



## HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

### REPORT ON

“International Biodiversity Day celebration” on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019, at GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD), Himachal Regional Center, Mohal, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.





## International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)

*"Theme: 'Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health'"*

Venue: G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD), Himachal Regional Centre, Mohal - Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019

### Technical Schedule

10.00 am - 10.30 am	Registration	
10.30 am - 10.35 am	Floor management Dr. Renu Lata	
	Lighting of Lamp & Felicitation of Guests	
10.35 am - 10.40 am	Welcome Address	<b>Mrs. Shubhra Banerjee</b> Sr. Scientific Officer, HPSBB
10.40 am - 10.50 am	Relevance and Introduction to the Workshop	<b>Dr. S. S. Samant</b> Scientist 'G' & Scientist In-charge GBPNIHESD, Mohal - Kullu, H.P.
10.50 am - 11.05 am	Special Address	<b>Prof. P. L. Gautam</b> Former Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai
11.05 am - 11.20 am	Special Address	<b>Shri Akshey Sood</b> Additional District Magistrate, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
11.20 am - 11.30 am	Green signature by the dignitaries at GBPNIHESD, HRC, Mohal - Kullu, H.P.	
11.30 am - 11.40 am	Tea break	
11.40 am - 11.50 am	Importance of pollinators in biodiversity conservation	<b>Dr. J. R. Thakur</b> Former Associate Director, Dr. YSPUHF, HRC, Bajaura
11.50 am - 12.30 pm	Biodiversity, importance, threats/Issues, Sustainable use and Status of PBRs in Kullu district	<b>Dr. S. S. Samant</b> Scientist 'G' & Scientist In-charge GBPNIHESD, HRC, Mohal - Kullu, H.P.
12.30 pm - 1.00 pm	Importance of biodiversity and preparation of People's Biodiversity Register	<b>Dr. K. C. Sharma</b> Programme Coordinator, KVK, CSKHPKV, Bajaura, H.P.
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Lunch break	
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Exposure Visit of the participants to Rural Technology Park, Nurseries, Arboretum and other demonstration sites of the GBPNIHESD, Himachal Regional Centre, Mohal - Kullu, H.P.	
3.30 pm - 3.50 pm	Discussion, way forward & Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. M. L. Thakur</b> Project Coordinator, HPSBB
3.50 pm - 4.00 pm	Tea	

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Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) celebrated the International Biodiversity Day in collaboration with **GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and sustainable Development at Regional Center, Mohal, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh**. The theme of this year’s International Biodiversity Day (IBD) 2019 was “**Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health**”. The event was organized with the aim to leverage knowledge and spread awareness of the dependency of our food, nutrition and health on biodiversity and ecosystems. The conference was followed by signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with selected BMC’s of Kullu and Mandi district in connection with People Biodiversity Register (PBR) preparation under ‘Strengthening the implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002’. IBD was also celebrated in all the 12 districts of the state for creating awareness amongst the students.

The event of IBD was carried out under the overall supervision of Sh. D.C. Rana, Member Secretary, H.P. State Biodiversity Board. Officials from H.P. State biodiversity Board and Scientist and Students of GBPNIHESD, Himachal Regional Center, Mohal, Kullu along with BMC’s Chairman, Secretary, members and officers and officials of Forest department participated in the programme. There were around 120 participants in all.

Mrs. Shubhra Banerjee, Senior Scientific Officer, HP State Biodiversity Board welcomed the guests and talked about the importance and relevance of Biodiversity. She highlighted the importance of traditional food and their health benefits. She illustrated how important it is to conserve the biodiversity and one of its most important component



i.e. traditional food crops which are indigenous to the State. She also briefed about the HP State Biodiversity boards activities being carried out in the State and Kullu district in particular. She

Committees (BMCs) have been constituted in 133 panchayats so far. Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR) documentation are in process in 40 BMC's. She also informed that HP State Biodiversity Board has planned to sign new Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with 23 BMCs of Kullu district and 3 BMCs of Mandi district with Technical Support Groups of GBPNIHESD and CSK HPKV, Palampur. Giving reference of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal orders to constitute BMC's at every local level it was said that HP State Biodiversity Board has decided to constitute District and Block level BMC's in the state for hundred percent coverage and for this help ofm Govt. administration is solicited.

Dr. S.S Samant from GBPNIHESD Regional Center, Mohal, Kullu informed the participants about the relevance of the workshop, followed by importance of biodiversity, threats/ issues, sustainable use and status of PBR's in Kullu districts.

