

# XXXIII Annual Conference of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy

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## International Seminar on

# Advances in Plant Systematics, Biogeography and Biodiversity Conservation

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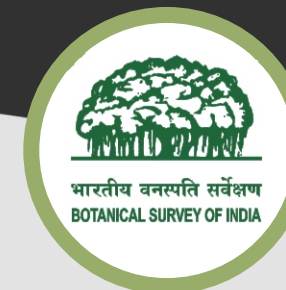
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The Department of Botany, University of Calcutta is going to organize the XXXIII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT) and International Seminar on "Advances in Plant Systematics, Biogeography and Biodiversity Conservation". This Seminar will include presentations by the leading scientists and researchers of the world in the field of Plant Systematics, Biogeography and Biodiversity Conservation, Endemism, Bioprospection, Ethnobotany and many other topics. This scientific meet is going to be an enlightening platform for all taxonomists to discuss the recent developments in the field of Plant Systematics. We hope to deliberate on the challenges of conducting Systematics research and to identify priorities in the Indian context. This botanical gathering will open a window for the young researchers, students as well as the scientific community through elaborate lectures, scientific papers, poster presentations and interactive sessions on different Disciplines of Plant Systematics.

### Venue

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The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture  
Golpark, Kolkata 700029

## Theme

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| I. Floristics, Plant diversity and Conservation | IV. Phytogeography, Endemism, Climate Change and Plant-Animal Interaction |
| II. Biosystematics and Phylogeny                | V. Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (ITK) and Bioprospection              |
| III. Nomenclature, Revision and Monograph       | VI. Digitization and Database   |



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## REGISTRATION FEES

Registration should be done prior to or along with abstract submission

IAAT Members:	INR 5000.00
Non-IAAT Members:	INR 5500.00
Research Scholars:	INR 4500.00
Students:	INR 3500.00
Industry:	INR 10000.00
Accompanying Person:	INR 5000.00
Foreign Delegates:	USD 1000.00

## ACCOMODATION

Accommodation will be arranged at nearby hotels/guest houses on payment basis.

\*Depending upon availability of external funding accommodation charge will be adjusted.

\*\*Registration done before and on 31st July, 2023 will ensure accommodation charges (twin share-basis) @ Rs. 1800/- for three days

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## Calcutta University Herbarium (CUH)

Mr. C.C. Calder, the then Superintendent of Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta established the Department of Botany, University of Calcutta in 1913. Afterwards, Prof. Shankar Puroshattam Agharkar, Prof. Paul Johannes Brühl, Dr. K.P. Biswas, Prof. H.C. Ganguly, Prof. P.N. Bhaduri, Prof. P.C. Sarbadhikari, Prof. J.C. Sengupta, Prof. I. Banerjee, Prof. A. K. Sharma carried out the legacy of this century old department. The Department is well recognized for the excellence in teaching and research in major areas of Plant Sciences in general. Department maintains 'Arun Kumar Sharma Botanic Garden' and 'Kalipada Biswas Arboretum'. It is a treasure of plant wealth, conservatory of rare, endangered species.

Calcutta University Herbarium (CUH) was established in the Department by Prof. Agharkar in 1920. The foundation of CUH is based on the specimens from Europe collected by Prof. Agharkar. The century-old CUH is a botanical treasure, contains more than 30,000 specimens of all plant groups collected from different parts of the globe (75 countries). The herbarium holds hundreds of type specimens belonging to Algae, Fungi, Liverworts, Seed plants and Fossils. The type specimens are mostly from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Indonesia (Sumatra), Malaysia, Peru, Portugal, USA and Venezuela in addition to India. A representative collection of mosses was purchased from Vienna and was added to CUH by Professor Brühl. This is one of the best collections of mosses in India. The exsiccatae, Mugula's Cryptogams, and Hupke Herbarium Cecidologicum were also added to this herbarium by him. Throughout its journey CUH has already proved itself as one of the best taxonomy research centre in The country.

## About the University

The University of Calcutta (informally known as Calcutta University; abbreviated as CU) is a public collegiate State Research University located in Kolkata, West Bengal, India. It was established on 24 January in the year 1857. It is considered as the oldest multidisciplinary and European-style Institution in Asia. The University has topped among India's best Universities several times and has been enlisted as one of the best State Research University every single year. Though at the time of establishment, the University had a catchment area, ranging from Lahore to Myanmar, at present, its jurisdiction is limited to a few districts of West Bengal. As of 2020, 151 colleges and 21 institutes and centres are affiliated to CU. The University has a total of 14 campuses spread over the city of Kolkata and its suburbs. Within India, it is recognized as a "Five-Star University" and accredited an "A+" grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The University of Calcutta was awarded with the status of "Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area" and "University with potential for excellence" by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The University ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the Indian University Ranking 2021 list, released by the National Institutional Ranking Framework of the Ministry of Education of the Government of India. Its alumni and faculty include several heads of State and Government, social reformers, prominent artists, the only Indian Academy award winner and Dirac medal winner, many Fellows of the Royal Society and three Nobel laureates as of 2019. The University has the highest number of students who have cleared the National Eligibility Test. The University of Calcutta is a member of the United Nations Academic Impact.



## About IAAT

Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT) was established in 1990. With nearly 1000 life members, it is the largest taxonomic association in India. This is the only Association recognized by the International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT) as its affiliate. It is the endeavor of IAAT to promote Angiosperm Taxonomy by offering a platform for scientific deliberations, not only among Indian taxonomists, but also those from all over the world. The Association also publishes the journal "Rheedea" featuring original research contributions, proceedings and other scholarly works. The Association runs a library named after Late Prof. V.V. Sivarajan at the Calicut University with a collection of over 2000 books. Two gold medals (Y.D. Tiagi and V.V. Sivarajan Gold Medals) are awarded every year to distinguished life members of the Association for their valuable contributions to the field of Angiosperm Taxonomy. To encourage the young researchers a number of awards have also been instituted in different disciplines.

## About Kolkata

Kolkata, the City of Joy, is a beautiful amalgamation of different cultures, styles and moods, coupled with several forms of creativity, intellectualism, artistic development and scientific progression. Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, has had the distinction of hosting five Nobel laureates, like, Sir Ronald Ross, Rabindranath Tagore, Sir C.V. Raman, Mother Teresa and Prof. Amartya Sen. Notable scientists, like, Prof. S.N. Bose, Prof. J.C. Bose, Prof. P.C. Roy, to name a few, were born in and have worked at Kolkata, making this city a proud witness to their groundbreaking contributions. Kolkata remains a premier education and research hub of India, housing many Institutes and Universities of repute. As the cultural capital of India, Kolkata has many more facets to be explored. This vibrant city heartily invites you all!!!

Attractive places to visit in and around Kolkata: Kalighat and Dakshineswar Kali Temples, Victoria Memorial, Town Hall, Princep Ghat, AJC Bose Indian Botanic Garden, National Library, Sunderban Biosphere Reserve, Digha, Santiniketan, etc.

**Weather during November:** Very pleasant, Max. Temp.: 25°C, Min Temp: 14°C, No Rainfall.

## How to get in

**By Air:** Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (CCU) [20 km]

**By Train:** Nearest Railway Stations are Howrah [12 km], Sealdah [6 km], Shalimar [11 km] and Kolkata [10 km]. Metro services connecting all major landmarks

**By Car:** Many Taxies and Cabs on roads and from numerous taxi strands

**By Bus:** Regular AC/non-AC bus services from all nearest Railway Stations and Airport

