



**REPORT OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY BANKING (NCCBB 2020)**

A one day National conference on Conservation and Biodiversity Banking was jointly organized by the Department of Zoology & Botany of our college on Friday the 17th January, 2020.

The Chief Guest for the Inaugural function was **Professor Dr. V. Y. Deshpande**, Chairman, Board of Studies in Zoology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. The Guest of Honour was **Dr. Adhikrao D. Jadhav**, Member, Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board, Nagpur. The President for the Inaugural Function was **Hon. Principal Dr. L. D. Kadam**. All of them emphasised more on the Biodiversity banking of flora and fauna of the Western Ghats and its conservation.

The welcome and introductory speech was delivered by **Mr. A. B. Mane**, Convenor NCCBB 2020. The keynote address was delivered by **Prof. Dr. S. R. Yadav**, INSA Senior Scientist, Department of Botany, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. He emphasized upon the role of educational institutes in conservation of biodiversity. As it's the green ward covering of mother earth is the true matrix of human life.

The Plenary talk of session I was delivered by **Prof. Dr. Satish A. Pandey**. Who focused his attention towards Owl conservation; science behind superstitions, as owls are the nocturnal raptors. Owls have been shrouded in mystery and superstitious beliefs since ages.

The Plenary talk of session II was delivered by **Dr. Varad B. Giri**, Director, Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation, Pune. He focused his attention on "The Dons of under-world! Masters of subterranean world". As they are very rarely seen, they are difficult to find, they are poorly studied still you wish to work on them? (Caecilians, Geckos, Spiders) who are "Critically Endangered".

The Session III was of oral presentations and poster presentations of the research papers received for the conference. A total of 16 papers were presented for the oral session and the rest amongst the 39 research papers receive were presented for the poster presentation.

A total of 145 participants from the different parts of the country were present for the conference.

The session IV was of valedictory function. The chief guest for the function was **Dr. S. M. Kumbhar**, Associate Professor, A. C. S. College, Palus and the Guest of Honour was **Dr. V. M. Shendage**, Assistant Professor, A. C. S. College, Palus and was Presided over by **Hon. Principal, Dr. L. D. Kadam**.

Outcome-

1. Knowledge of identification, Conservation of biodiversity.
2. The Superstitions about Owl were vanished due to Owl study.
3. Biodiversity Banking leads to healthy environment as well as conservation of endangered species been done.

Beneficiaries -145





Inauguration of NCCBB-2020



Participants



Publication of Abstract book



Keynote Lecture



Oral Presentation Session



Poster Presentation Session

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