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# **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

## **2023-2024**

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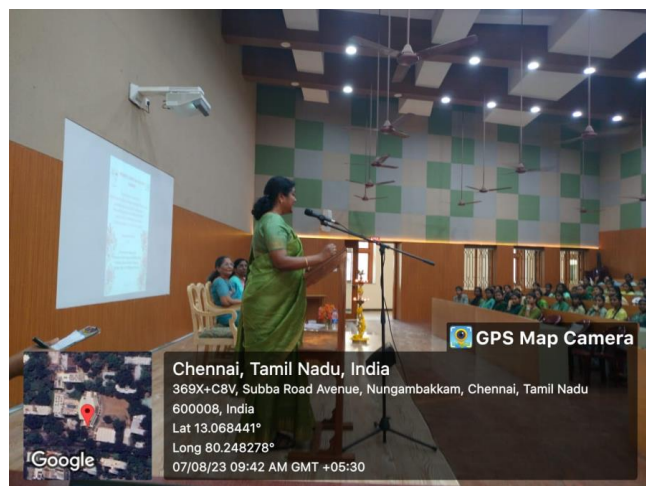
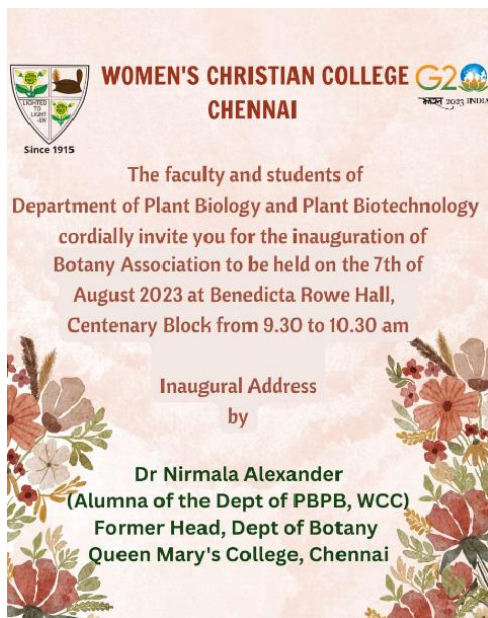


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## ACTIVITIES – 2023 – 2024

(Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Industrial Visits, Field Trips, Talks, Campaigns, etc.)

1. The Inaugural ceremony of the “**Botany Association 2023-2024**” was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Benedicta Rowe Hall, Centenary Block, Women’s Christian College. **Dr Nirmala, an Alumna of our Department**, and former Head, Department of Botany at Queen Mary’s College, Chennai, began her inaugural address with nostalgic reminiscences of her college days in WCC. A nugget of wisdom shared by our chief guest was “The 4E’s – Enjoy, Equip, Encourage, Enlighten”.





2. A workshop on the “**Preparation of Organic Pesticides**” was organised by the department for the Non-Major Elective students (Floriculture and Landscaping) on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. **Dr. J. Lisa Sheba Rani**, Librarian of WCC served as the resource person. Dr. Sheba gave a brief introduction about the topic and spoke about the curative properties of various medicinal herbs.





3. A workshop on **“Isolation and Identification of Aquatic Fungi”** was organised on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to enable participants to learn techniques used to isolate aquatic fungi and familiarise them with methods to identify the isolated aquatic fungi. The resource person **Dr. V. Venkateswara Sarma, Professor, Pondicherry University** explained the key points to be noted while preparing for identification of the isolated fungi.







4. A workshop on “**Plant Tissue Culture Techniques**” was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to develop proficiency for teachers in Plant Tissue Culture Techniques. The resource persons for the workshop were **Dr. Leeba Balan** and **Dr. Sri Ram**, Directors Bionyme Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. The participants were given hands on training to prepare synthetic seeds, encapsulated in sodium alginate beads and also on basic Tissue Culture techniques.