Prof. P.L. Gautam, Former chairman, NBA, Chennai and Former Director General- ICAR in his special address informed participants about the importance of traditional food crops and their health benefits. He shared his experiences on the implementation of Biodiversity Act, 2002 in the country.



Sh. Akshey Sood, Additional District Magistrate, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh sensitized participants about the importance of biodiversity and its conservation and assured the State Board that the district administration would take necessary actions and ensure the formation of BMC's at every local level i.e. District, Block and Panchayat level and hence would comply with

the Hon'ble NGT orders. The program was followed by green signature by the dignitaries at GBPNIHESD, HRC, Mohal, Kullu.

Dr. J.R. Thakur, Former Associate Director, Dr. YSP UHF, HRC, Bajaura appraised the participants about the importance of pollinators, pollonizers and pollination in biodiversity conservation and also sensitized the people about the current status of traditional crops cultivation in the State. He also made participants aware about the drawbacks of excessive use of pesticides in their crops and it's negative impact on the pollinators.

Dr. K.C. Sharma, Programme coordinator, KVK, CSKHPKV, Bajaura talked about the importance and relevance of Biodiversity and preparation of People's Biodiversity Register and appraised the participants about the activities undertaken in their research center. He described how PBRs as a legal document could play an important role in maintaining records on biodiversity related to a specific area.

An exposure visit for the participants to Rural technology park, Nurseries, Arboretum and other demonstration sites of the GBPNIHESD, Himachal Regional Center, Mohal-Kullu was also organised followed by discussion and vote of thanks by Dr. M.L. Thakur, Project Coordinator, Secure Himalayas in HPSBB.



## News Clips



जीवी पंत पर्यावरण संस्थान मौहल में आयोजित अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस में उपस्थित प्रतिभागी। - अमर उजाला

### कल जी.बी.पंत में जैव विविधता के बारे में दी जाएगी जानकारी

कल, 20 मई (भती धम): ग्लोबल बल्लभ पंत इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ एनवायरनमेंटल स्टडीज और डेवलपमेंट में 22 मई को जैव विविधता बोर्ड शिफ्ट द्वारा जैव दिवस आयोजित किया जाएगा।

इस दौरान में राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता प्राधिकरण के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर प्रेम लाल गोस्वामी और प्रो. सी. कल्लु प्रमुख मुख्य अतिथि शिरकत करेंगे। इस दौरान में हिमाचल प्रदेश

जैव विविधता बोर्ड के अधिकारी व कर्मचारी और संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक एवं शोधार्थी भाग लेंगे।

जी.बी.पंत संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक प्रभारी एस.एस. सोमन ने कहा कि प्रतिभागियों को इस दौरान संस्थान की प्रयोगशालाओं, जड़ी बूटियों, औषधीय पौधों संवर्धन संस्थान, टॉक्स कचरा आदि के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक जानकारी दी जाएगी।

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### मौहल में अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस कल

कल, 20 मई: जैव विविधता दिवस अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस भूमध्य से मनाया जाएगा। ग्लोबल बल्लभ पंत इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ एनवायरनमेंटल स्टडीज और डेवलपमेंट में 22 मई को जैव विविधता बोर्ड शिफ्ट द्वारा जैव दिवस आयोजित किया जाएगा। इस दौरान में राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता प्राधिकरण के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर प्रेम लाल गोस्वामी और प्रो. सी. कल्लु प्रमुख मुख्य अतिथि शिरकत करेंगे। इस दौरान में हिमाचल प्रदेश

जैव विविधता बोर्ड के अधिकारी व कर्मचारी और संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक एवं शोधार्थी भाग लेंगे। जी.बी.पंत संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक प्रभारी एस.एस. सोमन ने कहा कि प्रतिभागियों को इस दौरान संस्थान की प्रयोगशालाओं, जड़ी बूटियों, औषधीय पौधों संवर्धन संस्थान, टॉक्स कचरा आदि के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक जानकारी दी जाएगी।

इस वर्ष का विषय 'हमारे जैव विविधता हमारे भोजन' होगा। संस्थान के प्रमुख डॉ. सी. कल्लु ने कहा कि जैव विविधता को संरक्षित करके ही हमारे जीवन में विकास और प्रगति संभव है। संस्थान में जैव विविधता दिवस के अवसर पर अनेक कार्यक्रम आयोजित होंगे।

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