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PREFACE

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) for the year 2020-21. This Annual Report provides a glimpse of the activities taken up for the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 for conserving State's rich biodiversity.

The State of Haryana is rich in biodiversity, traditional knowledge and culture. Many rare, endemic and endangered species of flora and fauna are naturally thriving here. However, of late, the biodiversity of the State has become vulnerable to factors like forest degradation, soil erosion, water pollution, urbanization etc. If we could generate awareness among the key stakeholders, be it the farmers, the business sector or the wider public, our efforts towards securing biodiversity conservation would bear fruits.

HSBB has been playing a vital role in creating awareness amongst the people about the importance and the need to protect and conserve the biological resources in the State and about the legal provisions available to support their effort.

6437 People's Biodiversity Register (PBRs) at Gram Panchayat, Block, Municipal Committee/Corporation and Zila Parishad level had been prepared during the year 2020-21. Technical Support Groups (TSGs) had been tasked for preparation of 2nd draft of PBRs by involving local Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) vaidhs/hakims and other institutions.

I express my sincere thanks to Chairman, HSBB and other members of the Board for their valuable guidance in carrying out the activities of the Board and also in preparation of this report. I am thankful to the officers and staff of the Board for successfully carrying out various activities during the year.

Member Secretary
Haryana State Biodiversity Board



Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS

FOREWORD

Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) has finalized Annual Report for the year 2020-21. This Annual Report gives bird's eye view on the activities of the HSBB during the year in pursuance of its mandate under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The State of Haryana is a land of diverse micro climates and soil types that supports luxuriant growth of myriads of flora. Its different type of forests provide safe haven for variety of fauna. The Shiwaliks and Aravalis are its two biodiversity hotspots. More than 40% of bird species of the Indian Sub-continent are found in the State. Factors like forest degradation, soil erosion, water pollution, urbanization etc. have become serious threats to its natural resources. Creating awareness among all the stakeholders is the first and foremost step in safeguarding the valuable biodiversity from these threats.

HSBB has been striving to implement the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to achieve the three objectives i.e Conservation of Biodiversity, Sustainable utilization of bio-resources and ensuring a fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the bio-resources.

6437 People's Biodiversity Register (PBRs) at various local bodies level had been prepared till 31st March, 2021. The data related to 1st draft of the PBRs was uploaded on the NBA portal. Technical Support Groups (TSGs) had been tasked for preparation of 2nd draft of PBRs by involving local Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) vairs/hakims and other institutions.

I express my gratitude to the National Biodiversity Authority for its financial and technical assistance to the Board for carrying out its functions and duties. I express my sincere thanks to the HSBB members for their valuable guidance. I commend the officers and staff of the Board for successfully carrying out various activities during the year.

Chairman
Haryana State Biodiversity Board



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

As we all know Biodiversity encompasses the variety & diversity of all life forms on earth such as plants, animals and microbes living in a wide range of ecosystems. Biodiversity & its interlink forms the very basis of life on this planet. According to estimations, there are about 13 to 14 million species of plants and animals living on our planet, out of which only 1.75 million species have been data-based so far. Due to increasing population, developmental pressures, inequitable and unsustainable utilization of bio-resources, many species of plants and animals are getting extinct every year. Fragmentation and degradation of habitats pose threat to our own survival and well-being.

To address the grave issue of loss of biodiversity and extinction of species, an Earth Summit was held at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil in 1992 and a multilateral treaty named as 'Convention on Biological Diversity' was signed. 194 countries including India are signatory to this treaty. To give effect to the said convention, the Indian Parliament enacted the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 effective from 5-02-2003.

India is a mega diverse country harboring nearly 7-8% of all recorded species of plants and animals on only 2.4% of the world's land area. India supports 16-17% of world's population and equal percentage of world's livestock population. India is one of the 17 mega bio diverse countries and it is known and recognized for its rich associated Traditional Knowledge, where Biodiversity is predominantly managed by its local communities.

Haryana is situated in the northern part of India and has a geographical area of 44,212 sq km which constitutes 1.34% of the geographical area of the country. Physio-graphically Haryana falls in the Indo Gangetic plain although some of the areas fall in Shiwalik hills as well. Climate of the State varies from moist sub-tropical in north bordering Himachal Pradesh to arid in southern part bordering Rajasthan. The average annual rainfall varies from about 200 mm to 1,400 mm and the average annual temperature ranges between 1°C to 45°C. The Yamuna and the Ghaggar are the important rivers of the State. The State has 22 districts. As per the 2011 census, Haryana has a population of 2.53 crores accounting to 2.1% of India's population. The 19th Livestock census 2012 has reported total livestock population of 88.2 Lakhs.

Haryana is primarily an agricultural State of India and 80% of the total geographical area is under agriculture. The forests in Haryana belong to three Forest Type Groups i.e. Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest, Tropical Thorn Forest and Subtropical Pine Forests which are divided into 10 Forest Types. Although, the maximum portion of the geographical area consists of agricultural fields, over a time, the State has achieved a unique status in the field of agro-forestry which has enabled the forest deficient State to support a large number of wood-based industries based on farm-grown timber. Poplar and Eucalyptus are the major agro-forestry species which have become the main resource for improvement of livelihood of farmers in northern and central parts of the State.

Special emphasis has been given to Soil and Moisture Conservation works in the hills to conserve water and deliver it to adjacent farmlands for increasing their productivity and enhancing incomes. Herbal Parks have been developed in every district to bring people closer to the natural ecosystem.

Two National Parks, eight Wildlife Sanctuaries, two Conservation Reserves and three Community Reserves constitute the Protected Area

Network of the State covering 0.75% of its geographical area and about 20% of the total Forest area of the State.

As per India State of Forest Report, FSI, 2019, the Forest Cover in the state is 1,602.44 sq. km which is 3.62% of the state's geographical area and the Tree Cover in the state is 1565 sq. km which is 3.54% of the geographical area. Thus the Forest and Tree Cover of the Haryana state is 7.16% of its geographical area.

Forestry activities in the state are dispersed over rugged Shiwalik Hills in north, Aravalli hills in south, sand dunes in west and wastelands, saline-alkaline lands and waterlogged sites in the central part of the state.

The Aravallis and the Shiwaliks are its two biodiversity hot spots. The State is endowed with rich biodiversity of bird species. Out of 1250 bird species found in Indian sub continent, approx. 600 species are found in Haryana.

1.2 The Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The Act was promulgated to meet the objectives of UN-Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Act provides a legal framework for conservation of biological diversity of the country, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the use of biological resources. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 envisages decentralized biodiversity management with Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at local level, State Biodiversity Boards at State Level and National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) at National level.

1.3 The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) was set up in the year 2003 with its headquarters at Chennai. The NBA is a statutory autonomous body which performs advisory function for the Government of India.

1.4 Constitution of Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB)

Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) was established as per the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to protect and preserve the biodiversity in the State. The HSBB was established on 14th November, 2006

through a Gazette notification under the Environment Department. In 2016, the HSBB was transferred to the Forest Department. HSBB has been reconstituted on 12th September, 2019.

HSBB aims to achieve the objectives of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, i.e Conservation of Biological Diversity, Sustainable utilization of Biological resources and Fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of biological resources.

1.5 Functions of HSBB

The functions of HSBB are to:

- (a) advise the State Government, subject to any guidelines issued by the Central Government, on matters relating to the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of biological resources;
- (b) regulate by granting of approvals or otherwise requests for commercial utilization or bio-survey and bio-utilization of any biological resource by Indians;
- (c) perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act or as may be prescribed by the State Government;

Haryana State Biodiversity Rules are under consideration of the State Government for notification. The functions of HSBB as proposed in these Rules are as below:-

- (d) facilitate updation and implementation of State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;
- (e) commission studies and sponsor investigation and research;
- (f) collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data, manuals, codes and guides relating to conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources;
- (g) recommend creation of posts and mode of recruitment of such posts to

