

Report on one day workshop on ORCHID PROPAGATION AND CONSERVATION

A one day workshop on “Orchid Propagation and Conservation” was organized by the Plantation Committee of DHSK College in collaboration with the Department of Botany and College Environment Cell, DHSK College. The workshop was organized on 4th January, 2022. The objectives of the workshop were to create awareness among the students about the current scenario of orchids of Assam and their conservation and also the various methods of orchid propagation.

The workshop was conducted in accordance with the Floriculture Syllabus of Skill enhancement course of the Botany Department

The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Khyanjeet Gogoi, a renowned orchid conservationist. Dr Gitamoni Dutta and Mr. Ambarish Bhuyan, Joint Coordinators of Plantation Committee of DHSK College were the Joint-Conveners of the workshop. Dr. Alakananda Baruah, HOD of the Botany Department of DSHK College was the modulator of the program and Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, Principal of DHSK College was the inaugurator.

The workshop started with a welcome address by Dr. Alakananda Baruah highlighting the aim and objective of the programme. The welcome address was followed by an inaugural speech by Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, Principal, DHSK College. The resource person was then introduced by Mr. Rajib Lochan Borah, Assistant Professor of the Department of Botany.

The workshop was divided into two technical sessions. In the first technical session, the resource person talked about the status of Orchids in our country emphasizing mainly the Orchids of North East India. Mr Khyanjeet Gogoi also mentioned the propagation methods and the composition of the culture media. He also talked about how environmental conditions can regulate the flowering of the orchids.

The second technical session was a hands-on training on orchid propagation. Mr Khyanjeet Gogoi demonstrated the potting of orchids in various culture media. The students also actively participated in the process. Four different culture media were prepared by the students. Mr. Gogoi not only delivered intrusive lectures on aesthetic aspects of orchids but also imparted hands-on training on the same which left the participants spellbound after these creative and innovative sessions for the day.

Towards the end of the session, there was a question-answer round where the participants asked many questions regarding Orchid propagation and conservation which were responded by the resource person. Finally Dr. Gitamani Dutta, faculty of Botany Department, DHSK College, proposed the vote of thanks. She expressed special gratitude to the resource person for his informative and useful presentation. She also expresses gratitude to the Principal and HOD of Botany department for their generous encouragement and support. All the participating students were provided with an e-certificate.



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