

REPORT on National Seminar

“Importance of Sacred Groves for the Conservation of Medicinal Plants and Biodiversity”

Date: 7th January 2018

Venue: Odisha State Maritime Museum, Jobra Road, Cuttack, Odisha

Number of Participants: 250

(Students, Research Scholars, Scientists, University professor, IFS officers, Local intellectuals)

Organizer: Ambika Prasad Research Foundation, Odisha, India

Association with: National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of AYSH, Government of India

Inaugural Session

Chief Guest: Dr. Justice D.P. Choudhury, Honorable Judge, Orissa High Court, Odisha

On dais:

Dr. Sanjeet Kumar , President, Ambika Prasad Research Foundation, Odisha

Dr. Nabin Kumar Dhal, Senior Principal Scientist, IMMT, Bhubaneswar

Dr. Justice D. P. Choudhury, Honorable Judge, Orissa High Court, Odisha

Smt. Padma Mahanti, Director, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Trivandrum, Kerala

Dr. Rajeendra K Vaishya, Research Officer, National Medicinal Plant Board, New Delhi

Shree Tanmaya Sahoo, Managing Trustee, Shree Gopal Jew Trust, Bhubaneswar

Inauguration: The National Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Justice D.P. Choudhury, Honorable Judge, Orissa High Court, Odisha.

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Inauguration by Justice DP Choudhury



Journal- Journal of Biodiversity and Conservation



Abstracts



Book- Medicinal Plants of Mahanadi and associated Taxa

Technical session –I

The first lead speaker was Dr. Nabin Kumar Dhal, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar followed by Smt. Sameeta Rajora (IFS), Director, Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Singh, Department of Botany, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Dr. S. C. Sahu, Department of Botany, North Orissa University, Baripada.