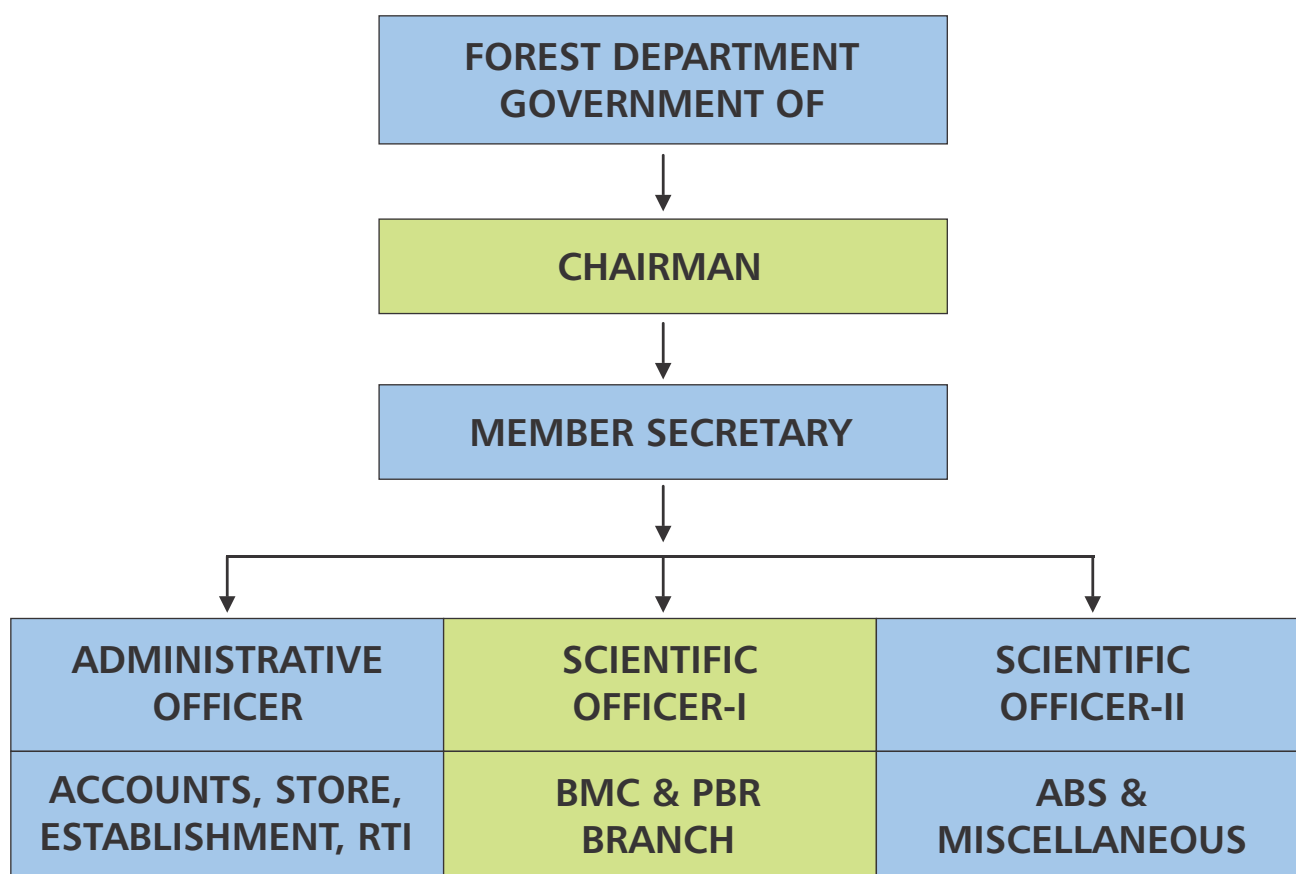
the State Government for effective discharge of the functions by the Board;

- (h) prepare annual budget of the Board incorporating its own receipts as also devolution from the Central and State Government and NBA;
- (i) report to the State Government and the NBA about the functioning of the Board and implementation of the Act;
- (j) recommend, prescribe, modify, and collect fees of biological resources from time to time;
- (k) sanction grant-in-aid and grants to the BMCs for the specific purposes;
- (l) undertake physical inspection of any area within its jurisdiction in connection with the implementation of the Act;
- (m) organize through mass media a comprehensive programme regarding conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources;
- (n) plan and organize training of personnel engaged or likely to be engaged in programmes for the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of its components;
- (o) take steps to build up database and to create information and documentation system for biological resources and associated traditional knowledge through biodiversity registers and electronic data bases, to ensure effective management, promotion and sustainable uses;
- (p) co-ordinate the activities of the Biodiversity Management Committee and
- (q) strive to integrate biodiversity and biodiversity dependent livelihoods into all sectors of planning from local to State, to enable such sectors and administrative levels to contribute effectively for conservation and sustainable use.



2. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND STAFF

2.1 Organization Structure



2.2 Details of Board Members:

The HSBB was reconstituted by the State Government vide Notification dated 12.09.2019:-

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Post
1.	Mr. G. K. Ahuja, IFS, PCCF (Retd.)	Chairman
2.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)	Member
3.	Director General, AYUSH Dept.	Member
4.	Director General, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Dept.	Member
5.	Director General, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Dept.	Member
6.	Director General, Horticulture Dept.	Member
7.	Director, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun or its nominee	Member
8.	Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun or its nominee	Member
9.	Director, National Bureau for Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi or its nominee	Member
10.	Director, National Bureau for Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal or its nominee	Member
11.	An IFS Officer of Rank not below APCCF/PCCF	Member Secretary



3. STAFF STRENGTH OF THE BOARD DURING 2020-21

3.1 Permanent staff (on deputation)

Sr. No.	Designation	Sanctioned	Working
1.	Chairperson Sh. Gulshan Ahuja, IFS (Retd.) w.e.f. 01.04.2020 to 17.06.2020 Dr. (Mrs.) Amarinder Kaur, IFS w.e.f. 24.07.2020 to 31.12.2020 Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS w.e.f. 01.02.2021	1	1
2.	Member Secretary Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS w.e.f. 01.04.2020 to 31.01.2021	1	1

3.2 Temporary / Contractual Staff

The following staff was continued/ engaged on contract through outsourcing policy of the government:

Sr. No.	Designation	Engaged	Working
1.	Scientific Officers	2	2
2.	Administrative Officer	1	1
3.	Clerks	6	6
4.	Drivers	2	2
5.	Peons/ Chowkidar/ Sweeper	4	4

Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk joined HSBB in the month of July, 2020 on deputation from Haryana Forest Development Corporation (HFDC).

4. BOARD MEETINGS CONDUCTED

Two Board meetings were conducted:

6th Meeting of HSBB was held on 30.09.2020 in the Committee Room of HSBB, Panchkula

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board held on 30.09.2020 at 11.00 AM under the Chairpersonship of Dr. (Mrs.) Amarinder Kaur, IFS, Chairperson in Committee Hall, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula.

Details of members attended the meeting is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Contact No.
1.	Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS	Member Secretary Haryana State Biodiversity Board	9813318988
2.	Dr. Avtaar Singh	Professor Vegetable Science CC HAU Hisar	9416397755
3.	Dr. Vinod Kumar Panghal	DDADG, Agriculture Department, Haryana	9416244947
4.	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Joint Director O/o Director General, Horticulture Department, Haryana	9996788157
5.	Sh. SP Ahlawat	Director, National Bureau for Plant Genetic Resources PUSA Campus opposite A Block Inderpur, New Delhi	Attended Virtually
6.	Dr. P.K. Singh	Director, National Bureau for Animal Resources Mak Rampur Campus GT Road Bye Pass Near Basant Vihar P.O. Box No. 129 Karnal- 132001	Attended Virtually
7.	Dr. S. Mahender	Regional Director Animal Husbandry Haryana, Director General Animal Husbandry	Attended Virtually
8.	Dr. Amit	Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Attended Virtually
9.	Gurmeet Singh	Scientific Officer, Haryana State Biodiversity Board	

Agenda Item No. 1: To ascertain the Quorum and grant Leave of Absence.

First of all Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS, Member Secretary, Haryana State Biodiversity Board welcomed all the member and ascertained the quorum. Seven out of nine members were present in the meeting. Quorum was complete.

Agenda Item No. 2: To confirm the minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Board.

Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS presented the record of decisions taken and action taken in last 5th meeting of the board on 27.01.2020 for Item No. I to XII to get confirmation. Members confirmed the action taken and decisions.

Agenda Item No. 3. To take note of the appointment of Chairperson for Haryana State Biodiversity Board.

Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS, PCCF-cum-Member Secretary apprised members of Haryana State Biodiversity Board that Dr. Amarinder Kaur, IFS, PCCF (HoFF) has been appointed as Chairperson of HSSB on 24.7.2020. Members welcomed Hon'ble Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amarinder Kaur IFS.

Agenda Item No. 4. To take note of the purchase of Computer for office use.

Purchase of Computer was approved by the board.

