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The checklist of the grasses of India is the culmination of decades of work by the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG), and the Harvard University Herbaria (HUIH). Although the project had been underway since the early 1990's, the collaboration was formalized at a meeting in 2002. The team from ATREE took on the monumental task of compiling available data, the complex nomenclature was verified at the Harvard University Herbaria, and taxonomic revision was carried out by an international team of specialists coordinated by MBG.

The list presented here includes 1506 species plus infraspecific taxa in 266 genera, and includes information on types, synonyms, distribution within India, and habit. Ten of the 12 subfamilies of grasses are represented in India with the largest numbers of species in subfamilies Panicoideae (668) and Pooideae (383). This checklist offers a foundation for future taxonomic work on the highly diverse and globally important grasses of India.

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