

## Department of Botany Report

The Department of Botany was awarded the **Star status by DBT**, Government of India in the year 2013. The faculty members are highly qualified, research-oriented and impart quality education to the students. The department produces an approximate of 40 successful graduates every year. **Vasundhara, the Botanical Society** is an integral part of the Department of Botany and has been working for more than 45 splendid years now. It forms an excellent platform for the students for displaying their talents and showcasing their skills.

Vasundhara conducts numerous curriculum and co-curricular based activities for the students which range from highly informative conferences, extensive Inter as well as Intra- College competitions, academic trips, theme based weekly activities which largely enhances the knowledge of the students. A **Wall Magazine** in the department is regularly updated with interesting articles related to Botany and maintains “**know thy flora**”.

Under the effective leadership of the staff advisors, **Prof. Rekha Kathal and Dr. Aradhana Yadav**, the Centenary Year (2022-23) was celebrated by indulging the students in different skill based activities and workshops. The students participated in Poster making competition, Paper presentation, Photography competition. Learned Researchers and Extremely qualified academicians were invited for delivering lectures from time to time. Different counselling sessions were programmed to assist the students in their career.

**Lianas, the annual botanical magazine** is a platform where the young, enthusiastic minds showcase their skills, express their creativity, and explore the world of botanical wonders. It is the most carefully curated collection of scientific articles, environmental content, stories, photographs, and paintings which offer a unique insight into the fascinating world of plants and their ecological significance.

**Highlights** of 2022-2023 are as follows:

The Society head started with Union elections in which core as well as council members were elected. It was headed by brilliant minds, the Staff advisors and Union members under whom the society reached to the remarkable heights. The **Inauguration Ceremony** was held on 27 January, 2023. Dr. Jitendra Giri (NIPGR) delivered the lecture following with the Badge ceremony. A splendid welcome programme (freshers) was organized for the new batch of students.

“**Orchidz**” the **Annual Botanical Fest** was extra special this Year. It was a Megafest that span two days, accumulating a footfall of over 400 peopl. An array of exciting intra and inter -college competitions and events was organized for everyone to participate in the fest.

Under student activities-First Position was bagged by Daulat Ram’s Team in “Rolling Shield Annual Botanical Quiz hosted by Medini, The Botanical Society of Kirori Mal College during its Annual Fest, “Srishti”. The team consisted of III Yr Mitali Rana, Tannu and Julie Bansal.

A Farewell was held to bid goodbye to the III Yr student Graduates on 28<sup>th</sup> April,23.

This year for the first time, **Lianas** was published with an ISBN number. It was released by our Principal **Prof. Savita Roy and the Chairperson** on the Annual Day of our college on 18th March, 2023.

A Valedictory function was held to end the Phenomenal academic Year.