

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's  
**B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane**  
NAAC Accredited (B++)  
Department of Botany

National Conference on

**Orchid Genetic Diversity:  
Conservation & Commercialization**

December 11 – 12, 2009.

**Venue:**

Thorale Bajirao Peshwe Sabhagruha  
'Dnyanadweep' Chendani Bunder Road,  
Thane (W) – 400601, Maharashtra.

**Organised by:**

Department of Botany  
Vidya Prasarak Mandal's  
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**In association with:**

The Orchid Society of India. (TOSI) Chandigarh.

Our Vision: Imparting Quality Education in Science

Like Tulips, Orchids are in tremendous demand in the flower trade. They are known for the complexity and captivating beauty of their highly colorful and long lived flowers of diverse shapes, sizes and are considered as doyens among the ornamentally significant plants. Their long lasting and bewitchingly beautiful flowers as also their ability to travel long distances fetch high prices in the International market, hence making them one of the top 10 traded cut flowers. The orchids comprise a group of highly evolved & successful flowering plants. They are worldwide in distribution. In India they were known since ancient times as medicinal plants in Rigveda. Orchids represent the first horticultural crop propagated through tissue culture technique. They have been appreciated because of the exquisite quality of orchid blooms, variety of fragrance, brilliance in colours, remarkable range of sizes, manifold shapes, variations in the form and attractive habits, yet many species face threat to their survival because of habitat loss & unsustainable exploitation. It is a matter of deep concern that orchids constitute an endangered group of plants inspite of the fact that these are the most highly evolved & ecologically adapted flowering plants of the globe. Thus, the need of the hour is to bring awareness about popularization, conservation, propagation, and commercialization of orchids and also to evolve appropriate strategies for the sustainable development of the available orchids.

This conference will serve as a forum for an interactive discussion and dissemination between academia, orchid industry and orchidologists. The aim of the conference will be to create awareness among the masses about the beauty and utility of orchids, and evolving strategies for conservation of orchid habitats and diversity in the country.

### **Organizing Institute and Department**

The conference is being organized by the Botany Department of B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane. This college is founded by Vidya Prasarak Mandal – one of the oldest academic Institutions in the District – and is located along with its sister institutions including College of Arts, Commerce, Law, Polytechnic and Management, in a beautiful Campus known as “Dnyanadweep”.

The Department of Botany is engaged in Orchid related research since 1988 and has successfully worked on Taxonomy, Anatomy, Dermal anatomy, SEM study, Ethano botany and many other biological aspects of Orchids of Thane & adjacent region.(Western Ghats).

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### **Who Can Participate in the Conference?**

The Conference is open to researchers, academics, entrepreneurs, orchid growers, school/college students as individuals or group (Max. five person in a group) and others interested in advancement of Indian Orchidology.

One can contribute in the conference

- **Oral Presentation**

Oral presentation would be restricted to a time limit of fifteen minutes which will include discussion on the paper.

- **Poster Presentation**

1m<sup>2</sup> area shall be made available for each of the participants selected for poster presentation.

- **Orchid Photography**

One can present photographs of Orchid/ Orchid habitat. (The photos should be taken by the participant) Size of photo : 8" x 10".

- **Orchid Painting**

On the spot painting competition for school children will be added attraction of the conference.

### **Abstract Submission**

The Abstract of a paper not exceeding 250 words, typed in double space using 12-pt Times New Roman font should be submitted through E-mail on [orchi09@gmail.com](mailto:orchi09@gmail.com).

Two hard copies of the paper along with registration form should be sent by post to The Convener, Dr.(Mrs.) M.S. Mulgaonkar. H.O.D. Department of Botany, B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, 'Dnyanadweep' Chendani, Thane (W) – 400601, Maharashtra.

Last date for submission of abstract, CD, photo: 5th Nov. 2009.

Facilities provided:- OHP projector, CD Projector, Video Player, Poster and Photo display stand.

Conference Programme:- The updates will be available on [www.vpmthane.org](http://www.vpmthane.org)

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Registration Fee: Rs.1, 000.

Mode of Payment: D.D. should be drawn in favour of  
The Principal, B.N.Bandodkar College of Science, Thane.

### Location:

Thane (Lake City) is situated on the Central Railway, 35 kms. North of Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus (C.S.T.), Mumbai and the Mumbai Airport is 35 kms away from the city. The B.N.Bandodkar College of Science, popularly known as Thane College is within 10 minutes walking distance from the Thane railway station (W). Weather in December is usually pleasant.

### Accommodation:

On prior information from the participants accommodation will be booked on suitable hotels The charges vary from 500/- to 2,000/- per day.

### Preparatory workshops:

1st Workshop - 8th August  
2nd Workshop - 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The Preparatory workshops are arranged to provide guidelines/ideas regarding conference topics, knowledge etc. Teacher/student representative of schools, colleges, NGO'S or other individuals can participate in these workshops. Workshop will include Lectures by guiding persons.

### Most Important:

Conference date:- 11th and 12th December 2009.

Last date for Abstract:- 10th November 2009.

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Signature of Participant

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