RESEARCH FACILITY TRAINING PROGRAMME

FOR STUDENTS, RESEARCH SCHOLARS & TEACHERS ON

TAXONOMY & ECOLOGY OF BRYOPHYTES

under the

Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR)

Summary

The Bryology division, Department of Botany, University of Calicut have conducted a two-day workshop on the topic' Taxonomy & Ecology of Bryophytes for students, research scholars and teachers funded by SERB - Scientific Social Responsibility Activity on 16th & 17th May 2023 under the supervision of Dr. Manju C. Nair, workshop co-ordinator & Associate Professor, Department of Botany. The workshop aimed to familiarize different bryophytes and encouraging them to do hands on training on the topic. The ecological aspects of bryophytes are also discussed during the workshop. Among the 91 applicantions received, 30 participants were selected of which 26 participants were attended, which included Asst. Professors, Research Scholars and Students from various institutions in and out of Kerala. Accommodation facility for the participants coming from far away were arranged in the University Guest house. On 16th May 2023 at 9:30 am all the 26 participants completed their registration. The inaugural ceremony of the training programme was in the seminar hall of Department of Botany at 10:00 am. All the Faculty members, Research scholars, Postgraduate students from botany department and participants was assembled there. Pro-vice Chancellor of Calicut University, Prof. Dr. M. Nasser, inaugurated the function. Head of the Department Prof. Jos T. Puthur welcomed the gathering. Workshop co-ordinator Dr. Manju C. Nair gave the participants an outline on the Workshop. Prof. Dr. M. Nasser, Pro. Vice Chancellor of University of Calicut inaugurated the workshop and also wished all success for the training programme. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Santhosh Nampy, Department of Botany. After the inaugural session a short refreshment was given to the participants followed by two sessions by the workshop coordinator. The first talk is on 'An Introduction to Bryophyte Taxonomy' and the next is 'Understanding Marchantiales'. After that Dr. Manjula K.M, Assistant Prof (Adhoc), Mar Thoma College, Chungathara) handled a session on 'Preparation of Herbarium on bryophytes. After the lunch break, hands on training on identification of Marchantiales was provided to the selected participants. The hands-on training was conducted in the Bryology laboratory and Taxonomy laboratory of Botany Department by dividing the participants in to two groups of equal strength. A visit was organised to the Calicut University Botanical Garden and there ends all the programmes of the first day of workshop.

On 17th May 2023, the second day of Research facility training programme on 'Taxonomy & Ecology of Bryophyte' at Seminar hall, Dept. of Botany, started with a session handled by Dr. Manju C. Nair, Workshop Co-ordinator on 'How to identify the Mosses?'. The next session was handled by Dr. Mufeed B., Research Associate, Bryology Division, Dept. of Botany on Bryophyte diversity in the high-altitude mountains of Kerala. Hands on training on identification of mosses was conducted in the two laboratories as organized in the previous day. Feedback forms were filled and collected from all participants after the session. The afternoon session was for doubt clearing and discussion on the topic. The valedictory session was at 4:00 pm in the seminar hall of Department of Botany. Prof. Jos T. Puthur, Head Dept. of Botany delivered the welcome speech. The valedictory address was given by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. M.K. Jayaraj. The hon'ble Vice Chancellor distributed the certificates to the participants. All the participants from different institutions provided good feedback on the programme. The 2-Day workshop ends with a vote of thanks by the workshop co-ordinator Dr. Manju C. Nair.

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