Agenda Item No. 5. To take note of the meetings to review the progress of PBRs prepared by the Technical Support Groups (TSGs).

Member Secretary informed that the progress of PBRs prepared by eight Technical Support Groups (TSGs) engaged for this work was reviewed. It was observed that PBRs submitted by TSGs need to be reviewed as they are mainly based on secondary data. The TSGs have mentioned that they could not visit villages due to COVID-19. As most of TSGs are based outside Haryana so, a review of their Physical and Financial achievements is required to improve further output. Consultation with different stakeholders including line departments is required to improve the quality of PBRs.

Sh. V.K. Panghal, DDADG, Agriculture Department suggested that district level committees of different departments headed by Deputy Commissioner be strengthen so that better implementation happens at the grass root level. The following TSGs worked last year.

<u>Name TSG & Address</u>	<u>Districts Allotted</u>
1. Dr. Ved Parkash, Scientist Maaty Biodiversity Conservation & Societal Research Organization, 40 Devlok Colony, Shimla Bypass Road, Majra, Dehradun- 248171	Ambala, Karnal, Fatehabad, Sirsa
2. Sh. Dhananjay Kumar, Managing Director NH Consulting Pvt. Ltd, 5E, 1 st Floor, Dada Jungi House, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-110049	Rewari, Jhajjar Sonipat, Panipat, Mahendergarh, Hisar, Charkhi Dadri
3. Sh. K.N.Balodi, Secretary Himalayan Institute of Sustainable Environment & Research (HISER), Dehradun	Panchkula
4. Sh. Chetan Sharma, Founder & CEO Datamation Research Services Consulting Pvt. Ltd., No. 503. Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurgaon-122016	Palwal, Kaithal, Nuh
5. Sh. Abhishek Rajdeep, CEO Everain Global Services Pvt. Ltd., 401, 4 th Floor, Statesman House, 148 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi	Gurgaon, Faridabad, Yamunanagar
6. Sh. Karan Girdhar, CEO Skills Arts and Beyond Social Welfare Society First Floor, 803, E-7, Arera Colony Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-4222115	Rohtak, Bhiwani, Jind
7. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Yamunanagar Kurukshetra, Jind
8. Dr. Abdul Kareem Head, Centre for Conservation of Natural Resources (CCNR) University of Trains-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology Bangaluru (Karnataka).	Palwal, Kaithal, Nuh, Kurukshetra

Most of the members were of the view particularly Sh. S.P. Ahlawat, that local experts should be engaged as TSGs as local TSGs member will remain among the people for longer time. They have more knowledge of local biodiversity and this can improve work of the making PBR a lot. They are aware of local dialect, languages, customs and creeds, therefore, can sensitize the BMCs about their roles and responsibilities better. TSGs from outside could not create awareness among people and members of BMCs due to limited interaction. So local group of experts can mix up well with the people and can do better survey for data collection for PBRs. They can train members of BMCs as well. So, board accorded its approval for revision of PBRs and change in TSGs as required for improvement in quality of PBRs and sensitization of BMCs.

Sh. P.K. Singh further added that regular meeting with line departments be held to streamline and improve the quality w.r.t. flora, fauna and agro biodiversity. District level meetings of the committee headed by Deputy Commissioner have also not happened anywhere.

Agenda Item No. 6 To take note of the appointment of Scientific Officer (Social Science).

Board accorded approval to appoint Scientific Officer (Social Science) against the vacant post due to resignation of Sh. Malkit Singh who was on contract basis. Sh. Manoj Kumar suggested that in addition to these two Scientific Officers, other experts in different field may also be engaged at the headquarters so that regular monitoring of TSGs and other works can be done.

Agenda Item No. 7. To take note of the revision of PBR Rates.

The rate of preparation of PBRs at Gram Panchayat level was fixed Rs. 25000/- earlier but in view of Covid-19 and paucity of funds, the rates for preparation of PBRs were revised from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 20,500/- with consultation of all the TSGs. NBA had approved @ Rs.1,60,000/- for preparation of PBR of block level which has been revised to Rs. 1,50,000/- of which Board has approved the rates.

Agenda Item No. 8. To take note of the appointment of Chartered Accountant for Audit of Accounts for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Board approved the appointment of CA for audit of account of two financial years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20 @ rate of Rs. 19500/- per year.

**Agenda Item:- Office Accommodation for District Coordinators
(with the permission of Chair)**

The members of the Board agreed to the proposal to provide one room for District Coordinator of Haryana State Biodiversity Board in the office premises of the Divisional Forest Officers in every district. It was decided that a proposal for providing office space in DFOs Offices for District Coordinators will be sent by the PCCF-cum-Member Secretary, HSBB to PCCF (HoFF), Haryana for her consideration. The Chairperson who is also PCCF (HoFF), Haryana has given her consent to consider the matter and stated that the case for providing space for District Coordinators will be allowed after taking the approval from the Govt. of Haryana.

During further discussion it was suggested by members present that a nodal officer be appointed by all departments for liaising with Haryana State Biodiversity Board. A communication will be sent to all in this regard.

At the end, the PCCF-cum-Member Secretary, HSBB thanked all the members of the Board and Worthy Chairperson Dr. Amarinder Kaur, IFS for attending the meeting and giving their valuable suggestions and time. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

7th Meeting was held on 25.02.2021 in the Committee Room of HSBB, Panchkula

**MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE HARYANA STATE
BIODIVERSITY BOARD HELD ON 25.02.2021 AT 11.00 AM**

7th Meeting of Haryana State Biodiversity Board was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS, Chairman, HSBB in the Committee Room of HSBB, Panchkula on 25.02.2021 at 11.00 AM.

The following members attended the meeting:

S.No.	Name of officer	Designation	Organization	Contact No.
1.	Sh. G.S.Shukla, IFS	APCCF	O/o PCCF, Haryana	9896273801
2.	Dr. Sat Pal Bahmris	Director	AYUSH	7988600054
3.	Sh. Manoj Kumar	Joint Director	Horticulture	9996788157
4.	Dr. Sukhdev Rathee	Deputy Director	Animal Husbandry	9416791000
5.	Dr. R.P. Sihag	Joint Director	Agriculture	9416307523
6.	Dr. P.K. Singh	Principal Scientist	ICAR - NBAGR, Karnal	Virtual
7.	Dr. Anup Chandra	Scientist-F, Head Forest Botany Division	FRI, Dehradun	Virtual
8.	Dr. V.P. Uniyal	Scientist	WII, Dehradun	Virtual
9.	Dr. Amit Kumar	Scientist	WII, Dehradun	9012701362
10.	Sh. Gurmeet Singh	Scientific Officer	HSBB	9467551105
11.	Smt. Ruchi Kaushal	Scientific Officer	HSBB	9111011398

Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS, Chairman, HSBB welcomed all the members of the Board. The agenda discussed in the meeting and decisions taken thereon are as under:-

Agenda Item No.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Board.

The Action Taken Report on the Agenda items No. 1 to 8 of the 6th Meeting was presented before the Board for confirmation. The members confirmed the action taken and decisions of 6th Meeting.

It was brought to the notice of the members by the Chairman that a communication was sent to them to appoint a Nodal Officer for the meetings of HSBB for better coordination. The Horticulture Department, Animal Husbandry Department and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun have only appointed Nodal Officers. The Chairman requested rest of the members to appoint a senior officer as Nodal Officer from their respective organizations.

Agenda Item No. 2: To apprise the appointment of new Chairman, HSBB.

Smt. Ruchi Kaushal, Scientific Office introduced the newly appointed Chairman, HSBB, Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS to the members of the Board.

The members welcomed Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg as the Chairman of HSBB.

Agenda Item No. 3: To take note of the appointment of a Scientific Officer and extension to another Scientific Officer.

The members of the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Ruchi Kaushal, Scientific Officer (Social Science) from 06.10.2021 to 05.10.2021 on contract basis and the Board also approved the extension from 13.01.2021 to 12.01.2021 granted to Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Scientific Officer.

Agenda Item No. 4: Purchase of one Laptop, Almirah, AC and copies of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The Board approved the purchase one Laptop, Almirah, AC and printing of copies of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Most of the members were of the view that small purchases should not be put before the Board as the Member Secretary/ Chairman of the Board are competent to approve such type of purchases under the powers vested to them and asked the Board to follow the same.

Agenda Item No. 5: Haryana Specific PBRs.

