



**REPORT ON
BIODIVERSITY WEEK CELEBRATION
&
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY: 22ND MAY
2018.
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ACTIVITIES DURING BIODIVERSITY WEEK (FROM 16TH MAY TO 20TH MAY, 2018)

Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) celebrated the whole week before International Biodiversity Day, as Biodiversity Week from 16th May to 20th May, 2018 during which lectures, awareness and information on biodiversity, its importance, need for its conservation and sustainable use of its components were disseminated to school students from different Government and Public schools from across Shimla town.



Shri Ajay Kumar, PCCF, HP Forest Department flagged off the Biodiversity week celebrations on 16/05/2018 and schools who participated were as follows:

GSSS, Boileauganj, Shimla, GHS Annadale, Shimla, GSSS Tutikandi, Shimla, GSSS Phagli, Shimla, GHS Chaura Maidan, Shimla, GSSS Tutu, Shimla, GHS Kaithu, Shimla, Himalayan Public School, Kaithu, DAV, Tutu, GHS Chakkar, Shimla and Govt. Middle School Mayfield, Shimla.



Dr. G.S. Goraya, PCCF (HoFF) was the special guest on 17/05/2018 and delivered field lectures to the students and teachers. Schools who participated were as follows:

GSSS (B) Lal Pani School, Shimla Govt. High School, Krishna Nagar, Shimla St. Thomas School, Shimla, S.D. Sr. Sec. School, Anaj Mandi, Shimla, Dayanand Public School, Shimla, Arya Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shimla, GSSS Khalini, Shimla, GMS Kanlog, Shimla, GMS Panjhri, GMS Rugra, GSSS Bychari, near Hiranagar and Rashtriya Vidya Kendra, Kasumpti.



Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, Shimla, HP Forest Department was the special guest for the day on 18th May, 2017 and delivered lecture on biodiversity, its importance, need for its conservation and sustainable use of its components. Participating schools were as follows:

Govt. High School Bharari, Shimla, Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Lakkar Bazar, DAV Sr. Sec. School, Lakkar Bazar, GHS, Jakhoo, Shimla and GSSS Bhont.



Dr. Sanjeeva Pandey, Former PCCF, HP Forest Department was the special guest for the day on 19th May, 2017 and delivered lecture on biodiversity and gave vital information to students on biodiversity of Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary, Shimla. Schools present on this day were as follows:

DAV Public School, New Shimla, Central School for Tibetan, Chotta Shimla, Savitri Public School, Talland, GGSSS, Portmore, Shimla, Sarsvati Vidya Mandir, Vikasnagar, Shimla, Swaran Public School, Tutikandi, GSSS, Chotta Shimla, JCB Public School, New Shimla, GSSS, Rajhana, Shimla, GSSS Beolia, Shimla and Sarsvati Vidya Mandir, Vikasnagar, Shimla

Mr. Amar Chand Sharma PCCF, HP Forest Department and Shri Kunal Satyarthi, MS, HP State Biodiversity Board, were the special guest for the last day of Nature visit on 20th May, 2017 and delivered lecture on biodiversity, its importance, need for its conservation and sustainable use of its components. Schools present were as follows:

GSSS, Sanjauli, Shimla, GSSS, Dhalli, Shimla, Monal Public School, Shimla, GSSS Shoghi, GSSS Ghanatti, GSSS Bhattakuffer, Shimla and City Public School, Bhattakuffer.



DECLAMATION, PAINTING AND QUIZ CONTEST AT GOVERNMENT GIRLS SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, PORTMORE, SHIMLA ON 21ST MAY, 2018

Based on the information given to students and schools who participated in the Nature walk during biodiversity week Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) organized a declamation, painting and quiz contest at Portmore School on 21st May, 2018 in which students from 50 schools participated and participation strength was around 250 students and 50 teachers.





The prizes to the winners of these contests (debate, painting and quiz) were awarded on 22nd May, 2018 on the occasion of “International Day for Biodiversity” at Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Bemloe, Shimla. Students from these schools also participated in the Biodiversity March/rally and on 22nd March, 2018.

