

## Workshop on Introduction to Reptiles and Amphibians

A workshop was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 to introduce participants to the study of reptiles and amphibians and to promote importance of museum specimens. A total of 25 individuals participated in this workshop which included volunteers, staff as well as students from various educational institutes.

The aim of this workshop was to provide a brief introduction to reptile and amphibian diversity in India and the general methods used to conduct morphological studies. The workshop also provided an opportunity to discuss the status and importance of preserved specimens and how information from museums can be used to address biodiversity data gaps. Participants got an opportunity to handle and study preserved specimens, collect morphological data and identify characters important for taxonomy.



Participants attending a presentation to explain the evolution and diversity of reptiles and amphibians



Participants undergoing hands on training to learn taxonomy of reptiles and amphibians using morphological characters.