The Board approved the preparation and printing of 400 copies of Haryana Specific PBRs as per agenda.

Dr. P.K. Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal highlighted the need of such PBRs and suggested that it should be bilingual i.e. in English language also. He also suggested that the scientific names should not be written in Devnagri (Hindi) instead in English. The template of the PBRs should be as suggested by NBA so that the same can be easily uploaded as e-PBR on the NBA portal.

Ms. Ruchi Kaushal, Scientific Officer, HSBB informed that the PBR format supplied by the NBA was in very typical Hindi which could not be understood by the local people and in the Specific PBRs, the language has been simplified so that the local people can understand it. The Technical Support Groups (TSGs) are also being trained in filling the PBRs so that the quality of PBRs could be improved.

Agenda Item No. 6: Training of TSGs.

The Board approved the proposal of imparting training to all Technical Support Groups (TSGs) to improve the quality of the PBRs.

Agenda Item No. 7: Termination of MoU of Technical Support Groups (TSGs).

The members were informed that the MoUs of 3 TSGs namely Skill Art & Beyond, Bhopal, HISER, Dehradun and WII, Dehradun have been terminated due to various reasons and these TSGs have been replaced by 2 Haryana based TSGs namely SPACE and Chavi after adopting due procedure and as per the suggestions of Board members given in the previous Board meeting.

The members of the Board approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 8: Physical and Financial targets.

The members of the board were satisfied with the physical and financial achievements of the Board and approved the proposed budget for the financial year 2021-2022.

Agenda Item No. 9: Engaging of District Coordinators on contract basis.

Ms. Ruchi Kaushal, Scientific Officer informed the members of the Board that 21 District Coordinators have been selected by the Selection Committee for one year on contract basis. The engagement letters have already been issued to them and it is expected that they will join HSBB shortly. The District Coordinator will sit in the office of DFOs (Territorial) for better coordination with line departments, District Administration, HSBB and BMCs.

The Board approved the engagement of District Coordinators.

Agenda Item No. 10: Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair.

Nil.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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5. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

5.1 Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity -2020

Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the international Day for Biological Diversity- 2020 was celebrated on 22nd May, 2020 with great enthusiasm through first ever online campaign in the State of Haryana.

The Haryana State Biodiversity Board commemorated the day by organizing various events online for raising public awareness based on the theme; "Our solutions are in Nature". The online competitions, viz; Quiz, Painting and Nature Photography were organized for school children.

An online essay competition on the topic "COVID19 - A wake up call for safeguarding Biodiversity" was organized in three categories: namely School Children upto 12th Class, College Students and General Public. First, Second and Third prizes were kept in all the three categories of essay competition and also for Quiz, Painting and Photography Competitions.

The Board received entries for various competitions as under:-

Essay Competition	:	95 entries
Quiz Competition	:	550 entries
Photography Competition	:	90 entries
Painting Competition	:	80 entries

The participants who scored first three positions in above competitions were given Cash Prizes as under:-

Category	Event	First position (INR)	Second position (INR)	Third position (INR)
School Students	Essay Writing	2500	1500	1000
College Students	Essay Writing	4000	3000	2000
General Public	Essay Writing	4000	3000	2000
School Students	Photography/ Painting/ Quiz	2000	1500	1000

On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity-2020, the HSBB had given total cash prizes of Rs. 65,000/- to the winners of the competitions. Awareness was generated through social media also.

MESSAGE BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, HARYANA



On this day, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana's message on the theme "Our solutions are in Nature" was got published in leading newspapers of English and Hindi. In his message, Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized the need to protect ecosystem and biodiversity and explained about the special relationship that the two carry between them. The message also conveyed to the people that COVID-19 Pandemic is somehow linked to habitat degradation, biodiversity loss and disease outbreak and therefore, he emphasized to delve upon this year's theme that "Our Solutions are in Nature" to safeguard humanity.

भौतिक विकास के साथ-साथ पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए : पर्यावरण मंत्री

चंडीगढ़, 22 मई (राम सिंह बराड़): हरियाणा के पर्यावरण मंत्री कंवरपाल ने आज 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस' के अवसर पर प्रदेशवासियों को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि हमें भौतिक विकास के साथ-साथ पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि मानव पिछले कई वर्षों से प्रकृति के साथ छेड़छाड़ करता रहा है, शायद वर्तमान में फैली कोविड-19 की महामारी उसी का परिणाम हो। उन्होंने कहा कि प्राकृतिक संसाधनों के अति दोहन से बाढ़, सूखा, अतिवर्षा, तूफान और महामारी जैसी आपदाएं आती हैं। पर्यावरण मंत्री ने बताया कि विश्व के लोगों को प्राकृतिक स्रोतों के महत्व के प्रति जागरूक करने के लिए इस बार 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस' का थीम 'हमारी समस्याओं का समाधान प्रकृति में ही

निहित है' रखा गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि हरियाणा में इस दिवस के प्रति लोगों में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए कोविड-19 को ध्यान में रखकर 'हरियाणा राज्य जैव विविधता बोर्ड'

प्राकृतिक संसाधनों के अति दोहन से आती हैं बाढ़, सूखा, अतिवर्षा, तूफान, महामारी जैसी आपदाएं

द्वारा विभिन्न प्रकार की प्रतियोगिताओं का ऑनलाइन आयोजन किया गया है। इनमें स्कूली बच्चों के लिए क्विज प्रतियोगिता, फोटोग्राफी प्रतियोगिता एवं पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता ऑनलाइन आयोजित की जा रही

है जिसकी अंतिम तिथि 31 मई है। इन प्रतियोगिताओं में प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान पर आने वाले प्रतियोगियों को नकद पुरस्कार और प्रमाण पत्र भी दिये जायेंगे। इसके अलावा एक निबंध प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया जा रहा है, जिसमें स्कूल एवं कॉलेज के बच्चों के अलावा आम जनता भी भाग ले सकती है। हरियाणा राज्य जैव विविधता बोर्ड के चेयरमैन मुल्शन आहूजा ने बताया कि हरियाणा के वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्री कंवरपाल के मार्गदर्शन में हरियाणा राज्य जैव विविधता बोर्ड अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस के महत्व को लोगों तक पहुंचाने में प्रयासत है। उन्होंने बताया कि प्रतियोगिताओं की विस्तृत जानकारी ऑनलाइन देखा जा सकता है।

5.2 Awareness & Training Programme

The people, particularly, Gram Panchayats, Biodiversity Management Committees and Block Samitis, were made aware of the objectives/ purpose of the Board and the benefits that will accrue to the society in general and local bodies in particular. Series of Workshops, Sammelans, Video Conferences and Meetings of Sarpanches/ BDPOs and DDPOs were conducted during the period, wherein, they were educated and were acquainted with the benefits that will flow to people through activities of the Board. Meetings were also held at the level of Director, (Panchayats) and DDPOs.



5.3 Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs)

A total of 6435 BMCs had been constituted by 31st March, 2021 in the State.

The details of the BMCs constituted at various local bodies level are as below:-

Local Body	No. of BMCs to be constituted	No. of BMCs constituted
Zila Parishad Level	22	21
Municipal Committee/Corporation Level	85	85
Block Level	126	125
Gram Panchayat Level	6204	6204
Total	6437	6435

HSBB had constituted 6435 BMCs. One BMC namely Lakhan Majra Block in Rohtak district could not be constituted due to court case. BMC of Charkhi Dadri district could also not be constituted as Charkhi Dadri district is part of Bhiwani Zila Parishad.

5.4 Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs)

In Haryana, 6437 People's Biodiversity Register (PBRs) at the Block, Zila Parishad, Municipal Committee/Corporation and Gram Panchayat level had been prepared till 31st March, 2021. The 1st draft of the PBRs (6437) had been received in soft copy and the data was also uploaded on the NBA portal. TSGs had been engaged to prepare People's Biodiversity Registers by involving local Biodiversity Management Committees vaid/hakims and other institutions at ZP/MC/Block/GP level. 2nd draft of PBRs preparation was in progress during the year.

5.5 Selection of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)

Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 provides for declaration of areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites. One/ two sites could be identified during the year in the State which are important from conservation of biodiversity point of view.

5.6 Access Benefit Sharing

HSBB had engaged Technical Support Groups (TSGs) during the year 2019-20 for Awareness Generation and Training to BMCs on conservation of biodiversity and Access Benefit Sharing. An amount of Rs. 51,873.21 has been received from NBA deposited by M/s Pioneer Hi Bred Pvt. Ltd., into the National Biodiversity Fund (NBF) for accessing biological resources for research purpose. This amount has been disbursed to the benefit claimers. Rs. 8,550/- disbursed to Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana and Rs. 42,750/- disbursed to CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.

