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## **ECOLOGICAL SURVEY OF SACRED GROVES FROM MALSHEJ GHAT, PUNE DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA STATE**

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**ABSTRACT :** Five well preserved sacred groves were studied from Malshej ghat area of Junnar Tehsil, Pune district of Maharashtra State. Pure stand of *Caryota urens* L. is very important and striking feature of these sacred groves. Soil samples from outside and inside the grove were also analyzed. Hyphomycetes were studied for the first time from the sacred groves.

**Key words :** *Caryota urens* L., Hyphomycetes, Sacred groves, Soil analysis.