Dr. NK Dhal, IMMT, Bhubaneswar



Smt. S. Rajora (IFS), Director, Van Vihar NP, MP



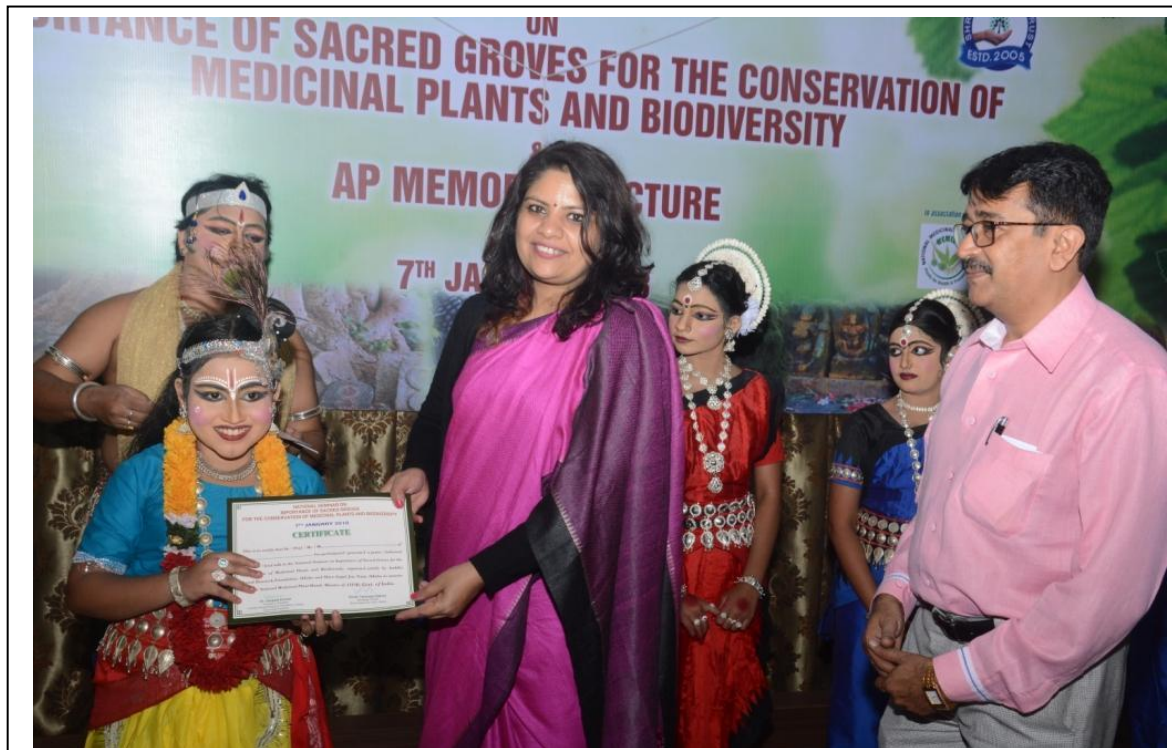
Dr. SC Sahu, NOU, Baripada



Dr. NR Singh, RU, Odisha



After the Technical session -1, the biodiversity based cultural programme was performed by Guru Anshuman Mishra and the students of Pradakshina. **The team was trying to show the importance of mountains for rain.**



