

Inauguration of Seed Bank and Launch of the Book ‘Seeds of Tomorrow’

16th August 2024 Seed Bank Inauguration, 28th October 2024 – Seed Ball Making Workshop & distribution of seed ball on the occasion of Diwali as a Diwali Gifting & 7th January 2025 (Book Launch). The Department of Botany at Shri Shivaji Science College, Congress Nagar, Nagpur, marked a significant chapter in its commitment to biodiversity conservation and sustainability with the successful inauguration of a Seed Bank and the subsequent launch of the book ‘Seeds of Tomorrow: A Collection of Wild Flora’.

Seed Bank Inauguration – 16th August 2024

The Seed Bank was inaugurated at the hands of Principal Dr. Omraj S. Deshmukh, with the dedicated coordination of Dr. Mrs. Sharayu S. Deshmukh. Under the guidance of Prof. Punita S. Tiwari, Head, Department of Botany, this initiative is a vital departmental activity focused on preserving the region’s native plant diversity. Currently, the Seed Bank preserves over 110 varieties of seeds, including: Wild Plant Seeds, Aromatic, Medicinal Plant Seeds, and Vegetable Seeds & Flowering Seeds. This living repository plays a pivotal role in raising awareness, encouraging conservation practices, and supporting eco-education among students. It also supports sustainable agriculture and herbal medicine practices by offering viable seed resources to local communities and farmers. The Department of Botany, achieved a remarkable milestone in the field of biodiversity conservation through a series of impactful initiatives: the inauguration of a **Seed Bank**, the launch of an insightful book titled ‘*Seeds of Tomorrow*’, and an innovative **Seed Ball Making & Gifting Drive** on the occasion of **Diwali**.

Seed Ball Workshop & Diwali Gifting – 28th October 2024

To involve students in eco-conscious practices, the department organized a Seed Ball Making Workshop, using seeds sourced from the Seed Bank. These handmade, eco-friendly seed balls were then beautifully packed and distributed as green gifts on the occasion of Diwali (28th October 2024). Each seed ball came with a QR code providing detailed information about the seeds inside, symbolizing a message of hope, regeneration, and a greener future. This unique gifting initiative was highly appreciated for combining environmental education with cultural celebration.

Book Launch – 7th January 2025

Furthering this vision, the department proudly launched the book ‘Seeds of Tomorrow: A Collection of Wild Flora’. Authored by Dr. Mrs. Sharayu S. Deshmukh, with contributions from Dr. Rajput, Mr. Piyush Sharma, and Mr. Swapnil Fuse, the book encapsulates the essence of wild flora and its significance in traditional and modern applications.

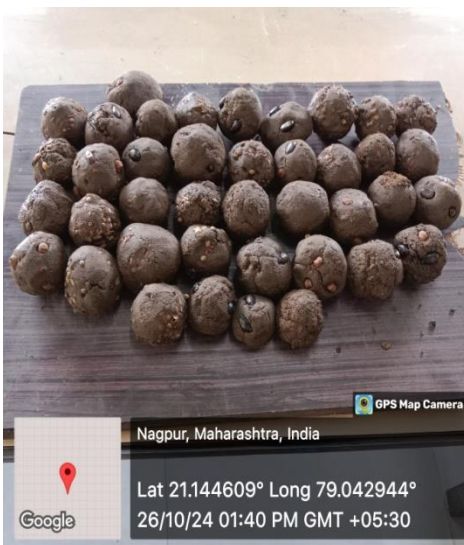
The book was unveiled by Hon’ble Shri Hemant V. Kalmegh, Executive Member of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati, in the gracious presence of Principal Dr. Omraj S. Deshmukh. Faculty Members Involved in the Initiative the success of this dual initiative was made possible through the support and efforts of the dedicated faculty team: Prof. Punita S. Tiwari(Head, Department of Botany) Dr. Rupali ,Dr. Anita ,Dr. Reshma ,Dr. Rajput ,Mr. Piyush ,Ms. Shruti, Ms. Yeshvarya & Student contributors Jhnavi Wasake, Heemanshi Shiv, and Vaishnavi Mule also played a vital role in compiling the work. The ceremony concluded with a collective pledge to expand the Seed Bank initiative and spread indigenous seed knowledge for a more sustainable and biodiversity tomorrow.



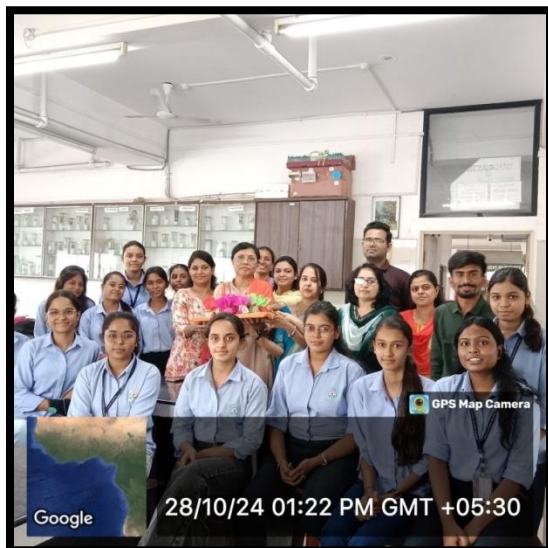
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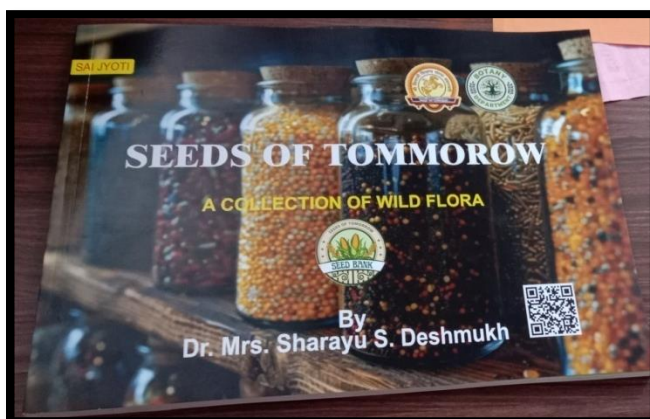
Workshop on Making of Seed boll



Distribution of seed bolls on the occasion of Diwali



Book Launch – 7th January 2025



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Voice QR code of seed bank



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