6. MEETINGS OF DISTRICT LEVEL EXPERT COMMITTEES

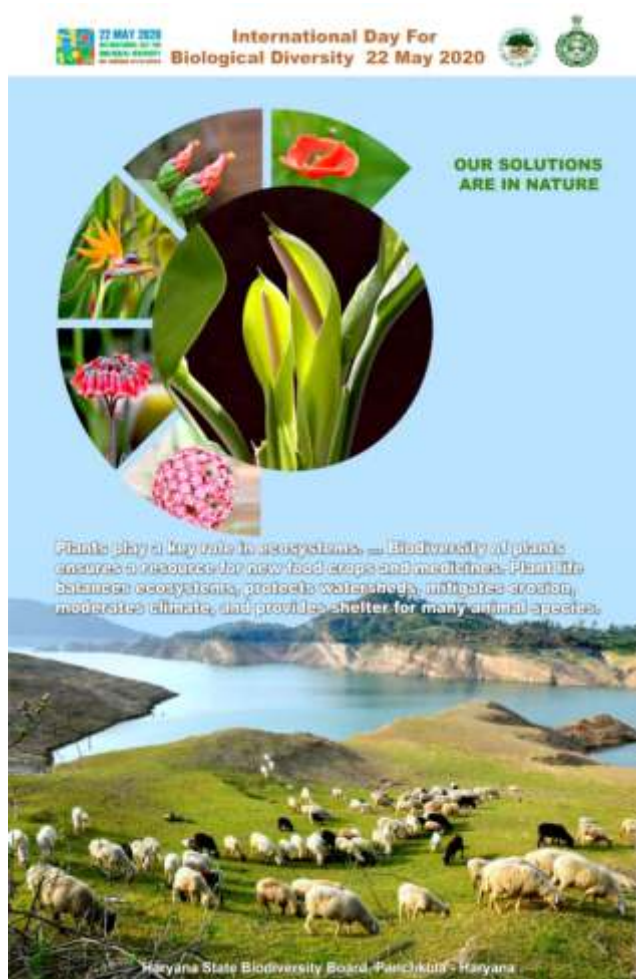
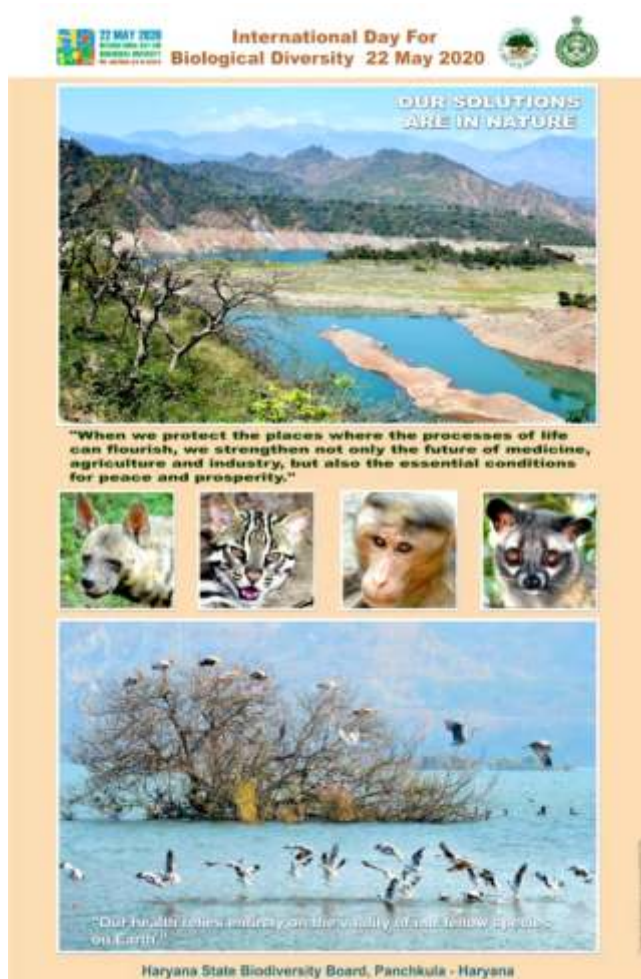
District Level Expert Committees (DLECs) had conducted meetings with TSGs to review the progress of trainings imparted to BMCs and status of PBRs preparation during the year.



7. POSTERS/PAINTING

7.1 Preparation of Posters

12 posters were prepared on the theme of International Day for Biological Diversity-2020 "Our Solutions Are in Nature" to highlight the importance of biodiversity and its conservation.



22 MAY 2020
International Day For
Biological Diversity 22 May 2020



Crop diversity is an aspect of biodiversity important for food security. ... Among the many threatened species are wild relatives of our crops - the wild and weedy cousins of domesticated plants that possess valuable traits for crop breeding, such as pest and disease resistance



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22 MAY 2020
International Day For
Biological Diversity 22 May 2020



Farmers have realized the importance of biodiversity, which refers to the variety of plants, animals and microorganisms above and below the soil within an ecosystem. ... Each part, from the soil to the animals that live there to the crops themselves, has an important role to play.



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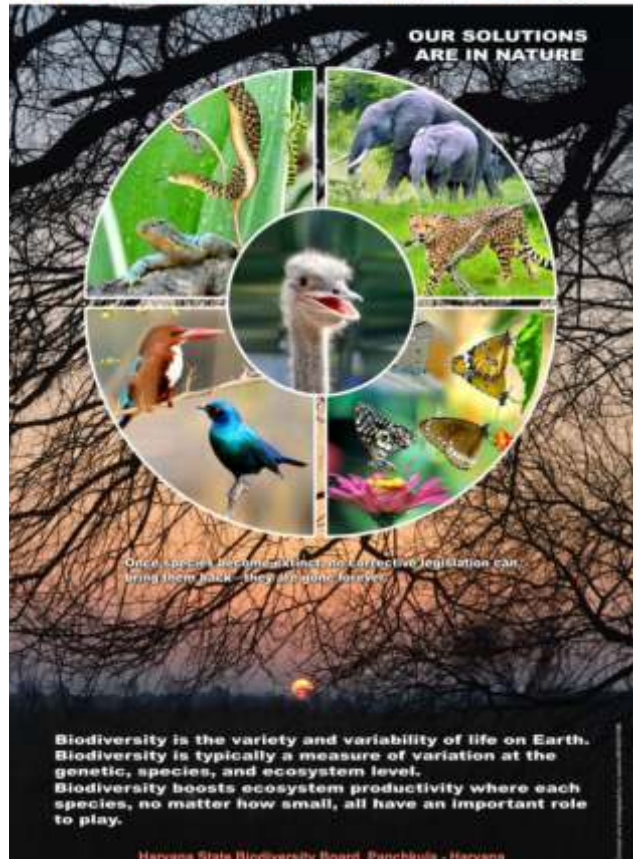


Biodiversity forms the foundation of the vast array of ecosystem services that critically contribute to human well-being. Biodiversity is important in human-managed as well as natural ecosystems.



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22 MAY 2020
International Day For
Biological Diversity 22 May 2020



Once species become extinct, no corrective legislation can bring them back - they are gone forever.

Biodiversity is the variety and variability of life on Earth. Biodiversity is typically a measure of variation at the genetic, species, and ecosystem level. Biodiversity boosts ecosystem productivity where each species, no matter how small, all have an important role to play.

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Forests and trees provide ecosystem services. Trees provide soil and water conservation, facilitate carbon sequestration, improve biodiversity and increase the number of pollinators and natural pest predators like birds. At least 1/3 of world's crops depends upon pollination provided by insects and other animals.

OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE

Uniformity is not nature's way; diversity is nature's way.

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OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE

Biodiversity is important to humans for many reasons. ... Ecological life support – biodiversity provides functioning ecosystems that supply oxygen, clean air and water, pollination of plants, pest control, waste water treatment and many ecosystem services.

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OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE

Agricultural biodiversity is essential to satisfy basic human needs for food and livelihood security. Biodiversity, food and nutrition interact on a number of key issues. It contributes directly to food security, nutrition and well-being by providing a variety of plant and animals from domesticated and wild sources.

Many people are helping to make the world a better place, but humanity as a whole should help other living creatures also that share our planet to survive.

