played a vital role in the Conservation and Protection of the Tiger Habitat.

TATR expresses our gratitude and acknowledges the services rendered by you and hopes that you will keep associating with us in the future.

With Regards.

  
Dr. Jitendra Ramgaokar (IFS)  
Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director  
Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve  
Chandrapur

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)  
and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha

Letter No. 3685 Dt. 21/03/2024

To

Dr. Gajanan Muratkar,  
Grass Expert and Head of the Department,  
Department of Environmental Science,  
Arts, Science and Commerce College,  
Chikaldara, Amaravati,  
Maharashtra-444807

**Sub: Letter of Appreciation.**

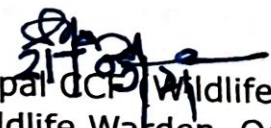
Sir,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the inputs given during the 2 days' workshop on Grassland Management and field exposure in Satkosia Tiger Reserve on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. Your Contribution have been invaluable to our team, and I want to acknowledge your efforts in this regard.

We look forward for further cooperation for capacity building on Grassland Management in the state of Odisha for the betterment of Forests and Wildlife.

Best regards,

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal (CCF/Wildlife) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha



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21 December 2023

To,  
**The Principal**  
Arts Science & Commerce College  
Chikhaldara, Amravati -  
Maharashtra-444807

Dear Sir,

Greetings from WWF India!

On behalf of WWF India, I place on record our sincere appreciation toward Prof **G.D. Muratkar, Grassland Ecologist, Arts Science & Commerce College, Chikhaldara, Amravati** for his valuable contribution towards improvement of grassland management practices in Valmiki Tiger Reserve between 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023. He has conducted field visits and conducted on field training and workshop involving Forest Officials and field staff on the grassland management, plants identification, grass seed collection and weed eradication. This will help VTR authority to bring visible changes in different grassland spread over this Tiger Reserve and we express our gratitude and acknowledge the services rendered by him, and hope for his continuing technical support and guidance in future.

Yours Sincerely

**Kamlesh K Maurya, Ph.D.**  
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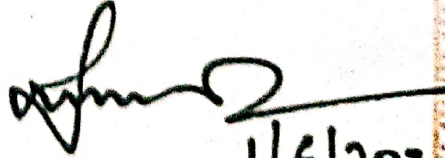
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