

# DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



**Pranath College (Autonomous)**  
**Khordha**  
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**"THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD WORK."**

— Thomas Edison, Businessman and Inventor of the Phonograph and Electric Lamp

FAREWELL

## SELF DEFENCE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mrs. Sudhansumala Rout, Reader in Botany actively participated in the Self Defense Training Programme as Coordinator from 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 in the College. The programme was sponsored by the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Odisha. About 200 girl students from +2 stream participated in the Programme.



*"If you want to do something, what does it matter where you are ranked? Nor does being a woman make a difference."*

— Kalpana Chawla,

American Astronaut and the first woman of Indian origin in space

## Student Corner

### END-TERM EXAMINATION

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semester End Term examinations commenced from 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

1<sup>st</sup> Semester End Term Examination commenced from 19<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

### MID TERM EXAMINATION

6<sup>th</sup> SEM Mid Term examination held from 18<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

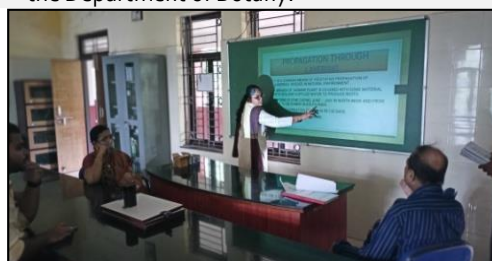
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Mid Term examinations held from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

### SUMMER VACATION

Due to Corona pandemic condition, the academic session 2021-2022 was hampered. Therefore, the summer vacation was reduced to 11 days only i.e. from 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### SEMINAR ON PROJECTS

Seminar was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 in the Department on various projects related to **Horticultural Practices and Post-Harvest Technology**. All the Guides and External Examiner were present to evaluate the projects presented by final year students in the Department of Botany.



## Career Counseling -cum- Placement Programme

Final year students attended career counselling-cum-placement programmes held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2022 in Maitree Bhawan which was organised by Sri Sri University, Career Launcher, Arifin Academy, T.I.M.E. and Shivangi Associates.



They also attended the training and placement counselling programme on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 held in association with Mahendra Institute of Management and Technical Studies, Khordha.





## Visit of the Regional Director



On 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, Dr. (Smt) Sabita Harichandan, Regional Director, Bhubaneswar and Dr. Jashoda Behera, Professor of Chemistry, Utkal University visited the Department of Botany in connection with the opening of M.Sc. in Botany. The Principal and all the staff members of Botany department were present on the occasion.

### BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING

The Board of Studies Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. Dr. Binodini Mishra, HoD; Prof. C.R. Mohapatra, Ex-Principal; Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu, Reader; Mr. Prasan Kumar Sahoo, Reader; Mr. L.P. Pattanaik, Lecturer & Mr. J.K. Rath, Director, Mechem Pvt.Ltd. were present.

### INAGURATION OF BOOK

A satire odia story Book Named "Kangali Guru" written by Dr. Santosh Kumar Nayak, Former HoD, Botany, P.N. College (Auto.), Khordha was inaugurated by Sri J.N. Mitra, Honorable MLA, Khordha and the President, GB, P.N. College (Auto.), Khordha; Major K.P. Mohanty, Former Vice Chancellor, North Odisha University; Prof. Dr. B.B. Mishra, President Odisha Bigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar in the Maitree Bhawan of our College amidst eminent personalities of Odisha and staff members of Botany Department on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.



*Retirement is another phase of life that heralds a new beginning in life — it is the freedom to do things that one loves that enlivens the spirit and keeps one going.*

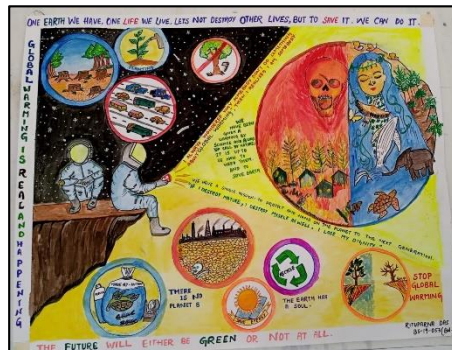
—The Hindu

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### International Earth Day:

A Painting competition was held among the UG students on "Global Warming" on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022 at 10AM in Maitree Bhawan.

