



INDIA BIODIVERSITY AWARDS 2023

Call for Applications



Recognising champions of biodiversity conservation in India

The India Biodiversity Awards is a joint initiative by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, National Biodiversity Authority and the United Nations Development Programme. It is an innovative mechanism to identify and recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and institutions working towards biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of biological resources, access and benefit sharing and biodiversity governance.

The first India Biodiversity Awards were jointly announced by the MoEFCC and UNDP in 2012 at the high level segment of the Eleventh meeting of Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Following its success, the second, third, fourth and fifth India Biodiversity Awards were held in 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2021 respectively in partnership with the National Biodiversity Authority. Over 750+ good cases of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit-sharing and biodiversity governance were documented through the award process. The awards were institutionalised by the National Biodiversity Authority in 2017. UNDP continues to serve as Knowledge Partner.





Award Categories for 2023:

Category 1

Conservation and Sustainable use of Biological Resources

The award aims to recognize the efforts of individuals/ institutions/ corporates (both public and private) involved in effective management and conservation of the Biological Resources in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Category 2

Best Biodiversity Management Committee

The award aims to recognize the exemplary work of Biodiversity Management Committees in documentation of biological resources and associated traditional knowledge through Peoples' Biodiversity Registers (PBRs); generating awareness; establishing best practices in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, social and gender equity; empowerment and equitable sharing of benefits with the conservers of the resource.



Applications Open:
1st July 2021

Application Deadline:
30 November 2021

Category 3

Incentivizing Access and Benefit Sharing

The award aims at recognizing embodies practicing complete cycle of ABS process; projects augmenting noteworthy monetary and/ or non-monetary equitable sharing of benefits out of the utilization of biological resources with communities and stakeholders concerned.

Category 4

Best Peoples' Biodiversity Register

The award aims to recognize the range of traditional as well as innovative methods including the use of digital technology in documenting Peoples' Biodiversity Registers and realizing the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) potential.

Winner Cash Award:
5 Lakhs for each category
2 Certificates of Appreciation:
1 Lakh each for each category

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