

“ORCHID GENETIC DIVERSITY: CONSERVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION”

1st WORKSHOP 8TH AUGUST, 2009

The 1st workshop was conducted on 8th August, 2009 at Thorle Bajirao Peshwe auditorium.

The workshop started with a warm welcome to the guests, dignitaries and the participants. It was followed by lightening of the lamp by our honorable chief guest **Dr. S. P. Vij** Secretary of Orchid Society of India and Editor of the Journal published by “The Orchid Society of India”. Dr. S. P. Vij shared his expertise in the field of Orchids with us.

In his presentation **Orchids: Why and How?** He made a presentation on the origin, habit, habitat, flowers, pollination and certain important facts regarding orchids.

This was followed by poster session. Posters included **Wild orchids from Western Ghats, Floral morphology, Hybridization of orchids in India, Conservation of orchids in India, Life cycle of orchids, Diversity of Orchids in India.** Many undergraduate & postgraduate students from C.H.M.College, R.K.T. College, Ulhasnagar. I.C.L.College Vashi. Birla College, Kalyan. Ruia College, St.Xaviers College, Mumbai had participated in the workshop along with their teachers.