AP Memorial Lecture by Subhra Priyadarshani, Chief Editor, Nature-India

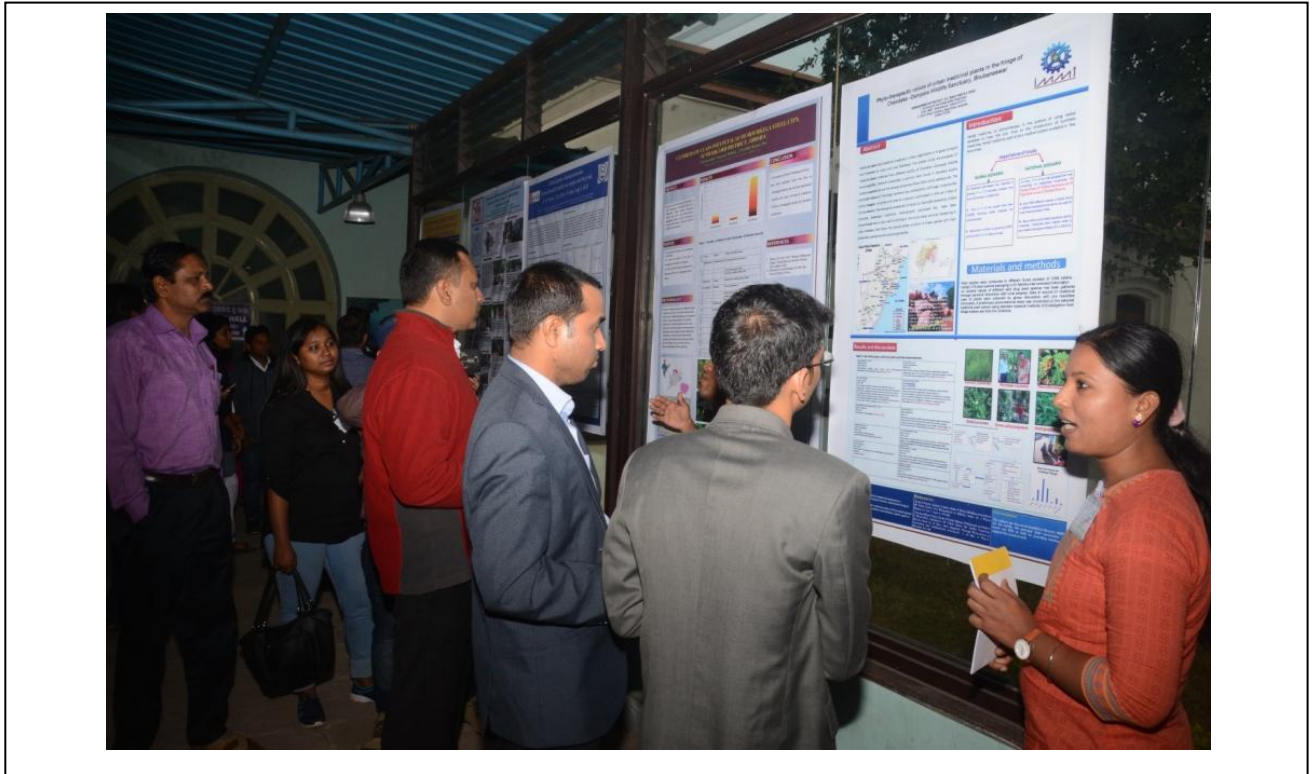


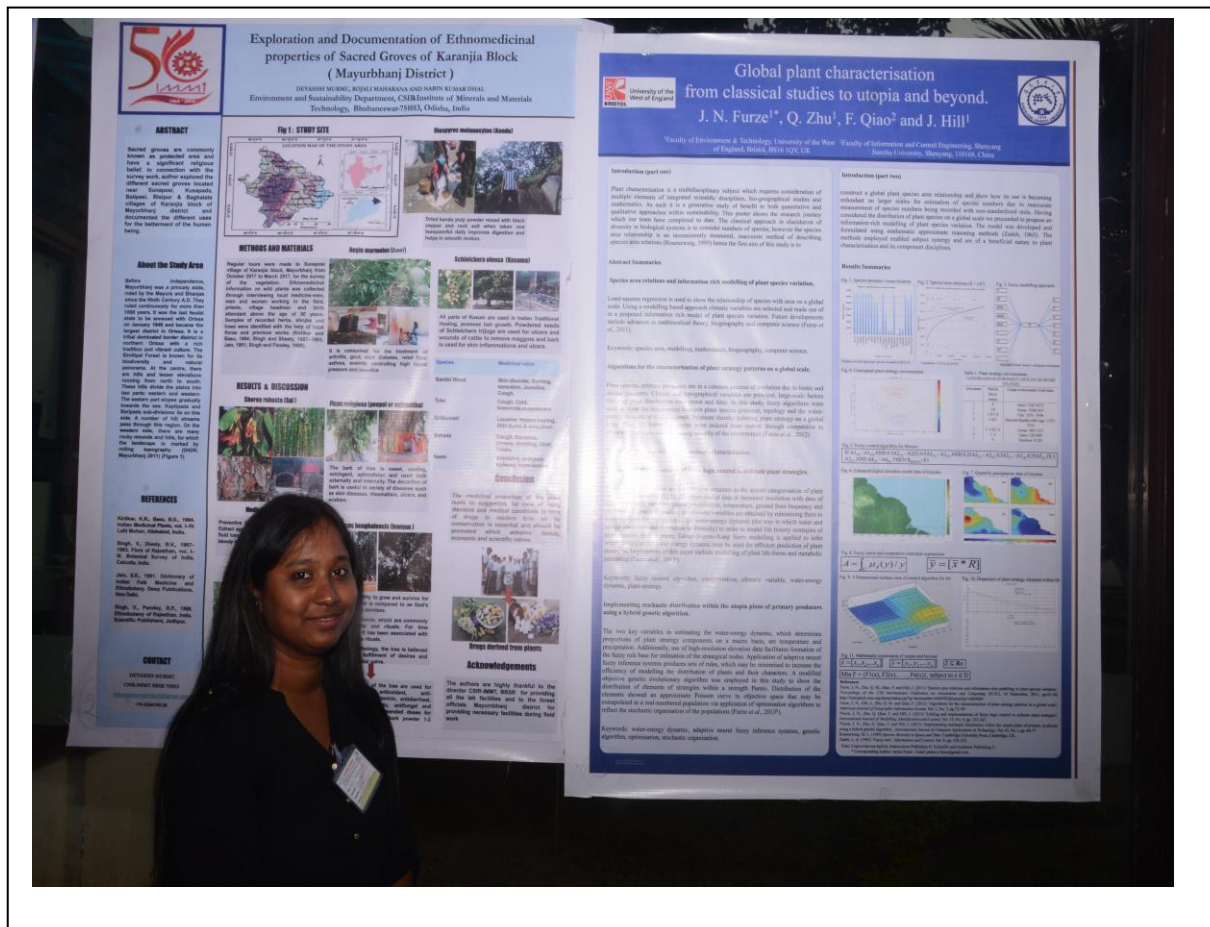
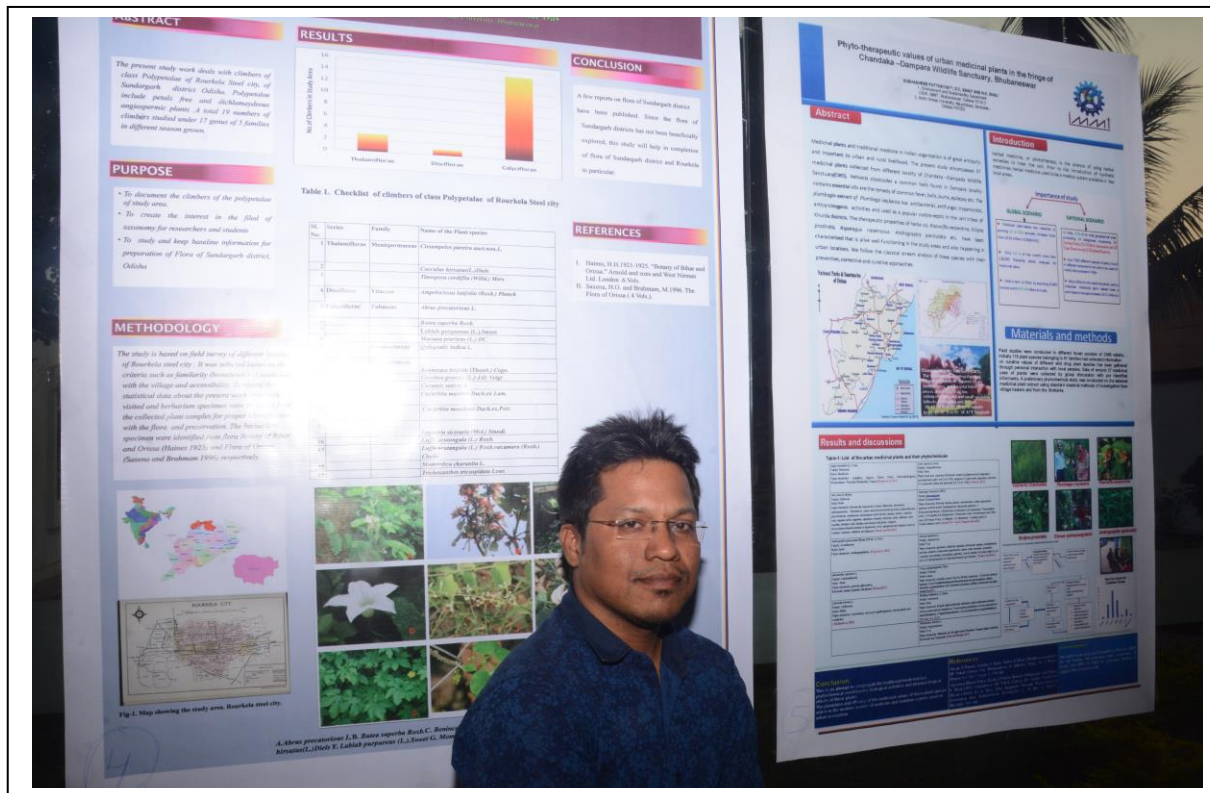
Technical Session-II

The first lead speaker was Prof. H. N. Thatoi, Department of Botany, North Orissa University, Baripada followed by Smt. Sheetal Arya, The Divine Lifestyle, Odisha, Dr. Saroj K Sahu, Gopabandhu Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya, Puri, Odisha.



Poster presentation





Global plant characterisation from classical studies to utopia and beyond.