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Date: 22nd May, 2018.

Venue: Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Bemloe, Shimla.

Time: 09:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) on the occasion of “International Day for Biodiversity”, on 22nd May, 2018 under supervision of Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Member Secretary, HPSBB organized Biodiversity Day Celebration at Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Bemloe, Shimla. The United Nations announced May 22nd as “The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)” to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The theme “Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity” was chosen to mark the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity and to highlight progress made in the achievement of its objectives at the national and global levels.



Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family welfare, Ayurveda and Science and Technology Sh. Vipin Singh Parmar was the chief guest for the occasion and Sh. Tarun Kapoor, Additional Chief Secretary was the guest of Honor. Many schools from Shimla town participated in the Biodiversity March/Rally and an exhibition on Biodiversity of Himachal Pradesh was also organized in which various reputed Centre and State research institutes participated.

Exhibition was inaugurated by Sh. Vipin Singh Parmar, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Ayurveda and Science and Technology. In his speech Sh. Vipin Singh Parmar specially mentioned the need to spread Biodiversity awareness in the context of successfully addressing Biodiversity Conservation problems in the State. Sh. Tarun Kapoor, Additional Chief Secretary said that by considering all the unique features of the state biodiversity its conservation needs utmost and immediate concern of all the stakeholders who are deriving benefits either directly or indirectly from it. He also mentioned that it is the need of the hour that we all collaboratively work towards the conservation of biodiversity.



Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Member Secretary, HP State Biodiversity Board during his talk mentioned that traditions, customs and cultural rights play a key role in protection of biodiversity and environment. Hence, there is a need to utilize the available information on conservation knowledge and provisions, documentation of valuable bioresources, their associated traditional knowledge and promote the indigenous people/community as they contribute hugely in conserving the biodiversity. The salient features of the Biological Diversity Act with regard

to Traditional Knowledge associated with bioresources and the need of awareness of local people and stakeholders utilizing the biological resources were also addressed for the purpose of conservation and sustainable utilization of these valuable biological resources.

Prizes were given to students from schools who participated in the Nature walk during biodiversity week. Declamation, painting and quiz contest was organized at Portmore School on 21st May, 2018 in which students from 50 schools participated with a strength of around 300 students. Following were the winners of the said contests:

Painting Competition:

- 1st prize was given to Ms. Sakshi Pathania from St. Thomas School, Shimla.
- 2nd prize was given to Mr. Rajat Sharma from JCB Public School, Shimla.
- 3rd prize was given to Kanav from DAV School New Totu, Shimla.

Declamation Competition:

- 1st prize was given to Ms. Harshita DAV School New Totu, Shimla.
- 2nd prize was given to Ms. Amisha Negi from Monal Public School, Shimla.
- 3rd prize was given to Devender from Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Lalapani, Shimla.

Quiz Contest:

- 1st prize was given to DAV School New Shimla, Shimla.
- 2nd prize was given to JCB Public School, Shimla.
- 3rd prize was given to Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Lalapani, Shimla.

Biodiversity Hero award (Male & Female), based on Nature walk was given to:

Male: Divyam Gauam from DAV School, New Shimla

Female: Sanjogita from SVM High School, Vikasnagar, Shimla.



It is estimated that around 300 students from various public and government schools from across Shimla town participated in this event. Students from Government Senior Secondary School, Phagli, presented a skit on Biodiversity and officials from HP State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) also participated in disseminating the valuable information on Biodiversity, its importance, need for its conservation, sustainable use of its components and scope of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Rules 2004.

GLIMPSES FOR ACTIVITIES DURING BIODIVERSITY WEEK (FROM 16TH MAY TO 20TH MAY, 2018)





GLIMPSES FROM DECLAMATION, PAINTING AND QUIZ CONTEST WAS ORGANIZED AT PORTMORE SCHOOL ON 21ST MAY, 2018



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