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Growing Urbanization and its negative impacts on urban ecology have been felt acutely, the world over. Protecting the ecosystem is a major issue on the global agenda and preserving it is priority. Conservation of tree biodiversity through sustainable ecosystem management approaches is important to humankind for various. Trees are life supporting systems and are useful to man as providing extracts and non-extractive benefits. Additionally, they also provide intellectual, aesthetic, cultural, religious and spiritual sustenance. Protection of forests as scared groves through religious belief systems has been in practice since ancient times around the world. The book attempts to understand the religious practices still in fore in urban context conserving sacred trees conferring extensive benefits in cities.

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