

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
ON 01.03.2017- A REPORT

A State Level Workshop sponsored by the University Grants Commission under 12th plan entitled "Conservation Strategy of Medicinal Plants of Odisha" was organized by the Department of Botany, Christ College, Cuttack on 1st March 2017, in the College Auditorium. The workshop was inaugurated with the introductory song by the students of the department. The purpose of the workshop was introduced by Head of the Department Dr. Siddhartha K. Sahu, followed by the welcome address by the Principal, Mr. M. K. Otta. The invited Guests were introduced by Mr. Sovan Panda.

The Chief guest Resource person, Dr. Nabin Ku. Dhal, Principal Scientist, CSIR, IMMT, Bhubaneswar, delivered on the diversity of medicinal plants resources of Odisha and emphasized on their conservation strategy.

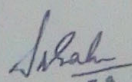
The other resource person the Senior Scientist from NRRI, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Mishra, delivered on the conservation of rare and endemic medicinal plants of Odisha, on the context of their threat of extinction.

Another resource person, Sri Sunil Kumar Behera, Ayurvedic doctor, highlighted on the therapeutic uses of the diversified medicinal herbs of Odisha.

The workshop was attended by many faculties of the neighboring Colleges Universities as well as from our College. More than 200 students of Botany Honours and other allied branches from our College and neighboring Colleges also attended this workshop. The most interesting part was the display of more than 100 varieties of collection of medicinal plants highlighting their uses under three headings namely 1- Indoor plants for beauty care therapy, 2- Indoor and air cleansing herbs and plants, 3- The plants used for medicinal purposes.

On this occasion papers were also presented by the faculties of the Botany department namely 1- Benefits of Medicinal Plants and their conservation by Dr. Siddhartha K. Sahu (HOD Botany), 2- *Jatropha curcas*: Plant of Therapeutic Value by Mr. Bhabjit Pattnaik, 3- Conservation of Medicinal plants in Odisha by Dr. (Mrs.) Anandini Rout and 4- Medicinal plants and their placement in modern medicine By Ms. Sneha Ratna Mohanty.

The workshop ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. (Mrs.) Bandita Acharya. The event was highlighted in the local newspapers and was a grand success.


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