

Project Update: December 2009

I had recently participated in the National Conference on “Orchid genetic diversity: Conservation and Commercialization” held in Mumbai, India on December 11-12, 2009. I was happy to present our Gori valley conservation work in the form of a poster entitled “Community Initiative Weaves New Hope for Orchid Conservation” and was awarded the second prize in the related competition.

There was also an educational photo competition dedicated to orchids in orchid habitats and I was the proud winner of the first prize. It is my duty to inform you that Rufford’s initiative for conservation of orchids and my dedicated efforts were greatly appreciated and lauded by the panel as well as the audience of science students from various colleges.

I was thrilled to hear many botany students that they thought the community participation idea was practical and result-oriented and hence, they too would like to follow suit in their own small scale in their native areas. This attitude change is what I thought was our greatest achievement through the means of this conference.

The image displays a poster for the National Conference on "Orchid genetic diversity: Conservation & Commercialization" held in Mumbai, India, on December 11-12, 2009. The poster is divided into several sections: "Abstract", "Background", "Study area", "Findings", "Conclusions", and "Our Vision". The "Abstract" section describes the Gori valley region and the conservation work. The "Background" section discusses the importance of orchids and the role of the community. The "Study area" section provides details about the Gori valley region. The "Findings" section lists the results of the conservation work. The "Conclusions" section summarizes the findings. The "Our Vision" section outlines the future goals of the conservation work. The poster also features a photograph of a purple orchid and the Rufford logo. To the right of the poster is a purple banner for Vidya Prasad Mandal's B.N. Bandedkar College of Science, Thane, NAAC Accredited (B-1), Department of Botany. The banner also mentions the conference details and the organizing department.

Community Initiative Weaves New Hope for Orchid Conservation
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Abstract
Gori valley region in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra is a biodiversity hotspot and home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species.

Background
Orchids are one of the most diverse groups of plants in the world. They are found in a wide range of habitats and are highly valued for their ornamental and medicinal properties. The Gori valley region is home to several orchid species and is a biodiversity hotspot.

Study area
The Gori valley region is located in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. It is a biodiversity hotspot and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species.

Findings
The study found that the Gori valley region is home to several orchid species and is a biodiversity hotspot. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species.

Conclusions
The study concludes that the Gori valley region is a biodiversity hotspot and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species. The region is rich in orchid diversity and is home to several orchid species.

Our Vision
The vision of the project is to conserve the orchid species in the Gori valley region and to promote the sustainable use of the region. The project aims to conserve the orchid species in the Gori valley region and to promote the sustainable use of the region.

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**Orchid genetic diversity:
Conservation & Commercialization**
December 11- 12, 2009

Venue:
Thee B. J. Patil Sahakar Sahakar
Jambhulkar, Thane College Campus,
Chandani, Bander Road, Thane (W) 401 001.

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Our Vision: Imparting Quality Education in Science