



One Day Workshop on **BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE**

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About the Workshop

Botanical nomenclature is the systematic or scientific naming of plants. It is governed by a set of rules and regulations outlined by the International Code of Nomenclature for Algae, Fungi and plants (ICN) that has replaced International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN) during 2011. The significance of ICN is that each group of plants has only one correct name that is accepted world wide. It is applicable to both fossil and living.

Botanical nomenclature has a long history dating back to Theophrastus (c 370 – 287 BC) when Latin was the scientific language throughout Europe. However, the modern botanical nomenclature was initiated with the publication of *Species Plantarum* by Carl Linnaeus in 1753,

who introduced the practice of Binomial Nomenclature. Though botanical nomenclature is related to plant taxonomy, it is unique by itself that is restricted to naming the plants which are classified and grouped by Taxonomist based on their characteristics.

The workshop aims to understand / learn the principles and salient features of ICN with a provision to clarify the nomenclature doubts and quarries. The workshop also provides an historical overview of botanical nomenclature starting from pre-Linnaeus to the Madrid Code (2025) of Botanical Nomenclature.

The main attraction of this workshop lies in the training of the participants using hands on approach to learn and teach Taxonomy that is the need of the hour.



Course Structure

An overview of pre-linnean and post –Linnaean (1753-1895) nomenclatural philosophy; Noun and Adjective Declensions; Formation of Names ; prefixes and Suffixes, Review of the structure of the Shenzhen code pertaining to Effective Publication, Validity, Authorship citation, Legitimacy, Orthography, and Genders of generic names. Participants are encouraged to bring their nomenclatural problems.



Date & Duration

26.03.2026

at 9.30 AM to 5.30 PM
(One day)

Objective

Create awareness among Researchers / Scientists / Students / Taxonomists from various research organisations / colleges / Universities / NGOs etc. regarding the nomenclatural issues.

Target Participants

PG Students, Research Scholars, Scientists, Taxonomists

Fees

PG Students: Rs 200

Research Scholars: Rs 500

Academia / Researcher/
Scientists: Rs 1000

(Fee Includes workshop kit,
food & refreshments)



Dr. Kanchi N.Gandhi,

is a Senior Nomenclatural Registrar at Harvard University Herbaria, U.S.A. since 1995. He has rich experience in teaching, curation of vascular plant specimens and field study in the tropical, subtropical and temperate regions. He possesses substantial knowledge on the flora of southern India and Southern United States. Since 2000, Dr. Gandhi serves on Editorial Committee Member of the Madrid Botanical Code (2025), General Committee Member of the International Association for Plant Taxonomy, Nomenclature & Etymology Editor for the Flora of North America Project : he also serves on the editorial board of a few journals such as Taxon, Rhodora and Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, as a Collaborator for the Index Nominum Genericorum (Plantarum), and as the Manager of the International Plant Name Index-Harvard. He is one of the three recipients of the "Distinguished Service Award " given during 2010- present by the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. He has served as course director of several Plant Nomenclature workshops since 2013 across the globe.

How to Apply

Hardcopy / Softcopy of the brief CV should reach the undersigned on or before 22nd March 2026. Selected participants will be intimated by 23rd March 2026.. Payment details will be informed to the selected candidate by e-mail.

Workshop is open for limited number of participants and will be filled on first come, first served basis. Priority will be given to candidates actively involved in Taxonomic research.

For More Details



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