

“One day Interactive meeting for initiation of People’s Biodiversity Register (PBRs) process in selective Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC’s) in Sirmour district and signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)”on 19th January, 2019 at at Zilla Parishad meeting room, Nahan, Sirmour, H.P.

Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board is organizing One day Interactive meeting for initiation of People’s Biodiversity Register (PBR) process in selective Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in Sirmour district and signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in connection with PBR preparation under strengthening the implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 programme of HP State Biodiversity Board. In addition to the signing of memorandum of understanding (MoU) an interactive dialogue on 19th January, 2019 is also scheduled with BMCs chairmen and secretaries at Nahan in District Sirmour. The need to spread Biodiversity awareness is enormous in the context of successfully addressing Biodiversity Conservation problems for which Biological diversity Act 2002 and rules 2004 serves the purpose. 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. The main focus of current workshop would be to tell BMC members about the three basic features of the BD Act i.e. Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) provisions under the BD Act, 2002 followed by signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in connection with PBR preparation. Main stress is to be given on people participation for the conservation of valuable bioresources. The need of awareness of local people and stakeholders regarding the biological resources, their conservation and sustainable utilization and ABS provisions will be informed to local people.

The dialogue/workshop would be carried under supervision of Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Member Secretary, HP State Biodiversity Board along with officials from the HP State Biodiversity Board and H.P. Forest Department. It is estimated that around 100 participants in Nahan comprising of Chairman and Secretaries from Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) from various panchayats will attend the programme.