WORKSHOP ON HERBARIUM TECHNIQUES AND PLANT NOMENCLATURE

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Report on the "Workshop on Herbarium Techniques and Plant Nomenclature" organised by the Bethune College, 181, Bidhan Sarani, Kolkata – 700006 in collaboration with Central National Herbarium, Botanical Survey of India (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India), Howrah – 711103 on 4th and 5th May, 2017.

The Workshop on Herbarium Techniques and Plant Nomenclature was conducted at Bethune College, Kolkata. The resource persons for the two-day workshop were Dr. V. Sampath Kumar, Scientist 'D', CNH, BSI, Dr. W. Arisdason, Scientist 'C', Hqrs., BSI, Howrah, Dr. Subir Bandyopadhyay, Scientist 'B', Hqrs., BSI, Howrah, Dr. Avishek Bhattacharjee, Scientist 'B', CNH, BSI, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Bot. Asst., CNH, BSI and Dr. Sangita Daschowdhury, AJCBPDF, Hqrs., BSI, Howrah. Sri Tapas Kumar Mondal, Field Assistant, CNH, BSI demonstrated the herbarium techniques. Nineteen students of M.Sc. 2nd semester actively participated in the workshop.

Prof. Mamata Ray, Principal, Bethune College, inaugurated the workshop, after a brief introduction about the workshop and felicitation of resource persons by Dr. Saswati Laha, Assistant Professor, P.G. Department of Botany & Co-ordinator of the workshop. Dr. Dipayan Chattopadhyay, Convenor & Head of the P.G. Department of Botany and Dr. Ashok Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Dr. Tripi Roy, Associate Professor, Dr. Smita Roy, Assistant Professor were also present during the inaugural session.

The workshop began with showing a short film on 'Collection and Processing of plant specimens' and 'The technique of making herbarium sheets' to the students for better understanding of the technique. Subsequently, Dr. Gopal Krishna delivered a lecture on herbarium techniques, followed by a practical demonstration of processing and preparation of herbarium sheets was given by Sri Tapas Mondal. The second session of the day began with a lecture on

'Author Citations' by Dr. Sangita Daschowdhury, followed by 'Abbreviation of Authors of Plant Names' by Dr. W. Arisdason. After a break, Dr. Sangita Daschowdhury delivered a lecture on 'Elementary Knowledge of ICBN/ICN, its Preamble and Principles' and Dr. V. Sampath Kumar delivered a talk on 'Taxonomic Hierarchy'.

On the second day, a series of lectures were delivered by the resource persons in two sessions: 'History of the Code of Botanical Nomenclature' by Dr. V. Sampath Kumar, 'Different Kinds of Names' and 'Flora, Revision and Monograph' by Dr. Avishek Bhattacharjee, 'Typification of Plant Names' by Dr. Subir Bandyopadhyay, and the last lecture, 'A few important websites for taxonomic research' was delivered by Dr. V. Sampath Kumar.

The students actively interacted with the resource persons during the presentations, and expressed that they were immensely benefited by attending the workshop and also said that some of the topics such as abbreviation of author names and the websites for taxonomic research were practically new to them. Dr. V. Sampath Kumar, Dr. Subir Bandyopadhyay and Dr. Dipayan Chattopadhyay awarded the participation certificates to the students. The feedbacks were received from the students in a prescribed format. The workshop was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Saswati Laha, the Co-ordinator of the workshop.









Resource persons giving practical demonstration and delivering lectures



Student participants listening a lecture



A participant expressing her view



A participant receiving certificate



Co-ordinator of the workshop giving vote of thanks



Group photograph during the workshop