



Report of International Biodiversity Day 22nd May 2015



Each year 22nd May is celebrated as the International Biodiversity Day for Biological Diversity in each of the 194 countries which are party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in order to increase the understanding and awareness of Biological issues. United Nations general assembly adopted 22nd May as the International Day for Biological Diversity to commemorate the adoption of the text of convention on 22 May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act of the conference for the Adoption of the agreed text of the convention on Biological Diversity.

Each year, CBD declares a theme for its celebration and the theme for 2015 was:

“Biodiversity for Sustainable Development” to highlight the issues related to conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board celebrates International Biodiversity Day each year in order to raise awareness among people about different important issues related to biodiversity. The main highlights of celebration of Biodiversity Day 2015 are as follows-



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- State level function was organised by Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board in the Auditorium of the Indian Council for Forest Research & Education (ICFRE), Kaulagarh, Dehradun. The Chief Guest of the function was Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Harish Rawat.
- Dehradun Forest Division organized program at Malsi Deer Park Dehradun. This included painting competition and other programs.
- Chakrata Forest Division, Chakrata Celebrated International Biodiversity Day at Rampur Mandi, Kalsi.
- Uttarkashi Forest Division, Uttarkashi Celebrated International Biodiversity Day at Uttarkashi.

The details are as follows-

1. State level programme-

The main programme celebrating the international Biodiversity Day, 22nd May, 2015 was organized by the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board in the auditorium of the Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun. Hon'ble chief minister of Uttarakhand Mr. Harish Rawat was the chief guest of the occasion, Hon'ble Forest Minister of Uttarakhand Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, chaired the program. Principle Secretary, Environment and Forests Dr. Ranbir Singh also attended the programme.

Around 350 participants which included officers of the different departments of the state Government of Uttarakhand, probationers of Indian Forest Service, Trainees of State Forest Service, scientists, experts, students of Forest Research Institute Deemed University, Doon University, officers and frontline staff of forest department, members of Biodiversity management committees of various districts, members of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Uttarakhand Chapter, other representatives of industries & members of the print and electronic media attended the function.

The program was held in the august presence of Dr Rakesh Shah, Chairman Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board, Dr. Ranveer Singh, Principal Secretary, Environment and Forest, Uttarakhand, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Director Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, Dr L.M.S Palni, Head of Department, Biotechnology, Graphic Era University, Dehradun and Shri G.S Pande, Member secretary, Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board.



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The event commenced with a welcome note by Dr Rakesh Shah. He introduced the participants about the theme of International Biodiversity Day i.e. Biodiversity for Sustainable Development and various projects, activities, initiatives and achievements of the board.



Dr. L.M.S Palni, Dean Biotechnology, Graphic Era University delivered the key note address on the occasion. His address covered various aspects of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. His address signified the need to develop a sense of urgency at various levels in order to conserve our existing biodiversity and use bioresources sustainably.



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The key note was followed by release of book “**Guidelines for Operationalization of Bio-diversity Management committees**” published by Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board.



Hon'ble Forest Minister, Uttarakhand also handed out Prizes to adjudged winners of the Drawing competition organized at Malsi Deer Park on 20.05.2015, in which 106 students from different school had participated. Some of the photographs were also displayed for appreciation by audience. The following students were given away the prizes for being declared winners of the painting competition:-

Junior Group (Class 1to 5)- Theme “Arrangment of safe and clean drinking water”

1st Prize- Mohit Purohit (Class 4th), Saigrace Academy International, Dehradun.

2nd Prize- Sangeeta Nautiyal (Class 3rd), Saigrace Academy International, Dehradun.

3rd Prize- Akshat Bahuguna (Class 3rd), Saigrace Academy International, Dehradun.

4th Prize- Ranjana (Class 5th) Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Malsi, Dehradun



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Middle Group (Class 6 to 8)- Theme "Climate Change"

- 1st Prize-** Miss Roopa (Class 8th), Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Malsi, Dehradun.
- 2nd Prize-** Mohan Kumar(Class 7th), Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Malsi, Dehradun.
- 3rd Prize-** Shanti Bodra (Class 7th), Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Malsi, Dehradun.
- 4th Prize-** Smriti Nautiyal (Class 8th), Saigrace Academy International, Dehradun.



Senior Group (Class 9 to 12)- Theme "Biodiversity for Sustainable Development"

- 1st Prize-** Mansi Bhatt (Class 12th), Shri Guru Ram Ray (Talaab), Dehradun.
- 2nd Prize-** Aarti Purohit (Class 10th), Saigrace Academy International, Dehradun.
- 3rd Prize-** Abhinav Uniyal (Class 9th) Brooklyn School, Dehradun.
- 4th Prize-** Miss Lilly (Class 10th) Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Guniyal, Dehradun.



