



Report of International Day For Biological Diversity Celebrated in Himachal Pradesh

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International Biodiversity Day is celebrated every year on 22nd May for increasing understanding and awareness about the importance, role and issues concerning biodiversity amongst the stakeholders of biodiversity from different walks of life and conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity on the earth. Celebrating International Biodiversity Day every year affirms our resolve and reflects on our responsibility to safeguard the precious heritage of bio-resources for future generations on the earth. The theme for celebration of the International Biodiversity day this year is “Island Biodiversity”. The H.P. State Biodiversity Board celebrated International Biodiversity Day on 22nd May 2014 by carrying out following activities:

State Level Function for celebration of the Biodiversity Day

The H.P. State Biodiversity Board organized State level function for celebration of the International Biodiversity Day on 22nd May 2014 at Gaiety Theatre, The Mall, Shimla with the collaboration of Education Department, H.P in which appr. 500 students and teachers of local and adjoining schools of Shimla town participated. Various activities namely on spot Painting competition (Junior and Senior category), display of posters exhibition, Essay writing competition (Junior and Senior category), sharing of NEAC experiences with participating school teachers was organized. Skit on the theme was organized. The State level function was organized as per the programme schedule prepared by the H.P. State Biodiversity Board. Function started by lighting of the Lamp by Dr. S.S. Negi, IFS, Director (Deptt. of Environment, Science and Technology) cum Member Secretary, H.P. State Biodiversity Board. Dr. S.S. Negi welcomed the participants and other dignitaries at the Dias. While addressinf the participants Dr. S.S. Negi highlighted the importance of celebration of International Biodiversity Day and need for conservation, sustainable utilization of the bio-resources.. Thereafter presentation on “Floristic Diversity of Himachal: A Rich Heritage” was made by Dr. G.S. Goraya, IFS, Deputy Director General (Research), Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun. After that presentation on “Biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilization of Bio-resources” was given by Dr. G.M. Lingaraju, Liaison-cum-Technical Officer, National Biodiversity



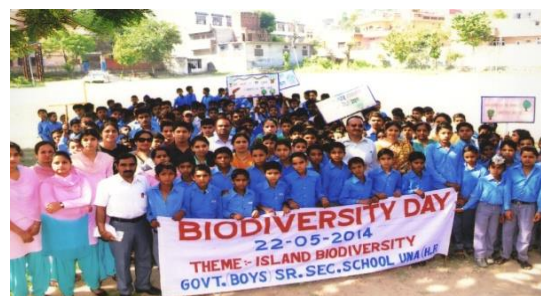
Authority, at New Delhi. A skit on biodiversity conservation was performed by the students of Govt. Senior Secondary School Mashobra. Thereafter Sh. Tarun Shridhar, IAS, Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh cum Chief Guest addressed the participants. He highlighted about the importance of biodiversity on earth and stressed the need for utilization of the bio-resources on sustainable basis and conservation of biodiversity and help in further degradation of the habitat for checking/ controlling the extinction of threatened bio-resources. Then Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions (Annex-I) by the Chief Guests. At the end vote of thanks was given by Sh. K.Kaisth, Principal Scientific Officer.

Essay Writing Competition:

Essay writing competition was organized on the theme “Island Biodiversity” in the Schools of Shimla and adjoining areas of Shimla town in junior and senior categories before 20th. May, 2014 and after evaluation prizes were awarded on 22nd May, 2014

Celebration of Biodiversity Day at All District Headquarters

The International Biodiversity day was celebrated on 22nd May 2014 at all district Headquarter by one of the Eco-Club existing at the district Headquarter in which the activities namely Rally, Popular lecture on the theme, Painting competition, quiz competition, declamation etc. on the theme were organized for celebration of the Day at every district Headquarter of the State.



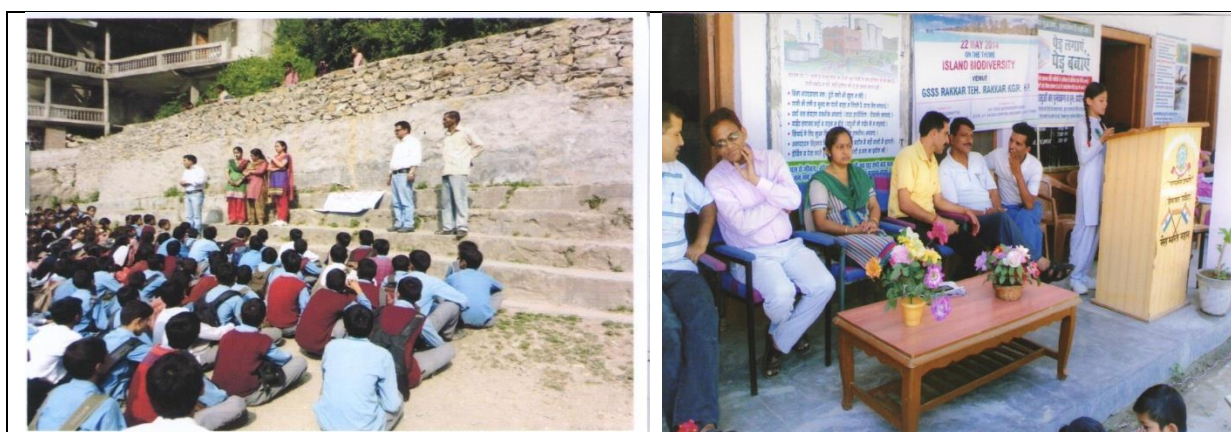
Celebration of Biodiversity Day through Eco-Clubs

The International Biodiversity day was celebrated on 22nd May 2014 by the all 3000 Eco-clubs established by the State Council for Science Technology and Environment, H.P in which various activities namely; discussion on the theme, Rally, Debate, quiz, painting competition etc. on the theme were organized by the Eco-Clubs all over the State.



Celebration of Biodiversity Day through Biodiversity Management Committees

The International Biodiversity Day was celebrated on 22nd May 2014 by the Biodiversity Management Committees constituted by H.P. State Biodiversity Board O/o State Council for Science Technology and Environment, H.P for preparation of Biodiversity Registers on pilot basis for implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 in the State at Block/ Panchayats level with the collaboration of local Eco-Club/ Senior Secondary/High School.





Awareness on Biodiversity through Doordarshan and All India Radio

The H.P. State Biodiversity Board organize a live discussion on the theme “Island Biodiversity” in which Dr. J.C. Rana, Principal Scientist cum Head, NBPGR, Phagli, Shimla, H.P., Dr. K. K. Pramanik, Head, Indian Agriculture Research Institute Amartara Cottage, Shimla, H.P and Sh. K.Kaisth, Principal Scientific Officer, H.P. State Council for Science Technology and Environment participated for live discussion at Doordarshan Station, Shimla and All India Radio, Shimla.

