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BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

8TH BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE COURSE

Venue

Botanical Survey of India
Central Regional Centre
10, Chatham Lines
Prayagraj – 211 002, Uttar Pradesh

Course Period: 19-23 February 2027

Resource Person

Dr. Kanchi Natarajan Gandhi
Senior Nomenclatural Registrar
The Harvard University Herbaria, USA

Registration

1st November 2026 - 30th November 2026

Course Fee

₹ 10,000/- (with accommodation on sharing basis)

₹ 5,000/- (without accommodation)

Note: The course fee is strictly non-refundable under any circumstances.

Registration

- Online registration via Google Form Link: https://forms.gle/o9uhV4NWCitPaJZv9
- Registration is limited to first 75 participants
- Registration will be confirmed only after successful payment
- Incomplete application will not be considered

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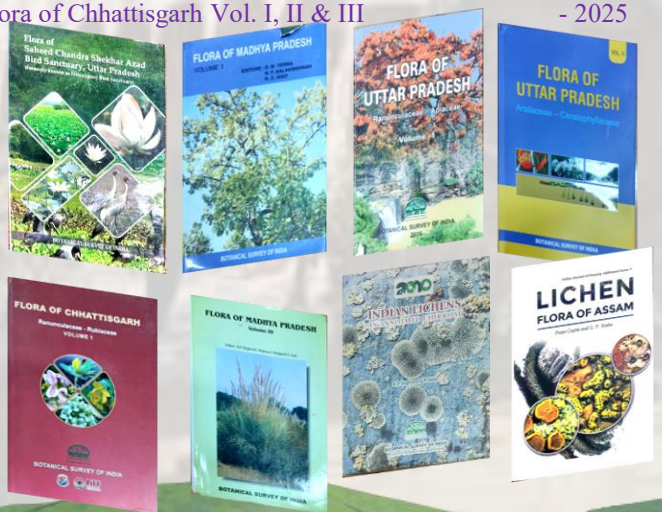
BOOKS PUBLISHED BY BSI, CRC

Exotic Flora of Allahabad	- 1984
A Dictionary of the Pteridophytes of India	- 1984
A Census of Indian Pteridophytes	- 1984
Grasses of Madhya Pradesh	- 1984
Flora of Pachmarhi and Bori Reserve	- 1984
Flora of Raipur, Durg, and Rajnandgaon	- 1985
Lycopodiaceae of India	- 1988
Flora of Bilaspur District Volume I & II	- 1999
Durg Plant Resources of Central India	- 1989
Flora of Kasturba Gram, Indore	- 1991
Flora of Madhya Pradesh (Chhatarpur and Damoh)	- 1992
Selaginellaceae of India	- 1992
Floral Elements of Madhya Pradesh (Acanthaceae and Euphorbiaceae)	- 1994
Dicotyledones Plants of Uttar Pradesh, Checklist	- 1999
Flora of Madhya Pradesh	(Vol. I, II, III: 1993, 1997, 2001)
Supplement to the Flora of Madhya Pradesh	- 2001
Pteridophytes of Uttaranchal (A Checklist)	- 2002
Flora of Indravati Tiger Reserve	- 2003
Macro Lichens of Sikkim	- 2005
A Checklist of Indian Mosses	- 2005
Floristic Diversity of Chhattisgarh (Angiosperms)	- 2005
Indian Lichens: An Annotated Check List	- 2010
Flora of Uttar Pradesh	(Vol. I, II, III: 2016, 2020, 2024)
Flora of Chhattisgarh Vol. I, II & III	- 2025



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ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON

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Dr. Kanchi Natarajan Gandhi has been serving as the Senior Nomenclatural Registrar at the Harvard University Herbaria, USA, since 1995. Previously, he served at the North Carolina Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina; the Department of Biology and S.M. Tracy Herbarium, Texas A & M University; the Department of Biology, University of Louisiana-Monroe; and The National College and the St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, India. Having extensive teaching experience, notably in plant nomenclature, specimen curation, and field research, Dr. Gandhi is globally renowned for his role in managing the International Plant Names Index (IPNI), a database of bibliographical details and names of seed plants, ferns, and lycophytes, in collaboration with the RBG, Kew, the Harvard University Herbaria, and the Australian National Herbarium.

