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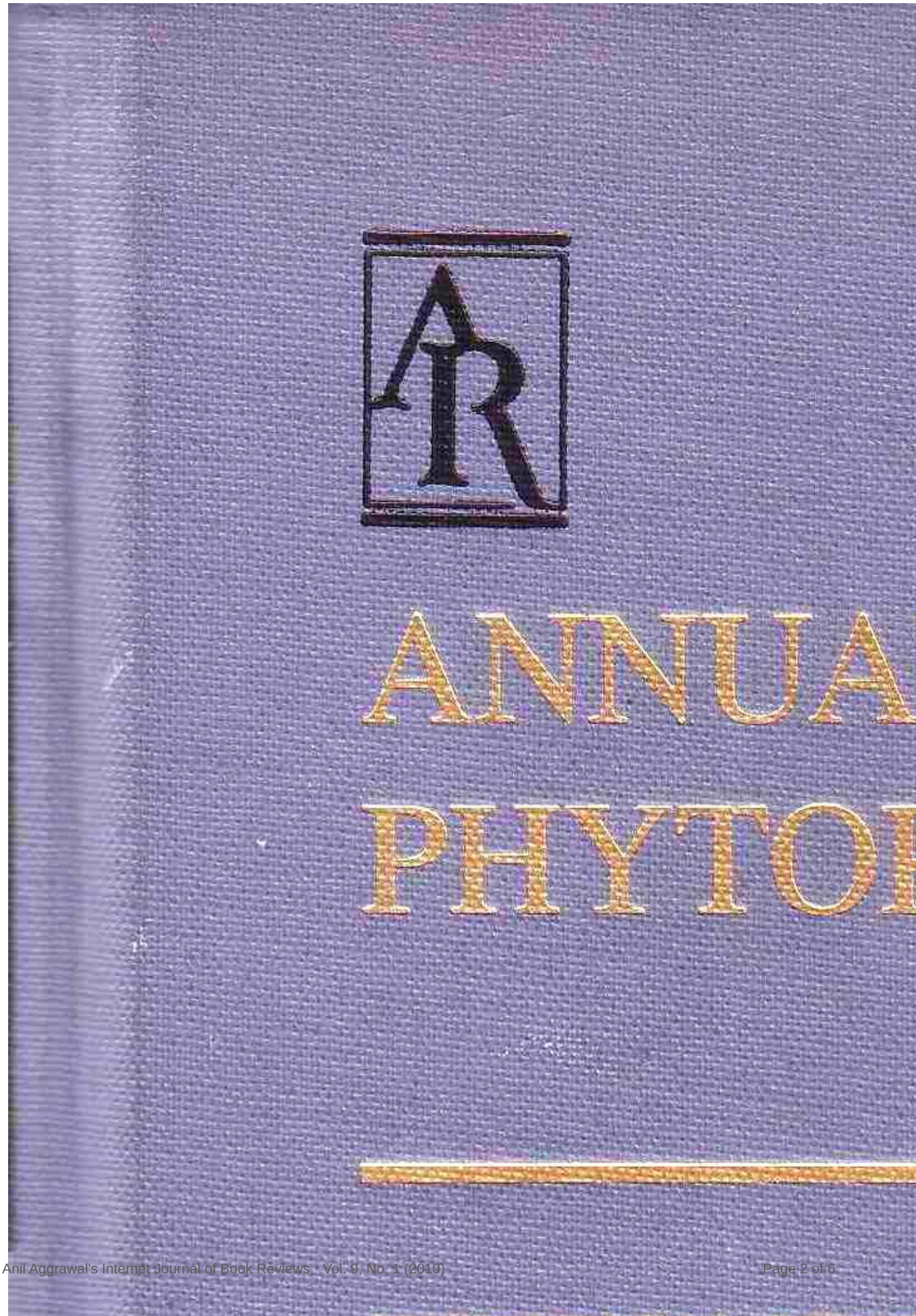
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The book no doubt is entirely subject oriented and is likely to arouse interest of botanists, plant pathologists and readers of related branches. All the reviews are illustrated accounts of the works carried out by their respective authors. The language used is sophisticated.

The first chapter-'one foot in the furrow' by D.E.Mathre accompanied by his smiling photograph brings genuine smiles on reader's face. The reader feels listening to the author's experiences rather than going through a book. He proves his point in being a plant pathologist by penning these lines "(page 1, first paragraph)". This chapter is an attempt to show how this philosophy (one foot in the furrow) has affected his life and career hopefully for the better, and how it can serve the profession well as we proceed into the 21st century".

Thereafter, the book presents some very useful work in the field of plant pathology. The review-"Evolutionary ecology of plant diseases in natural ecosystems, describes the plant and pathogen interactions, the effect of pathogens on wild plants and the importance as well as necessity of maintaining plant species diversity.

> *...One of the important reviews-"making an ally from enemy: plant virology and the new agriculture", emphasizes the use of recombinant proteins for use in therapeutic, vaccine and functional genomics applications. The last portion focuses on increasing yield, reducing cost and improving quality of plant-derived products. The last four reviews can be of real interest to agriculturists...*

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One of the striking features of the book is a continuous association of diagrams and figures along with descriptive account of the topics. E.g., fig 1,2,3 of review-TMV assembly and Disassembly.

Authors have suitably enriched their work by giving photographs wherever necessary. The colored photographs on glazed sheets ad vigor to the book. The data has been presented in best possible ways to elaborate the topics efficiently.

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