\***Ms. Rituparna Das**, BS-19-053 of 6<sup>th</sup> Semester was awarded First prize and \***Mr. Sibasankar Dalabehera**, BS-21-221 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of Botany Department was awarded second Prize in the competition.



#### ICICI Bank Selection Drive

**Sri Amit Kumar Das** (BS19-170) and **Miss Yuvika MK** (BS19-492) are selected in the ICICI Bank Selection Drive entrance test for Relationship Manager (Senior Officer Grade) in ICICI Bank, held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

**"Motivation is what gets you started.  
Habit is what keeps you going."**

—Jim Ryun

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6<sup>th</sup> Semester End term Examination from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022
- Campus cleaning and plantation programme by the Sabuja Bahini of Eco Club
- Prize Giving Ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Banamahotshav on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Semester end term examination from 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

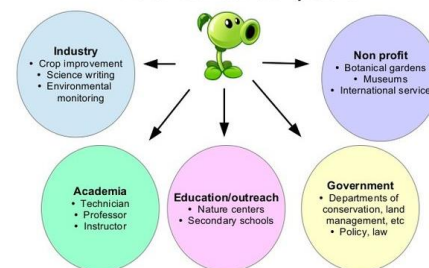
### MO COLLEGE ABHIJANA



An Alumni-Employee meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 11AM in the Maitree Bhawan to discuss about the matters related to the "Mo College Abhiyan." Mr Laxmi Prasanna Pattanaik (Lecturer), Mr. Jyotiranjana Pattanaik, Mrs Amrita Manjari and Mr. Jitendra Kumar Samantaray, Lab Assistants of Botany Department participated in the meeting as the Alumni Members.

### Career Scope in Botany after B.Sc. Botany

#### Potential career paths



1. **Public Sector**- Botanical Survey of India, National Institute of Oceanography, Indian Agricultural Institute, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
2. **Private sector**- Nursery, Farms, Environmental Consultancies etc. as Environmental Consultant, Nursery Manager or Green House Manager
3. A person with mathematical background might find Biophysics, Developmental Botany, Genetics, Systems Ecology
4. **Industries**: Chemical Industry, Food Companies, Arboretum, Forest Services, Biotechnology Farms



### Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu Reader in Botany



Mr. Sahu retired from service on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022. The Department of Botany and Pranath College (Auto.), Khordha bade farewell on his superannuation. All the staff members were present along with his family members. Mr. Sahu was a dedicated and sincere teacher. He was the Principal I/C of P.N. Junior College. The Department wished him a peaceful, healthy and happy retirement life.



### Mr. Prasan Kumar Sahoo Reader in Botany

## On their Superannuation



A meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 in the Maitree Bhawan to bid Farewell to Mr. Prasan Kumar Sahoo on his superannuation. The Principal, all the teaching and Non-teaching staff were present along with the granddaughter of Mr. Sahoo. Mr. Sahoo discharged his duties of Account Bursar I in Pranath College (Auto.), Khordha. He was associated with almost all the developmental works of the College apart from his academic activities. His dedication towards teaching and co-curricular activities draws the respect obligation and affection from the students and colleagues. The Department and the College wish him healthy, peaceful and blessed retirement life.

## On the last day of final year students (2019 AB)

A meeting was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to bid farewell to the final year students (2019 Admission Batch) and farewell of their two respected teachers named Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu, Reader and Mr. Prasan Kumar Sahoo, Reader on their Superannuation.



Final year students (2019 AB) with  
Dr. (Mrs) B. Mishra, Asso.Prof & Head, Botany



Prof. Maj. K.P. Mohanty, Former Vice Chancellor, North Odisha University & Former Principal, P.N. College, Khordha ; Dr. Ranjita Sethi, the Principal; Prof. C.R. Mohapatra, Former Principal and all the staff members were Present on the Farewell Day, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

*"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart." – Mahatma Gandhi*