Dr. Gandhi is an editorial committee member of the Madrid Botanical Code (2025); he serves as: a member of the General Committee, International Association for plant Taxonomy (IAPT); the Nomenclature Editor for the journal *Harvard Papers in Botany* and for the *Flora of North America* project; collaborator of the Index Nominum Genericorum Plantarum; Associate Nomenclature Editor of the journal Taxon; Member of the editorial committee of the journals Rheedea, Korean Journal of Plant Taxonomy, and Pleione; Nomenclatural Consultant and Data Contributor to USDA-GRIN database; served as Vice-President and president of the New England Botanical Society; Taxonomic and Nomenclatural Collaborator to USDA-PLANTS database; and a member of the Committee for Vascular Plants, IAPT.

Dr. Gandhi has served as Course Director and Resource Person for Nomenclature Workshops and Training programmes organized by the Botanical Survey of India at: Kolkata (2013), Pune (2017), Coimbatore (2019), Shillong (2020), Dehradun (2023), Gangtok (2025), and Hyderabad (2026). He also gave nomenclature course at the University of Campinas, Brazil (2018), Florida International University, USA (2022 & 2026), and within India at Assam University (2020), Bangalore University (2020 & 2026), Calcutta University (2017 & 2020); Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (2017), Malabar Botanical Garden (2020), The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (2019), and St. Xavier's College, Mumbai (2019, 2020 & 2023).

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Central Regional Centre (CRC), Prayagraj (Allahabad) was established on 31 July 1962. The Centre's jurisdiction encompasses the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. The Centre plays an important role in the exploration, documentation, and conservation of the plant diversity of the region, including taxonomic research and the maintenance of herbarium collections.

BSI, CRC, Prayagraj, has undertaken more than 300 plant explorations and botanical expeditions, contributing significantly to the plant science of the region. These investigations have resulted in the discovery of 30 plant species as new to science.

The Centre houses the internationally accredited Herbarium (BSA) and preserves about 1,10,000 specimens of Angiosperms, 4,000 Pteridophytes and 11,000 Lichens. In addition, the herbarium of BSI, CRC maintains about 30,000 herbarium images and metadata for 48,000 specimens, which support taxonomic research, biodiversity documentation, and other plant-based scientific studies.

The Centre also maintains a botanical museum containing about 200 exhibits of various plant groups, from algae to angiosperms. The exhibits are organized under diverse themes, such as ethnomedicinal plants, cereals and beverages, traditional sacred plants, valuable timber species, highlighting the scientific, economic, cultural, and ethnobotanical significance of plant resources.

The library of this Centre is an important resource for botanical and taxonomic research, housing approximately 10,000 books, including 684 Hindi books, along with 4500 volumes/issues of various journals and 135 reprints. These facilities collectively support the Centre's taxonomic research, documentation and conservation of plant wealth of the region, and dissemination of knowledge relating to plant diversity and its sustainable utilization.

A botanic garden associated with this Centre, situated within its premises, covering about 2.50 ha area, is conserving 423 species comprising 165 species of trees, 120 species of shrubs and 138 species of herbs belonging to 115 families having medicinal, economic importance, ornamental values and distributional interest.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Botanical Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, Prayagraj, proposes to organize the 8th Botanical Nomenclature Course from 19 to 23 February, 2027 at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. K.N. Gandhi, Senior Nomenclatural Registrar, Harvard University Herbaria, USA will serve as the Resource Person and Course Instructor for the forthcoming Course.

The Course aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, rules, and practices governing the scientific naming of plants, with particular emphasis on the International Code of Nomenclature for Algae, Fungi, and Plants (the current Madrid Code, 2025). It will also cover botanical terms and relevant nomenclatural provisions to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills in addressing nomenclatural issues and resolving ambiguities encountered in taxonomic research.

During the Course, the expert will also explain the purpose, significance, and methodology of preparing People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs). The Course will also cover the information on the diversity, availability, and uses of medicinal plants. The workforce trained through this Course will support key government initiatives such as the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) preparation and medicinal plant identification.

Online registration for the Course is open for interested scientists, researchers, faculty members, research scholars and students engaged with research in plant taxonomy/systematics. The Google Form link is provided below.

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Start Date: 1st November, 2026

End Date: 30th November, 2026

Confirmation: All registrations received within the stipulated period will be duly scrutinized and communicated.

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