

Summary of National Science Day celebration at NIPGR on February 28, 2020

February 28, 2020: The DBT-India's autonomous institute National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi organized special lectures on "Biodiversity of National Capital Region" to celebrate the National Science Day in the commemoration of Raman's Effect, a noble prize-winning scientific contribution by Prof. Sir C.V. Raman. Prof. C. R. Babu from the University of Delhi and Dr. Surya Prakash, from Jawaharlal Nehru University, were the featured speakers.

Over utilization of resources, deforestation, overpopulation, pollution and global warming is responsible for the continuous extinction of many species and loss of biodiversity. Consequently, it is also affecting our health and economy.

Therefore, to raise the awareness among public about the Biodiversity, students, teachers and public were invited at NIPGR open public lectures on importance of biodiversity of national capital region (NCR). Dr. Ramesh V. Sonti (Director, NIPGR) gave a welcome address and an introductory lecture and talked about the great contributions of Dr. E.K. Janaki Ammal (1897-1984) who was an outstanding researcher in plant taxonomy and an able administrator.

Prof. C. R. Babu talked about Biodiversity Parks of NCR. He shared his work on revival of Biodiversity parks of Delhi-NCR and urged all the participants to act together for the protection of biodiversity. He was given standing ovation by the participants for his incredible contribution for the Biodiversity revival. Dr. Surya Prakash gave a very engaging national science day public lecture on "Biodiversity & Behaviour of Butterflies of Delhi NCR".

On this occasion, NIPGR also released its Hindi Magazine (http://www.nipgr.ac.in/files/misc/hindi_patrika_2019.pdf) which is a collective effort of NIPGR community to promote the usage of Hindi in day to day life.

The B.Sc. students and their teachers from Department of Environmental Studies, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi were provided a tour of NIPGR campus and they were explained about the NIPGR research facilities.

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