

## Project Update: November 2016

### A) First One Day Workshop on 'Biodiversity and Habitat Conservation'

To create awareness and enthusiasm among students as well as to build team for upcoming activities this workshop was organised in partnership with Chaukul Village Panchayat and villagers, Chaukul English School, Chaukul, Forest Department Amboli and Malabar Nature Conservation Club (MNCC) Amboli at Chaukul Village Panchayat on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Along with the Research students of Department of Botany, Goa University, Goa and MSc students of Department of Botany, Rani Channamma University Belagavi also participated in this workshop.



Figure 1 - Participants of workshop.

Programme started with inaugural function in which as organiser I introduced about project, guest and participants. It is followed by invited talk by guest lecturer and then field visit to plateau.

#### Guest lecturer



Figure 2 - Guest lecturer interacting with participants.

**Dr Sharad Kambale**, Assistant Professor, MVP'S ACS College, Tryambakeshwar, Nashik – 422212.

His interaction with participants was focused on biodiversity, habitats, different facts and mechanisms in surrounding ecosystem and importance of conservation.

**Field Visit:** In evening session our team (Research students and MSc students) explored plateau vegetation under the guidance of Dr Sharad Kambale.

#### **Feedback from participants**

Participants appreciated the concept of this project and they have come forward with new ideas to make this project successful. The ideas will be implemented in next upcoming activities.



Figure 3 - Field visit to plateau.

**B) Poster presentation**

'Herbaceous endemic plants of lateritic Rocky outcrops of Chaukul (Amboli), Maharashtra' – Rutuja R. Kolte and M. K. Janarthanam in 26th Annual Conference of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT) and International Seminar on conservation and Sustainable utilization of Biodiversity. Organised by Shivaji University Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India from 7th– 9th November 2016

*\* Photos taken by Mr. Anup Deshpande, Department of Botany, Goa University*