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National Botanical Fest

The National Botanical Fest was a grand celebration of flora, creativity, and sustainability, bringing together participants from 25 states across the country. The fest was held in Vadodra 19-23 January organized by Valley of Society, SOUADTGA, Ekta Nagar and Department of Botany, Faculty of Science, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. One faculty member and six students participated in the fest from the Department of Biosciences, Himachal Pradesh University. The event provided an engaging platform for individuals passionate about plants, environmental conservation, and artistic expression using natural elements. With a diverse range of plant-based activities, the fest aimed to promote awareness of the botanical world while encouraging innovation and environmental responsibility. Participants engaged in various activities, including Tent Making with Plants, where they constructed eco-friendly shelters using natural materials like bamboo, leaves, and vines, emphasizing sustainable architecture and nature-inspired designs. The Plant Identification Challenge tested botanical knowledge by requiring participants to recognize different species based on leaves, flowers, and morphological characteristics, fostering awareness of plant biodiversity. One of the most exciting events was "Jungle Ka Khajana" - Plant for Nakshatra, which focused on the importance of Nakshatra (celestial constellations) and their associated plants in Indian tradition, highlighting their significance in sustainability, Ayurveda, and spirituality. Our team's exceptional performance in this event earned us the First Prize, making it a proud achievement for us. The Modelling Activity blended fashion with nature, featuring participants showcasing outfits inspired by natural textures, floral patterns, and organic designs, promoting eco-conscious aesthetics. Complementing this, the Fashion Designing with Plants competition displayed creativity in sustainable fashion, with designers crafting garments and accessories using dried leaves, petals, jute, and other biodegradable materials, reinforcing the importance of eco-friendly clothing alternatives. The fest successfully merged education, creativity, and environmental consciousness, leaving a lasting impression on attendees and participants alike. By integrating botany with art and sustainability, it promoted a greater appreciation for plant life while inspiring future innovations in sustainable living and environmental conservation. With enthusiastic participation from across the country, the fest was a remarkable success, setting a new benchmark for nature-based celebrations and encouraging similar initiatives in the future. The department ranked as 2nd runnerup in all activities. Winning the First Prize in "Jungle Ka Khajana" was the highlight of our participation, reflecting our deep understanding of botanical traditions and our commitment to promoting environmental awareness.



