DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

SEMINAR REPORT 2014-15

The Botany Department of Christ College regularly arranges seminars and discussions on various relevant topics related to the subject. During the academic session 2014-15 the Botany Seminar held its 39th inaugural Function on 21st October, 2014 to welcome the +3 first year students to the Department. The Principal, Prof Snigdha Mishra inaugurated the meeting and encouraged the students to pursue their academic career with sincerity and discipline. Thereafter several seminars were arranged where many students of Botany Honours participated in a competitive spirit. Mr. Pratyush Das one of the former students of the department who is currently pursuing his research activities in the University of Tartu, Estonia visited the department and presented a talk on the topic "Non structural protein of Alpha Virus". The Botany Department also organized a study Tour to Paradip on 4th January, 2015 to study the of the region.

The 39th Annual Function of the Department was held on 13th January, 2015.The function was presided over by the Principal, Smt. Snigdha Mishra. The head of the Department Dr N.K. Mohapatra introduced the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. K. Bijay Kumar, Farmer Secretary, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, New Delhi. On that occasion Dr. K. Bijay Kumar delivered the 26th Bairiganjan Memorial Lecture on the topic **" Recent Trends in plant Biotechnology"** wherein he highlighted the biotechnological approaches used in the field of plant Science. During the Annual Function Shiva Gupta received the Bairiganjan Memorial Cup-2014 for securing the highest marks in Botany Honours in the Utkal university Final Degree Examination 2014. Mr. Krutartha Ketan Tripathy, Arshe Ali and Sujata Sahoo of +3 3rd Year (Hons), secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in the seminar presentation.

The last meeting of the Seminar was held on 13^{th} Jan. 2015 to bid farewell to the +3 third year student. The junior students wished the outgoing final year students a bright and successful future.

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