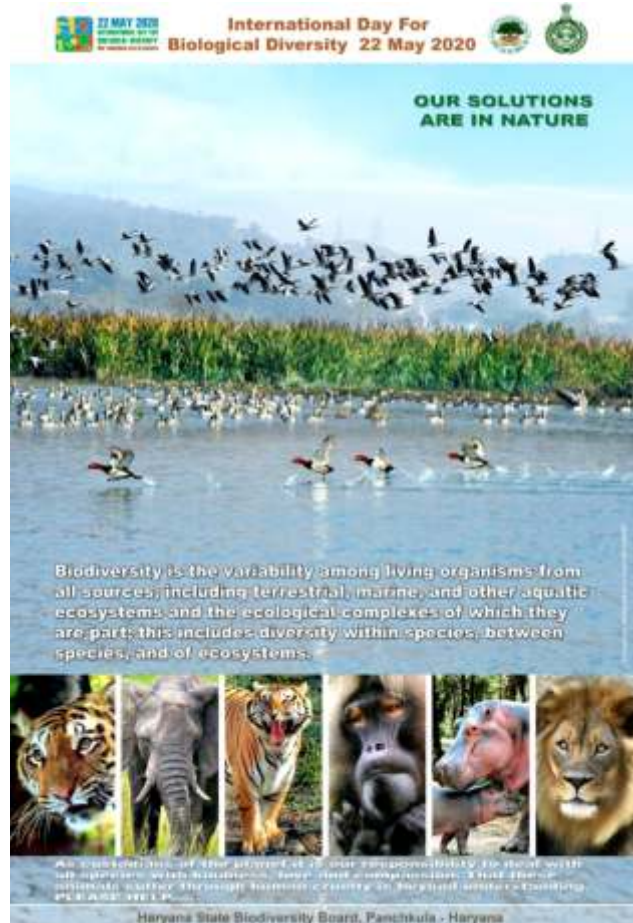
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OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE

The variety of life includes plants, animals, fungi, bacteria and microorganisms. Life is organized at a number of different levels, from the shape and function of each individual organism, species which are groups of interbreeding populations. Ecosystems which are a dynamic complex of species and their environmental landscapes that are a mosaic of connected ecosystems.

Cultivating and conserving diversity is no luxury in our times; it is a survival imperative.

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7.2 Mural Painting

Mural Painting Titled “Our Biodiversity- Our Heritage” was got prepared





8. RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI)

To provide information related to Haryana State Biodiversity Board and in compliance of Right to Information Act, 2005, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, HFS (Retd.), Scientific Officer was appointed as State Public Information Officer for the HSBB and Member Secretary, HSBB had been designated as Appellate Authority.

- (a) In response to RTI Application of Sh. Satish Kumar resident of Mundhal Khurd, district Bhiwani dated 24.04.2020, the requisite information was provided under RTI Act vide this office letter No. HSBB/270 dated 29.05.2020.
- (b) In response to RTI Application of Sh. Ashish Kadyan (ADVO.), Jhajjar dated 26.07.2020, the requisite information under RTI Act was provided vide letter No. HSBB/2436 dated 01.03.2021.
- (c) In response to RTI Application of Sh. Punit Kumar, Jind dated 20.02.2021, the requisite information under RTI Act was provided vide letter No. HSBB/2603 dated 25.03.2021.

9. FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

9.1 Budget and Expenditure

An expenditure of Rs. 50460333.30 was incurred against the budget provision of Rs. 88399300.00 (Rs. 379381.50 interest received from Bank) (State and NBA Grants).

9.2 Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet for the financial year 2020-21 is attached

Haryana State Biodiversity Board Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2021

Liabilities	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Assets	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
RESERVES & SURPLUS			FIXED ASSETS		3,780,560.00
General Reserve			(As per Schedule-2 Attached)		
Opening Balance	3,070.00				
Add: Excess Over Expenditure	1,073.00	4,143.00			
Capital Reserve		3,780,560.00	CURRENT ASSETS		
(Against Fixed Assets)			Balance with Banks		
			- HDFC Bank (50100346865672)	3,509,162.00	
			- HDFC Bank (50100072478920)	1,755,050.00	
			- SBI (37711374501)	48,621,986.20	53,886,198.20
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Unutilized Grant			LOANS & ADVANCES		
State Government Grant	54,338,401.90		Advance to Suppliers / TSGs	3,913,749.00	
NBA Grant	3,598,397.50	57,936,799.40	(As per Schedule-3 Attached)		
(As per Schedule-1 Attached)			Advance to Ex-Employee	150,000.00	
			TDS paid in advance	818.20	
Security From Vendor (Perfect Contractor)		10,000.00	Bank Charges Recoverable	177.00	4,064,744.20
			NOTES ON ACCOUNTS		
			(As per Schedule-4 Attached)		
Total (Rs)		61,731,502.40	Total (Rs)		61,731,502.40

AUDITORS' REPORT

In term of our Separate Report of even date attached
FOR JOLLY ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN- 009290N

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BOARD

Kanwaljit Singh
CA KANWALJIT SINGH JOLLY
(PARTNER)
M. No.- 096915
UDIN : 21096915AAAAAF9997

Date: 22nd Nov 2021
Place: Panchkula

(CHAIRMAN)

W.S.S.
Chairman
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Panchkula

(MEMBER SECRETARY)

Gyanshankar
Scientific Officer
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2021

Particulars	Amount (Rs)	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
To Excess of Income Over Expenditure (carried forward to General Reserve)	1,073.00	By RTI Fees	100.00
		By Sale of Scrap	400.00
		By Admin Charges	573.00
Total (Rs)	1,073.00	Total (Rs)	1,073.00

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Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

[Signature]
Scientific Officer
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Receipt & Payments Account for the year ended 31.03.2021

Receipts	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Payments	Amount (Rs)
To Opening Balance			By Expenditure Incurred	
- HDFC (50100346885672)	12,843,304.00		- Contractual Staff Salary	3,557,676.00
- SBI (30371677667)	101,250.00		- Home Peon	187,301.00
- HDFC (50100072478920)	5,938,700.00	18,883,254.00	- Leave Salary Contribution	281,079.00
			- Medical Expenses Employee	28,246.00
To Grant Received from State Government			- Pension Contribution	597,932.00
- State General Grant		86,998,000.00	- Salary & Wages	4,413,188.00
			- Telephone & Internet Exp Employee	40,112.00
To Grant Received from NBA			- Advertisement	206,480.00
- NBA Fund (IDB Celebration)	200,000.00		- Bank Charges	4,044.30
- NBA Fund Outsourcing/Contract	1,150,000.00		- Children Education Allowance	13,500.00
- NBA Fund Access Benefit Sharing	51,300.00	1,401,300.00	- Commission on Sale of Car	9,900.00
			- Diwali Token Gift	6,825.00
To Interest on Saving Ac		379,381.50	- Electricity Charges	62,828.00
To Security From Perfect Contractor		10,000.00	- EPF Charges (Admin)	1,428.00
To Amt received from suppliers (Refund)		573.00	- EPF Employer Share	7,200.00
			- Freight & Cartage Expense	1,800.00
To Sale of Scrap		400.00	- Fuel Expenses	210,626.00
To RTI Fees		100.00	- Grant Disbursement (Access Benefit Sharing)	51,300.00
			- Honorarium	8,500.00
			- Insurance Charges	29,447.00
			- Interest on TDS	152.00
			- Labor Charges	1,750.00
			- Meal and Refreshment	63,371.00
			- Medical Expense	2,995.00
			- Meeting Expenses	91,085.00
			- News Paper	3,655.00
			- Office Expenses	149,514.00
			- PBR Creation & Training Charges Block Level	7,170,000.00
			- PBR Creation & Training Charges Village Level	26,912,093.00
			- Postage & Courier Charges	12,635.00
			- Preparation Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan	496,800.00
			- Printing and Stationery	646,914.00
			- Prize Distribution	66,500.00
			- Professional Charges	106,200.00
			- Registration Charges	150,540.00
			- Rent for Building	1,109,238.00
			- Repair & Maintenance (Computer)	27,969.00
			- Repair & Maintenance (Vehicle)	45,495.00
			- Repair & Maintenance Office	347,532.00
			- Software Development & Service	13,924.00
			- Stamp Paper	3,020.00
			- Telephone & Internet Exp Office	19,012.00
			- Tour & Travelling Expenses	275,830.00
			- Training Expense	37,111.00
			- Water Charges	9,750.00
			By Fixed assets purchased	618,047.00
			By Refund of NBA Fund (BMC Creation)	1,327,500.00
			By Advance to suppliers / TSIs	3,912,364.00
			By Advance to Ex-Employee (V.S.Tanwar)	150,000.00
			By GST Paid	1,842.00
			By TDS paid in advance	560.00
			By Closing Balance	
			- HDFC Bank (50100346885672)	3,509,162.00
			- HDFC Bank (50100072478920)	1,755,050.00
			- SBI (37711374501)	48,621,986.20
				53,896,198.20
Total (Rs)		107,673,008.50	Total (Rs)	107,673,008.50

