

## Department of Botany conducts state level workshop for biology teachers from higher secondary schools

A state level workshop for biology teachers from 64 higher secondary schools (HSS) affiliated to GBSHSE on Friday, 23 February 2018 at Goa University. The technical sessions in the forenoon on the theme 'Effective teaching of plant sciences in 21 st century at plus 2 level' were conducted by the faculty members of the Department of Botany. Post lunch, five research scholars of the doctoral programme made 10 minutes presentation each to offer glimpse of their work. This was followed by visits to the laboratories in the department where the participants interacted with the faculty and research scholars and obtained first hand information on the research areas, achievements, teaching techniques and resources. As a part of continuity to the programme, each participant carried a DVD on educational resources. The workshop considerably exposed the +2 level Biology teachers to the advanced studies. This effort is supposed to trickle down and expose students at that level to the new vistas in biology. This effort of backward integration and networking at plus 2 level would continue in future.



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