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BOTANICAL SOCIETY
&
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF
BIODIVERSITY IN ODISHA AND ITS
PROSPECTS

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
CHRIST COLLEGE , KATAKA

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ORISSA BOTANICAL SOCIETY



INVITATION

Dear fellow OBS Members/ Researchers

The Department of Botany, Christ College, Kataka takes immense pleasure in inviting you to participate in the National Seminar on Botany on the theme:

“Sustainable Development of Biodiversity in Odisha and Its Prospects”

The seminar aims to bring together academicians, researchers, scientists, environmentalists, scholars, students, and biodiversity enthusiasts to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and discuss innovative approaches for the conservation, sustainable utilization, and development of Odisha's rich biodiversity.

Your gracious presence and valuable contribution will greatly enrich the academic deliberations and make the seminar a meaningful platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative research.

ORISSA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

The Orissa Botanical Society (OBS) is a premier association of botanists of Odisha, who are engaged in active research and teaching in the various fields of plant science in the universities, colleges, and research institutions of the state. It was established in the year 1975 and registered vide Registration No :16671/79-80 under the Society Act. Every year the OBS holds its Annual Conference at different locations of the state to provide a common platform for scientists, researchers, academicians and students to share their ideas and findings for promoting plant science and research. Odisha and will be hosted by Department of Botany, Christ College which is a premier minority institution of the state providing quality education since 1994. This year the 49th Annual Conference of the OBS will be held at “Millennium City” of Kataka, the former capital of Odisha and will be hosted by Department of Botany, Christ College, Kataka.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

The emerald forests, shimmering wetlands and vibrant coastlines of Odisha may appear timeless but beneath this scenic beauty lies a silent ecological struggle. Yet, at a time when towering industries replace green landscapes and climate uncertainty casts a shadow over the future, humanity stands confronted with a deeply unsettling question: can development flourish without silencing the voice of nature. While modernization promises economic growth and infrastructural advancement, unchecked exploitation of natural resources threatens the very ecological foundations upon which human civilization depends. The roar of machines now echoes through regions once dominated by birdsong, rivers that nourished civilizations, now carry the burden of pollution, and forests retreat before the advance of roads, industries and mines. The dense green forests once alive with the roar of tigers and chirping of rare birds, are increasingly threatened by forest fires and illegal tree cutting. Every burning tree carries with it the death of countless lives, quietly collapsing an entire ecosystem. The situation along Odisha's coastline is equally alarming. As mangroves vanish under human pressure, many aquatic species lose their breeding grounds, disturbing the delicate balance of marine life . The loss of biodiversity is not merely an environmental issue but also a social and cultural tragedy. The tribal communities of Odisha, once deeply connected to the rhythm of forests and rivers, now watch their ancestral lands, traditional knowledge, medicinal plants and natural resources disappear under the weight of greed. Nature is deeply woven into Odisha's identity, festivals, folklore and livelihoods, therefore, when biodiversity disappears, a part of Odisha's soul disappears with it. Nature does not ask humanity to stop progressing, it asks humanity to progress responsibly. This responsibility forms the very foundation of sustainable development, a balanced approach where economic growth, social welfare and environmental conservation coexist in harmony. The sustainable development of biodiversity in Odisha requires conservation with innovation and collective responsibility.

Keeping this in mind a National Seminar is going to be organized on the theme "Sustainable Development of Biodiversity in Odisha and its Prospects" which will provide a platform for students, scientists and researchers to assess the present scenario, deliberate upon the diversity loss and come up with strategies to conserve and develop it to improve the economy of our state.

Thematic Areas

- PLANT DIVERSITY AND FLORISTIC WEALTH OF ODISHA
- CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT
- BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION STRATEGIES
- SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION AND BIOECONOMY
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY
- ETHNOBOTANY INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND BIOCULTURAL CONSERVATION
- ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Conference Highlights

- Keynote Speeches and Invited talks
- Oral and Poster Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Young Scientist Awards

Call for Abstracts / Papers / Posters for National Seminar

Participants wishing to present scientific abstract/paper for oral/poster presentation in the National Seminar are requested to submit their abstract not exceeding **500** words/full papers by the **15th November, 2026**. All abstracts and papers are to be submitted to the Organising Secretary at - **ccbotany2026@gmail.com** as per the prescribed format in the Times New Roman Font only

Title-14Point, Bold, Capital, Centred; Authors- 12Point, Normal; Address-10 Point, Normal with Mail-Id; Text-12 point, Normal in single space with Right and Left Margins-3.0cm.

Instruction for Poster:

Posters should not be more than 1m in width and 1.5m in height. Under the title, print in small letters the names of the authors and institutions. The Poster should match with the theme of the National Seminar

The posters should contain a concise title, author and author affiliation, introduction, methodology, results, conclusion, acknowledgment, and references. The scientific committee will decide whether an abstract should be presented as an oral or poster presentation. Their decision is final and it will be communicated to each presenter in advance for her/his presentation.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE & DEPARTMENT

Christ College, Kataka

The Christ College, Kataka was established and affiliated to Utkal University in the year 1944 during the pre-independence days and has emerged as one of the premier educational institutions in the state providing teaching facilities in humanities science and commerce. The college is managed by the Cuttack Christian Education Board

Department of Botany

The Department of Botany was established in the year 1960 imparting teaching at honours level since 1976 and at the PG level since 2021 . This department has its own recognition in providing quality education and producing a number of successful students bagging top position in University Examinations in many occasions and brought laurels to the department by establishing themselves in the country and abroad.

Kataka City

Kataka, the former capital and the millennium city of Orissa is situated at the apex of the delta formed by the river Mahanadi and its tributary Kathajodi. The city is located at 20.46° N and 85.88° E and experiences mild temperatures and occasional showers during winter from November to February. It is well known for its silver filigree work and places of interest like birth place of Netaji Subhas Bose, ruins of medieval Barabati Fort, Ravenshaw University, Orissa High Court, Barabati Stadium, Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) the Orissa Maritime Museum and Quadam-i-Rasul, (the sacred shrine for Hindus and Muslims). It is well connected by rail and road to the rest of India and the nearest airport at Bhubaneswar is 29 kms away

Accommodation:

Limited accommodation will be provided to guests and delegates on prior intimation. Student delegates will be accommodated in the college hostels. However hotels may be booked for participants well in advance as per the usual tariff.

Registration Fees:

Delegates -Rs.800/-
Research Scholars - 500/-
Student Delegates - Rs.400/-

Registration



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