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It is important to record that the amount for preparing People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) is being directly transferred to the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC). This is an important step for strengthening the BMCs. In view of this the Chief Guest handed over cheques of Rupees 1.50 Lakhs each to the Chairman of following 14 Biodiversity Management Committees-

1. Biodiversity Management Committee Baarsu, Uttarkashi
2. Biodiversity Management Committee Raithal, Bhatwadi, Uttarkashi
3. Biodiversity Management Committee Kharsali, Uttarakashi
4. Biodiversity Management Committee Gaul, Naugaon, Uttarkashi
5. Biodiversity Management Committee Banadee, Uttarkashi
6. Biodiversity Management Committee Gadolee, Uttarkashi
7. Biodiversity Management Committee Champa, Hawalbagh
8. Biodiversity Management Committee Devtoli, Bageshwar
9. Biodiversity Management Committee Kunera, Bageshwar
10. Biodiversity Management Committee Pokhri, Bageshwar
11. Biodiversity Management Committee Jaakh, Bageshwar
12. Biodiversity Management Committee Majkhet, Kapkot
13. Biodiversity Management Committee Jaurasi, Ramgarh
14. Biodiversity Management Committee Satgad, Pithoragarh

This unique action of transferring funds directly into accounts of Biodiversity Management Committees is aimed at making BMCs more responsible in carrying out their functions in an efficient and effective way. The respective BMCs will deposit the fund into "Local Biodiversity Fund" and the same will be used as per the rules.



As a significant step towards implementing the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board signed the agreement of Access and Benefit Sharing System (ABS) with Habib Cosmetics Private Limited on 15 April, 2015. This agreement was first of its kind by any Biodiversity Board after the notification of Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014 by Government of India. As a share of benefits generated by the Habib Cosmetics



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Private Limited Rs 3,22,991/- has been shared with Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board for the year 2013-14 which would be utilized by the board as per rules. Accordingly a certificate of appreciation was given to representatives of Habib Cosmetics Private Limited to Mr. Rajeev Bisht by the Chief Guest.



Hon'ble Forest Minister, Uttarakhand addressed on the occasion and focused on the rich heritage of Biodiversity of Uttarakhand. He pointed out that all the bio-resources are essential part of our life and sustaining these bio-resources in the longer run is our sole responsibility. He emphasized that ABS could be a useful tool to facilitate conservation of all natural bio-resources.

He stated that Uttarakhand State is striving to constitute the Biodiversity Management Committees in all 7,956 of its Gram Panchayats. Further, he stated that documentation of Biodiversity in People Biodiversity Registers in these entire gram Panchayats will be taken up in future.



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This event was followed by presenting of mementos to Chief Guest, Guest of honor and other dignitaries on the dias by Dr. Rakesh Shah, The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Mr G.S Pande, Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board and Hi-Tea for the guests and participants.



On the occasion of International Biodiversity Day, 2015 following pledge was taken by students of various participating schools in Dehradun and other places in Uttarakhand:-

जीवन के लिए प्रतिज्ञा

- ✓ स्वीकार करना कि पृथ्वी पर मौजूद जीवन की विविधता से ही मेरे, मेरे परिवार एवं विश्व के अन्य नागरिकों का अस्तित्व संभव है।
- ✓ यह मानना कि हमारी जैवविविधता को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए हमें जिम्मेदारीपूर्ण व्यवहार करने की आवश्यकता है।
- ✓ पृथ्वी पर मौजूद हमारे पौधों, जीवों और अन्य सजीव स्वस्थों की बढ़ती हुई हानि के प्रति प्रतिक्रिया दर्शाना।
- ✓ मेरे आस-पास हो रहे जैवविविधता के उपयोग व उचित प्रबंधन के प्रति अपने दायित्व को स्वीकार करना।

मैं पृथ्वी पर बेहतर जीवन के लिए निम्नलिखित सिद्धांतों को समर्थन देते हुए प्रतिज्ञा लेता/लेती हूँ कि:

- जैविक संसाधनों के संरक्षण एवं उनके टिकाऊ प्रबंधन को बढ़ावा मिले।
- मैं स्वयं यह बदलाव बनूँ जो मैं दूसरों में देखना चाहता/चाहती हूँ।
- यह सुनिश्चित हो कि पृथ्वी पर जीवन सुरक्षित रहे।
- मैं संरक्षण के लक्ष्यों, सकारात्मक प्रयासों व उपयोगों के प्रति लोगों को शिक्षित करूँगा/करूँगी।



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Celebration of IBD 2015 Uttarkashi Forest Division

Uttarkashi- The program was organized by Uttarakashi Forest Division. An essay writing competition on the subject “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development” was organized in which 54 students participated. Awareness was also raised among the students about nature and conservation of biodiversity. The participants on this occasion took the prescribed pledge to conserve biodiversity and environment. Prizes and certificates were also distributed among students who were adjudged winners of essay writing competition.