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Schedule-1 : Grants Unutilized Balance as on 31.03.2021

Particulars	State Government Grant (Total)	NBA Grant (Total)	Total Grant
A. Opening Balance	12,226,469.20	7,391,982.00	19,618,451.20
RECEIPTS			
Grant Received	86,998,000.00	1,401,300.00	88,399,300.00
Interest Apportioned FY 20-21	260,921.00	118,460.50	379,381.50
B. Total Funds Available	99,485,390.20	8,911,742.50	108,397,132.70
Purchase of Fixed Assets (Capital Reserve)			
Purchase of Fixed Asset	613,047.00	-	613,047.00
Grant Returned / Refund			
Grant returned	-	1,327,500.00	1,327,500.00
Revenue Payments			
Employee Benefit Expenses	7,977,662.00	1,150,000.00	9,127,662.00
Advertisement	70,480.00	135,000.00	205,480.00
Bank Charges	3,867.30	-	3,867.30
Carriage Expense	1,800.00	-	1,800.00
Commission on Sale of Car	9,900.00	-	9,900.00
Diwali Token Gift	6,825.00	-	6,825.00
Electricity Charges	62,828.00	-	62,828.00
Fuel	210,626.00	-	210,626.00
Grant Disbursement (Access Benefit Sharing)	-	51,300.00	51,300.00
Honorarium	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
Insurance Charges	29,447.00	-	29,447.00
Interest on TDS	152.00	-	152.00
Labor Charges	1,750.00	-	1,750.00
Meal and Refreshment	63,371.00	-	63,371.00
Medical Expense Office	2,995.00	-	2,995.00
Meeting Expenses	91,085.00	-	91,085.00
News Paper	3,655.00	-	3,655.00
Office Expenses	149,514.00	-	149,514.00
PBR Creation and Training Charges Block Level	5,310,000.00	2,160,000.00	7,470,000.00
PBR Creation and Training Charges Village Level	27,612,499.00	37,500.00	27,649,999.00
Preparation of Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan	496,800.00	-	496,800.00
Postage & Courier Charges	12,635.00	-	12,635.00
Printing and Stationery	275,853.00	371,621.00	647,474.00
Prize Distribution	-	66,500.00	66,500.00
Professional Charges	106,200.00	-	106,200.00
Registration Charges	150,540.00	-	150,540.00
Rent for Building	1,109,238.00	-	1,109,238.00
Repair & Maintenance (Computer)	27,969.00	-	27,969.00
Repair & Maintenance Office	347,532.00	-	347,532.00
Repair & Maintenance (Vehicle)	45,495.00	-	45,495.00
Software Development & Service	-	13,924.00	13,924.00
Stamp Paper	3,020.00	-	3,020.00
Telephone & Internet Exp Office	19,012.00	-	19,012.00
Tour & Travelling Expenses	275,830.00	-	275,830.00
Training Expense	37,111.00	-	37,111.00
Water Charges	9,750.00	-	9,750.00
C. Total Payments	45,146,988.30	5,313,345.00	50,460,333.30
Closing Balance (A+B-C)	54,338,401.90	3,598,397.50	57,936,799.40

Date: 22nd Nov 2021

Place: Panchkula



Haryana State Biodiversity Board

SCHEDULE-2

Fixed Assets as on 31.03.2021

Particulars	Opening Balance	Addition During the year	Total
Furniture & Fixtures	785,457.00	109,150.00	894,607.00
Office Equipments	618,239.00	352,731.00	970,970.00
Vehicle - Car Honda City	1,144,897.00	-	1,144,897.00
Computer & peripherals	618,920.00	151,166.00	770,086.00
Total	3,167,513.00	613,047.00	3,780,560.00

SCHEDULE-3

Advance to Suppliers / TSGs as on 31.03.2021

Particulars	Amount (Rs)
- The University of Trans- Disciplinary(TDU)	2,410,000.00
- Wild Life Institute of India	1,360,220.00
- Himalayan Institute for Sustainable Environment	138,585.00
- NH Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	3,559.00
- Perfect Contractors	1,385.00
Total	3,913,749.00

Date: 22nd Nov 2021

Place: Panchkula



Haryana State Biodiversity Board

Schedule A

Accounting policies adopted and notes attached to & forming part of accounts for the year ended on 31st March 2021

A ABOUT BOARD

- Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) was established as per the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to protect and preserve the biodiversity in the State of Haryana.

B SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS

- The accounts have so far been prepared on Historical cost convention and cash basis.
- The society recognizes Income and expenditure on cash / receipt basis.
- Accounting policies not specifically referred to otherwise are consistent with generally accepted accounting policies followed.

C SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fixed Assets And Depreciation

- No depreciation has been provided on Fixed Assets.
- Capital Reserve is made against the amount of Fixed Assets Purchased.

Revenue Recognition

- Revenue in respect of RTI Fees, Sale of Scrap and Admin charges is recognized on receipt basis.
- Interest on saving account is considered as grant itself and is liable to be returned eventually. Thus the same is not recognized as income and is apportioned to different grants on proportionate basis according to day wise availability of respective grants in the bank accounts.

Contingent Liabilities

- Liabilities which are material and whose future outcome cannot be ascertained with reasonable certainty are treated as contingent and disclosed in Notes on accounts.

Events Occurring After The Balance Sheet Date

- Event occurring after the date of balance sheet are considered up to the date of finalization of accounts, wherever material.

Prior Period Adjustments

- Prior period adjustments, if material, are disclosed separately

D NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

- 1 Contingent liabilities (not provided for in the books of Accounts)

As on 31st March 2021	As on 31st March 2020
(As certified by the management)	(As certified by the management)
Rs NIL	Rs NIL

- 2 In the opinion of the management, "Current Assets", "Loans & Advances" are approximately of the value stated in the Balance Sheet, if, realized in the ordinary course of business and to the best of their knowledge, provisions for all known liabilities have been made.



- 3 Utilization of Grants (State Grant as well as NBA Grant) does not include the amount recoverable of Rs. 40,64,744/- from TSGs and others. Therefore excess amount paid is shown as amount recoverable under head Loans and Advances in Balance Sheet.
- 4 The interest on saving account apportioned to various grants during the year is as given below-

Grant Name	Amount of Interest Apportioned FY 20-21
GIA State Capital Assets	5,426.00
GIA (State) Environment	12,366.00
GIA State (General)	243,129.00
NBA Fund (BMC Creation)	75,062.00
NBA Fund Infrastructure	242.00
NBA Fund Outsourcing/Contract	3,216.00
NBA Fund SC Component	27,305.00
NBA Fund Translation of Materials, Printing	8,626.00
NBA Fund (Website)	4,009.50
Total	379,381.50

- 5 A vehicle was received by the board from state govt prior to the current financial year which was not booked in books of account of the board that time. Now during the year, the respective vehicle was sold for Rs 1,98,000/- and the sale proceeds were thus considered as receipt of Grant in Aid (State) - General.
- 6 During the year state funds were used for expenses incurred under NBA Fund Outsourcing/Contract and NBA IDB Celebration to the extent of Rs 3.58 Lacs and Rs .56 lacs, after taking necessary approvals from competent authorities. The respective amounts were returned to the state funds after receipt of said grants.
- 7 During the year NBA funds were used for expenses incurred under Grant in Aid (State) General Head to the extent of Rs 39.23 Lacs, after taking necessary approvals from competent authorities. The respective amounts were returned to the NBA funds after receipt of said grants.
- 8 Expenditure in foreign currency and earning in foreign currency are NIL.

