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To

All Esteemed Members, Orissa Botanical Society, Head of the Dept. (Universities and Colleges)

Sub: Invitation and Annual Circular regarding 49th Annual Conference at Christ College, Kataka and "Call for Abstracts".

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the 49th Annual Conference of the Orissa Botanical Society (OBS) will be held on 20th-21st December 2026 at Christ College, Kataka. During this conference, a National Seminar on the topic "Sustainable Development of Biodiversity in Odisha and Its Prospects" will be organised. Members intending to present their research papers are requested to send a typewritten abstract, not exceeding 500 words, in soft copy (MS Word, 12 font size, 1.5 spacing) on or before 20th November, 2026. All abstracts (for the National Seminar and OBS general sessions) may be sent to the Organising Secretary at ccbotany2026@gmail.com. Please specify whether the paper is meant for the National Seminar or for the paper reading session of OBS. Also indicate the preffered mode of presentation (oral/poster).

Competitions will be held among young botanists below the age of 32 years for the ***Sarojini G. Panigrahi Memorial Award.*** Single-authored abstracts, followed by the full paper conforming to the style of "Plant Science Research" (the OBS Journal), are invited from contestants (OBS Members) and should also be sent to the above email ID by 20th November, 2026, along with proof of age, a certificate from the Head of the respective institution / Department indicating the place of work and the type of competition.

Prof. Bhabani Prasad Choudhury Memorial Award will be given for **Best Oral Presentation.**

Dr. B.K. Nanda Memorial Award will be given for the **Best Poster Presentation** during the Annual Conference. Moreover, there will be a competition among M.Sc. Students for ***Smt. Priyambada Mishra Memorial Seminar Presentation*** Award.

Please note that the Life Membership fee is Rs. 3000/-. The fee for Sessional Membership is Rs.400/- plus Rs.25/-payable as Enrollment Fee for new members. Colleagues intending to be members of the Society / participate in the Conference are requested to remit the aforesaid amount (as applicable) by Demand Draft drawn in favour of **the Treasurer, Orissa Botanical Society,** payable at Bhubaneswar, along with their full address for correspondence in advance to confirm their participation. You can contact Dr Sovan Panda, Organising Secretary (Contact No.: 9437269541) for conference registration, abstract and full paper submission, accommodation, and local hospitality.

As you know, OBS is publishing a research journal, ***'Plant Science Research'***. It is a standard refereed journal with ISSN number with NAAS Impact Factor (2.72) and publishes original research papers & review articles in the field of Plant Sciences. You are requested to submit your article to the Managing Editor of the Journal, **Prof. Soumendra Kumar Nayak(odishabotanicalsoceity1000@gmail.com),** PG Dept. of Botany, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack.

Please circulate this letter among the colleagues and students of your department for active participation to make the 49th Annual Conference a grand success.

Looking forward to your active participation in the **49th Annual Conference at Christ College, Kataka.**

With Warm Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Dr. Bhabatarini Panda

Secretary
Orissa Botanical Society