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Other highlights of the Seminar



Publications and new additions to the Flora of India, Ambika Prasad Research Foundation



Distribution of Rare medicinal plants



Sand Art



Food

Nature Based Painting Exhibition



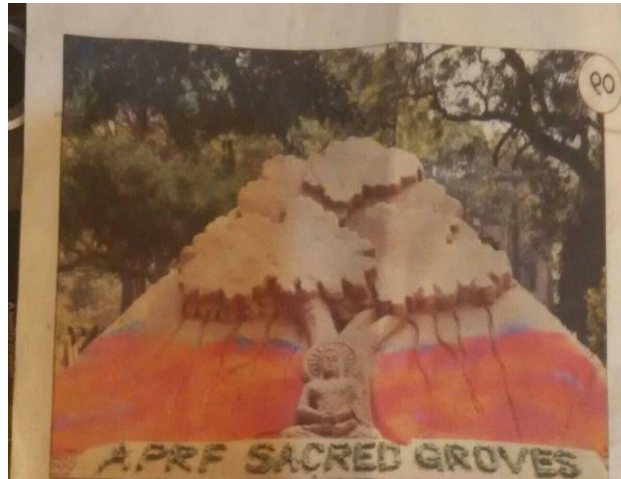
Prize Distribution



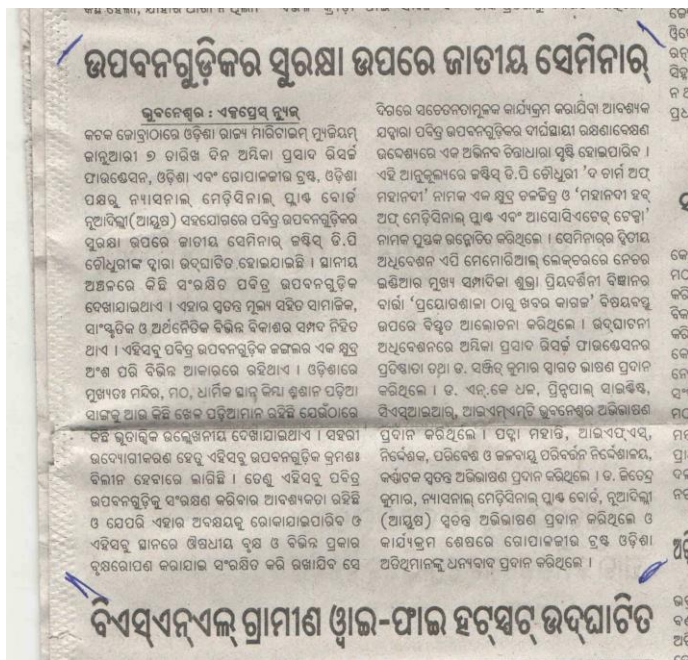
OUR TEAM



In Press



Newspaper: Samaja (8 Jan 2018)



Newspaper: Odisha Express

Output of the Seminar

This was a rare occasion where people from art, culture, visual media, writers, speakers, academicians, musicians and dancers through their diverse expertise tried to highlight the importance of sacred grove and biodiversity conservation and this could be showcased under one roof. It was a unique marriage of science art and law, where legal luminary like Dr D. P. Choudhury sitting judge of Odisha high court spoke at length on the importance of conservation of sacred grove in legal terminologies. This one day workshop was highlighted by:

1. Nature based painting exhibition by child painter Tanvi tanaya
2. Release of a 15 minute documentary film by APRF- Charms of Mahandi: depicting its floral richness and medicinal values.
3. Release of APRF JOURNAL- Journal of Biodiversity and Conservation (ISSN: 2457-0761).
4. Release of book- Mahanadi: Hub of Medicinal Plants and Associated Taxa (ISBN: 978-81-935702-0-3)
5. Biodiversity based cultural program
6. Sand art on importance of sacred groves
7. AP memorial lecture by Chief Editor, Nature India (Springer)
8. Release of abstract
9. Two technical sessions along with a vibrant inaugural session and poster presentations and awards
10. Distribution of rare medicinal plants to participants