

**Agenda:** Training programme on Biological Diversity Act 2002: Constitution, role and responsibilities of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in conservation and sustainable use of bio-resources, and Access & Benefit Sharing Provisions for Zilla Parishad and officials from line departments in district Hamirpur.

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Venue:** Hotel Hamir, Hamirpur.

Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) organized a Training workshop on various issues and activities relating to implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Rules, 2004 at Hotel Hamir in district Hamirpur on 20th September, 2018, the Zila Parishad and officials from line departments mainly Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Education, Animal Husbandry, Ayurveda etc. from district Hamirpur participated in the training programme.

HP State Biodiversity Board from time to time engages in capacity building, sensitization and awareness of local bodies about the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and its important mandate of constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at local body. Earlier the target area for this work was middle and upper Himalayas and now HP State Biodiversity has decided to constitute Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at district level or Zila Parishad level for districts Hamirpur, Una, Bilaspur and Solan. In this connection a training workshop was organized for increasing the understanding and awareness about the importance, role and issues concerning biodiversity for Zila Parishad and Line Departments of district Hamirpur. Information about conservation and sustainable use of bio-resources in the State was disseminated.