Celebration of IBD 2015 Chakrata Forest Division

Rampur Mandi, Kalsi- The function was organized at Rampur Mandi, Kalsi by Chakrata Forest Division. Around 70 participants which included officers and employees from different government institutions along with teachers and 60 students of class 6th to 10th belonging to six different schools also participated in the programme. Two non-governmental organizations i.e. “Ridhima” and “Mauli” which are closely involved in preparation of Developmental work plan of Asan Wetland Conservation Reserve also joined the function. An Essay writing competition on topic "Importance of Forest" and drawing competition on the theme of Biodiversity were also organized for school children on this occasion. Prizes were distributed to adjudged winners of essay and drawing competition by Chakrata Forest Division, Chakrata. In the end all participants and guests took the pledge in a format prescribed by National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and also signed it.



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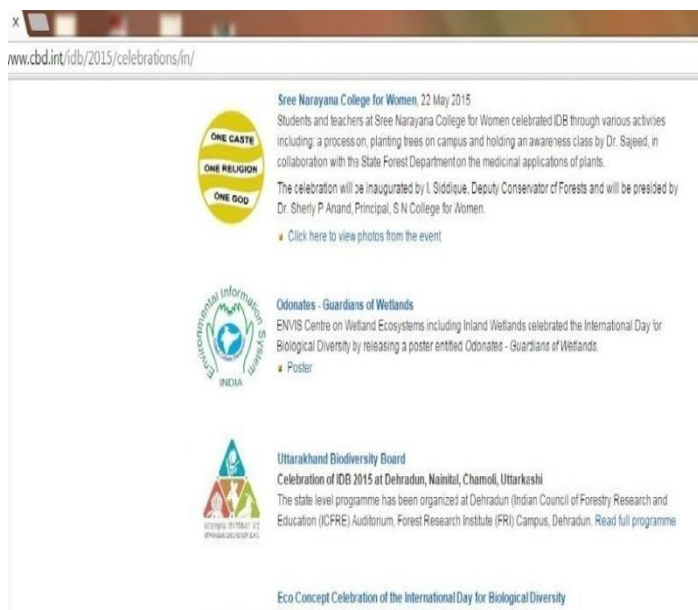
Celebrations IBD 2015 Dehradun Forest Division Malsi Deer Park, Dehradun – A painting competition was organized on this occasion in which 106 Students from 11 different schools from class 1-12th participated. Students participated under three age groups with different themes i.e. "Arrangement of Clean and safe drinking water" for, junior group (class 1-5), "Climate Change" for middle group (Class 6-8) and "Biodiversity for sustainable development" for senior group (Class 9-12). A nature walk for participating students near Malsi Deer Park was also organized for all school students.



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Biodiversity day celebration by Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board also featured in CBD website

Considering the organization of this significant event by the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, the Convention of Biodiversity website also featured this event in their website. (Information could be accessed from the link (<https://www.cbd.int/ldb/image/2015/celebrations/in-ubb-programme.pdf>))



Celebration of International Day of Biological Diversity 2015 Dehradun, Nainital, Chamoli, Uttarkashi



The state level programme has been organized at Dehradun (Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) Auditorium, Forest Research Institute (FRI) Campus, Dehradun.

Mr. Harish Rawat, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand will be the Chief Guest of the function. The function will also be attended by Mr. Dinesh Aggarwal, Minister of Environment and Forests, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun & Dr. Ranbir Singh, Principal Secretary Forest,

The key-note address will be given by Dr. L.M.S. Palni, former Director, Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora.

The participants will be various departments of state and central government, researchers, students, members of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC), Civil Society Organizations etc.

The highlights of the programme are the release of a bilingual book in Hindi and English on Operationalization of BMC by the Chief Guest, giving away cheques to BMCs for preparing Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBR) and felicitating Habib Cosmetics Ltd. Dehradun for signing Access Benefit Sharing agreement with the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board. This ABS agreement is the first by any State Biodiversity Board in India.

**Member Secretary,
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