

“ORCHID GENETIC DIVERSITY: CONSERVATION & COMMERCIALIZATION”

2nd WORKSHOP 19th September 2009

The 2nd workshop was conducted on 19th September 2009 at Patanjali. The workshop started with Gasnesh vandana It was followed by lighting of the lamp by our honorable chief guest **Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Mukundan**. Principal of Jhunjhunwala College. Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Mukundan gave a speech on propagation of orchids and tissue culture techniques. She gave us overview of hybridization of orchids.

Dr. (Mrs.) M. S. Mulgaonkar made a presentation on **‘Palynological observations on *Aerides Laur*’**. This was followed by poster session. Posters included **Life cycle of Orchids, Floral morphology of Orchids, Conservation of orchids in India, Diversity of orchids in India, Hybridization of orchids in India , Collections of postal stamps (having orchid pictures), Wild orchids from Western Ghats, Commercialisation of Indian orchids, Orchids of Sahyadri** by our college students.

The poster presentation session was followed by paper presentations . by participants.

The topics for paper presentation were. **‘Use of Orchids by Indigenous people of Sahyadri region; Ethno medicinal approach’ Effect of growth supplements on *in vitro* shoot multiplication of *Vanilla planifolia* Andr. an orchid of great commercial importance on Hybrids of Orchids’. ‘Hydroponic technology for commercial orchid cultivation’ ‘Fungal diseases of Orchids’..**

Many undergraduate & postgraduate students from C.H.M.College, R.K.T. College, Ulhasnagar. I.C.L.College Vashi. Ruia College, Birla College, Kalyan. St.Xaviers College, Mumbai had participated in the workshop along with their teachers.