

A SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY MEDICINAL PLANT GARDEN COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND IQAC-ASUTOSH COLLEGE ON 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT THE DBT – BOOST LABORATORY, ASUTOSH COLLEGE.

THE TITLE OF THE SEMINAR - COMMERCIAL UTILITY OF HERBAL PLANTS IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR TRAINING UNDER PRIVILEGED PEOPLE OF THE SOCIETY.

WORKSHOP

OBJECTIVE:

The primary objective of the proposed workshop is to provide training to college students as well as underprivileged people of the society, in the techniques of utilizing herbal plants and plant products commercially to generate self-employment and business opportunities for them.

Resource persons :

1. **11 AM -12.45 PM:** Sri Arun Kumar Mukhopadhyay, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, W.B.
2. **2:00 PM- 3.00PM.:** SRI DULAL KAR , SENIOR HORTICULTURIST , GREEN MALL, SAMUK POTA , SOUTH 24 PGS, West Bengal.

EVENT DETAILS:

1. TEACHERS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF ASUTOSH COLLEGE ,
MICROBIOLOGY : PROF. PARBATEE NAG , PROF. NIRMALYA CHAKROBORTY , DR. KUNTAL GOSWAMI.
BIOCHEMISTRY: DR. KANCHAN KARMAKAR , DR. RUMA DAS , DR. PAROMITA CHOUDHURI
BOTANY: DR. MITHU BISWAS , DR. AMITAVA GHOSH , DR. ANINDITA DEY , DR. SUPATRA SEN , DR. TATHAGATA RAY CHAUDHURI
HISTORY: DR. SUBHASREE GHOSH
ENGLISH: DR. SRAVANI RAY (NEW IQAC COORDINATOR)
2. **EXTERNAL FACULTIES:**
 1. DR. MRS. PHALGUNI BHATTACHARYYA , DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY , SHIBPUR DINO BUNDHOO INSTITUTION (COLLEGE)
 2. DR. RATRI BANERJEE , DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI , SHIBPUR DINO BUNDHOO INSTITUTION (COLLEGE)
3. The seminar was started at 11 AM sharp. The first speaker reached before time and seminar was inaugurated by the welcome address of the Convener Dr. Amitava Ghosh. The Head of the department of Botany , Dr. Supatra Sen introduced the speaker Sri Arun Kumar Mukhopadhyay, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, W.B. Dr. Sravani Ray also added few words in favour of the event. Dr. Tathagata Ray Choudhuri , on behalf of the college also welcome Sri Mukherjee. Dr. Mrs. Phalguni Bhattacharyya uttered graceful words for the event. Later Sri Mukherjee Delivered a very lucid lecture in front of the audience which included six underprivileged children from Alokdishari , a NGO for the development of the poor section. The children were very much attentive and

helped to run the seminar. In the second half of the seminar , SRI DULAL KAR , SENIOR HORTICULTURIST , GREEN MALL, SAMUK POTA , SOUTH 24 PGS, West Bengal presented a nice but very much informative lecture in support of the entrepreneurship using Herbal plants. He also offered several good courses in his concern which may help our students to build up their career. The seminar ended on 3.30 pm. Both the speakers were critically questioned by the audience. They also satisfied the students by easy answers.

The event also is extended on 21st September , 2023. On that day under the same headlines a workshop - exhibition cum fair was organized at the laboratory of the Botany Department. The resource persons of the workshop were Dr. Mithu Biswas (Herbal soap preparation) , Dr. Anindita Dey (Herbal Abir preparation) , Dr. Soma Halder (Herbal Tea preparation) , Dr. Mrs. Phalguni Bhattacharyya (Active Constituents detection). The workshop was a huge success. Seven participants from the underprivileged section and our students enjoyed every section of the workshop. They did the jobs by their own hand. They were given protocols after each event. An exhibition of Herbal plants in the Hall no.33 with a adjacent fair on Herb based Jewelry and several decorative materials prepared by the children of Alokdishari simply caught the mass interest. Faculty and students from each department participated in this fair. They bought items and Jewelries with much enthusiasm. Prof. (Dr.) Manas Kabi , our Principal and IQAC coordinator Dr. Sravani Roy visited the Hall and spent time with the stall keepers. This was the first attempt of this kind of events in Asutosh College. Dr. Rina Kar Dutta , Secretary , Teacher's council also graced the event.