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Chairman's note,

I have great pleasure in handing over this book of proceeding of the seminar “Wonderful World of Insects” to you. The college has been organizing from last 6 years National seminars on various modern subjects, which help students and teachers not only enrich their knowledge but also keep them updated in modern technology era.

The subject “Wonderful World of Insects” chosen for this year’s seminar” will appeal to students and adults not only to nature lovers but to others also. We know some of the common insects, however many of us do not know many insects. There are well over 1 million different known species of insects in the world. Some experts estimate that there might be as many as 10 million. For the first time in 87 years, researchers have discovered an insect that constitutes a new order. Even in the frozen extremes of Arctica and Antartica you will find some insects alive and active during the warmer months.

While many types of insects, birds and animals seen in the home are unwanted intruders; others play a vital role in pollinating plants and moving seeds from one place to another. In fact, without these animal and insect helpers, most plants would be unable to reproduce. Insects perform a vast number of important functions in our ecosystem. They aerate the soil, pollinate blossoms, and control insect and plant pests, they also decompose dead materials, thereby reintroducing nutrients into the soil. Burrowing insects such as ants and beetles dig tunnels that provide channels for water, benefiting the plants. Bees play a major role in pollinating fruit trees and flower blossoms. Gardeners love the big-eyed bug and praying mantis because they control the size of certain insect pest populations, such as aphids and caterpillars, which feed on new plant growth. Finally, all insects fertilize the soil with the nutrients from their droppings.

Butterflies by their innumerable designs and colors have attracted poets, writers and painters. I wish this section could have been also devoted to this study. Butterflies have become part of human literary and artistic creativity. The fossil studies also throw light on evolutionary process.

This seminar will throw light on varieties of insects, diverse group of insects, their lifestyle, behaviours, habits and their usefulness to mankind with reference to medicinal use. This seminar will also promote and encourage observational studies on insects. I am sure all stake holders will take the benefit of this opportunity and make this seminar a grand success.

Dr. Vijay V. Bedekar

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संपादकीय

हल्लीच्या माहिती व तंत्रज्ञानाच्या युगात इंटरनेटवर कीटकांबद्दलच्या ज्ञानाचा महासागर पसरलेला आहे. असे असले तरी त्यात बुडी मारून ज्ञानशिंपले गोळा करणे जरूर आहे. शाळा-महाविद्यालयाचे विद्यार्थी आणि जनसामान्यांमध्येही कीटकांविषयी उत्सुकता निर्माण व्हावी व कीटकांविषयीच्या माहितीचा प्रसार व्हावा एवढे माफक उद्देश ठेवून कीटकांविषयीचे चर्चासत्र आयोजित करण्याचे ठरले. पूर्वतयारीच्या दोन कार्यशाळा (१६ जाने. व २६ ऑगस्ट २००८) आयोजित करून कीटकांविषयी काय व कशी माहिती गोळा करावी याबद्दल विद्यार्थ्यांना तज्ज्ञांकडून मार्गदर्शन करण्यात आले. नंतरच्या सप्टेंबर ते नोव्हेंबर २००८ या काळात त्यांनी स्वतः कीटकांच्या जगांत डोळसपणे मुशाफिरी करून त्यांची छायाचित्रे काढावीत, त्यांच्या विषयी माहिती मिळवून भितीपत्रके (Posters) करावीत किंवा कीटकांच्या विषयी स्वतः केलेली निरीक्षणे शोधनिबंधाच्या स्वरूपात मांडावीत व ह्या सर्व गोष्टी ३ डिसेंबर च्या चर्चासत्रात सादर कराव्यात अशी सर्व योजना होती व तिला प्रतिसादही चांगला मिळाला असे म्हणावे लागेल. चर्चासत्राच्या निमित्ताने कीटकांविषयी गोळा केलेल्या सर्व माहितीचे संकलन ह्या नोंद पुस्तिकेच्या (Proceeding) स्वरूपात सादर करतांना मला व माझ्या संपादक मंडळाला तसेच प्राणीशास्त्र विभाग, वि.प्र.मं. चे. बा. ना. बांदोडकर विज्ञान महाविद्यालय व विश्व प्रकृति निधी (WWF- India, MSO) या दोन्ही संस्थांना अत्यंत आनंद व समाधान वाटते. ह्या पुस्तिकेत तज्ज्ञांचे लेख, शोधनिबंध, छायाचित्रे, भितीपत्रिका (Posters) व भितीपत्रिकांवर आधारित लेख यांचा समावेश आहे. सदर पुस्तिकेत काही त्रुटी राहिलेल्या असल्यास वाचकांनी नीरक्षीरविवेक ठेवून चांगले व बरोबर ते घ्यावे, अशी विनंती करतो. दोन्ही कार्यशाळा, चर्चासत्र, नोंद पुस्तिका यांच्या जडणघडणीत मला साथ दिलेल्या सल्लागार समिती व आयोजन समितीच्या मान्यवर सदस्यांचा, संपादक मंडळाचा, माझ्या महाविद्यालयातील शिक्षक, शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी वर्ग व विद्यार्थी यांचा, विश्व प्रकृति निधीच्या (WWF- India, MSO) पदाधिकारी व स्वयंसेवकांचा आणि चर्चासत्रात उत्साहाने भाग घेणाऱ्या सर्व कीटक प्रेमी अभ्यासकांचा मी अत्यंत ऋणी आहे.

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