

## Report of Inauguration of Botany Club Srishti, 2021 - 2022

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2021

**Name of the department conducting event:** Department of Botany, VPM's B. N. Bandodkar College of Science (Autonomous), Thane

**Class** – T. Y. B. Sc and S. Y. B. Sc

**Number of participants** – 39

**Number of teachers** - 05

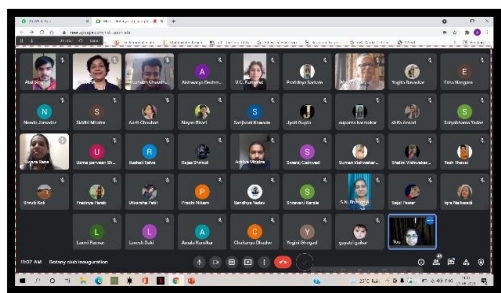
**Resource person:** Mr. Rushabh Chaudhari, Project fellow at Naoroji Godrej Centre for Plant Research, Satara

**Platform:** Google meet

Department of Botany had started Srishti club with the aim to bring nature into classroom and classroom in the nature. Every year the club organizes guest lectures, fun activities, games and competitions in order to make students indulge in nature.

Due to the restrictions of pandemic lockdown this year the inauguration of Srishti club was held online on Google meet platform. The program was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 at 10:00 am. Mr. Rushabh Chaudhari who is an alumnus of Department of Botany, B. N. Bandodkar College of Science (Autonomous), Thane was called as a resource person. Mr. Chaudhari spoke about his experience of rediscovering the species of *Croton* which was supposed to be extinct for about last two centuries. He also shared the details about problems related to the identification of a tree and how one can use taxonomy in day-to-day life.

The lecture under the title “The story of a lost tree” given by Mr. Chaudhari was not only interesting but also motivating to the young students of biological sciences. Students gained knowledge about nature, endemism and taxonomy through this session. The overall feedback of this session was excellent.



### Session outcome –

- The lecture will help students use taxonomy in day-to-day life
- Students will be encouraged to conduct research in field of taxonomy and endemism