Schedules form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

AUDITORS' REPORT

In term of our Separate Report of even date attached

FOR JOLLY ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN- 009290N

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BOARD

Kanwaljit Singh
CA KANWALJIT-SINGH JOLLY
(PARTNER)
M. No.- 096915
UDIN : 21096915AAAAAF9997
Date: 22nd Nov 2021
Place: Panchkula



(CHAIRMAN)

(MEMBER SECRETARY)

W.Singh
Chairman
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

Gopant Singh
Scientific Officer
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD - FY 2020-21**Reconciliation of Grant Balance with Bank Balance****Grant Balance as per Balance Sheet**

State General Grant	54,103,373.90
State Capital Assets Grant	235,028.00
NBA Fund (BMC Creation)	2,041,971.00
NBA (IDB Celebration)	7,600.00
NBA Fund (Developing of Website & Maintenance)	165,964.50
NBA Fund (Infrastructure)	10,463.00
NBA Fund (Special Component)	1,339,805.00
NBA Fund (Peer to Peer Learning)	778.00
NBA Fund (Outsourcing/Contract)	11,719.00
NBA Fund (Translation of Materials, Printing & Dissem.)	20,097.00

Total Grant as per Tally	57,936,799.40
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Add: Security From Perfect Contractor	10,000.00
Add : Reserve & Surplus	4,143.00
Less : Amount Recoverable as on 31.3.2021	(4,064,744.20)

Derived Bank Balance	53,886,198.20
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Bank Balance as per Balance Sheet	53,886,198.20
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Difference	-
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Date: 22nd Nov 2021

Place: Panchkula



10. ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO NBA

FORMAT FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (SBB)/UNION TERRITORY BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL (UTBC) DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21 FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF NBA 2020-21

S.No.	Information required on items/activities	Details			
1.	Name of the SBB/UTBC	HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD			
2.	Details of incumbents of the following posts during 2020-21 (Name, Designation & Tenure etc. & Postal Address along with Phone No./E-mail/Fax).				
2A	Chairperson	<p>Name- Sh. Gulshan Ahuja, IFS (Retd.) Designation- Chairman (From 01.04.2020 to 17.06.2020) Postal Address- SCO No. 206, 2nd Floor, Sector-14, Panchkula Phone No. - 8968633774 Email Id – gulshankumar@gmail.com Office email id: sbbhry18@gmail.com</p> <p>Name- Dr. Amarinder Kaur, IFS Designation- Chairman (From 24.07.2020 to 31.12.2020) Postal Address- SCO No. 206, 2nd Floor, Sector-14, Panchkula Phone No. - 9876251483 Office email id: sbbhry18@gmail.com</p> <p>Name- Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS Designation- Chairman (From 01.02.2021 to 31.03.2021) Postal Address- SCO No. 206, 2nd Floor, Sector-14, Panchkula Phone No. - 9416412800 Email id – ykgarg89@gmail.com Office email id: sbbhry18@gmail.com</p>			
2B	Member Secretary	<p>Name- Sh. V.S. Tanwar, IFS Designation- Member Secretary (01.04.2020 to 31.01.2021) Postal Address- SCO No. 206, 2nd Floor, Sector-14, Panchkula Phone No.- 9813318988 Email Id – vstanwarifs@gmail.com Office email id: sbbhry18@gmail.com</p>			
3	Statutory developments during the year (Details of notifications/rules/orders issued)	Nil			
4	No. of Board Meetings conducted with date of each meeting during 2020-21	<p><u>Two Meetings conducted during 2020-21</u> 6th Meeting held on 30th September, 2020 7th Meeting held on 25th February, 2021</p>			
5	Budget and Expenditure of SBB/UTBC (With concise head wise details) 2020-21	Budget		Expenditure	
		Sr. No.	Head	Provision	Expenditure
		State Budget			
		1	From Env. Dept.	197450.00	-
		2.	09 Grant-in-Aid General	98238122.00	46288130.58

		3.	43 Grant in Capital Assets		
			Total	98435572.00	46288130.58
		NBA Grant			
		1.	Outsourcing/ Contractual persons	1150000.00	1150000.00
		2.	Infrastructure Development of Haryana State Biodiversity Board	2310.00	-
		3.	Translation Printing & Dissemination	371709.00	371621.00
		4.	Developing / Revamping of Website	168076.00	13924.00
		5.	Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees	4950000.00	3150000.00 (2160000 Expense + 990000 Return to NBA)
		6.	Peer to Peer Learning	-	-
		7.	Celebration of IDB, 2020	200000.00	200000.00
		8.	Special component plan for SC	1687500.00	712500.00 (375000 Expense + 337500 Return to NBA)
			Total NBA	8527595.00	5598045.00
			A + B Grand Total	106965167.00	51886175.58
6	Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)	Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 provides for declaration Heritage Sites. The Board is examining and shortlisting various areas in the State which are important from conservation of biodiversity point of view and a case will be submitted to the State Govt. for declaring of such areas as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).			
7	No. of BMCs constituted	Village/ Panchayat level	Block/Taluk/Mandal level	Nagar Palika /Municipality level	Zilla Parishad /Distinct level
7A	No. of BMCs at the beginning of the year as on 1 st April 2020	6204	125	85	21
7B	Formed during the year (2020-21)	-	-	-	-
7C	No. of BMCs at the end of the period as on 31 st March 2021	6204	125	85	21
8	No. of PBRs prepared	Village/ Panchayat level	Block/Taluk/ Mandal level	Nagar Palika /Municipality level	Zilla parishad /Distinct level
8A	No. of PBRs at the beginning of the year as on 1 st April 2020	-	126	-	-
8B	Documented during the year (2020-21)	6204 (Soft Copy)	-	85 (Soft Copy)	22 (Soft Copy)

8C	No. of PBRs at the end of the period as on 31 st March 2021	6204 (Soft Copy)	126 (Soft Copy)	85 (Soft Copy)	22 (Soft Copy)
9	Details of films, posters/brochures prepared on Biodiversity of the State/UT by SBB/UTBC during 2020-21 (If so, please enclose photograph)	Mural Painting titled "Our Biodiversity – Our Heritage" was got prepared. (Soft Copy attached)			
10	Details of legal action taken against any offender(s) under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, if any	Nil			
10A	Litigation /Court cases/Offences (Please mention details in brief)	Nil			
10B	Conducting preliminary enquiry to establish prima-facie an offence (Please mention details in brief)	Nil			
11	Activities of the SBB/UTBC	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected/prohibited	No. of applications under process	
11A	Under Sec.23(B) of the Act – grant of approval for commercial utilization or Bio-survey & Bio-utilization, during 2020-21	Nil	Nil	Nil	
11B	Under Sec.24(1)-Prior intimation received from Indians, Indian Companies/Organizations /Association, during 2020-21	Nil	Nil	Nil	
12	Details of celebrations/Awareness Programmes/training Programmes carried out by the SBB/UTBC during 2020-21 (Photos if any may be enclosed)	<p>Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2020</p> <p>Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the international Day for Biological Diversity- 2020 was celebrated on 22nd May, 2020 with great enthusiasm through first ever online campaign in the State of Haryana.</p> <p>The Haryana State Biodiversity Board commemorated the day by organizing various events online for raising public awareness based on the theme; "Our solutions are in Nature". The online competitions, viz; Quiz, Painting and Nature Photography were organized for school children.</p> <p>An online essay competition on the topic "<i>COVID 19 - A wake up call for safeguarding Biodiversity</i>" was organized in three categories: namely School Children upto 12th Class, College Students and General Public. First, second and third prizes were kept in all the three categories of essay competition and also for Quiz, Painting and Photography Competitions. The Board received entries for various competition as under:-</p> <p>Essay Competition: 95 entries Quiz Competition: 550 entries Photography Competition: 90 entries Painting Competition: 80 entries</p> <p>The participants who scored first three positions in above competitions, had been given Cash Prizes as under:-</p>			

		(in Rupees)		
Category	Event	First	Second	Third
School Students	Essay Writing	2500	1500	1000
College Students	Essay Writing	4000	3000	2000
General Public	Essay Writing	4000	3000	2000
School Students	Photography/ Painting/ Quiz	2000	1500	1000

On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2020, the IISBB had given total cash prizes of Rs. 65,000/- to the winners of the competition.

Awareness was generated through social media.

Message by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana

On this day, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana's message on the theme "Our solutions are in Nature" was got published in leading newspapers of English and Hindi. In his message, Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized the need to protect ecosystem and biodiversity and explained about the special relationship that the two carry between them. The message also conveyed to the people that COVID-19 Pandemic is somehow linked to habitat degradation, biodiversity loss and disease outbreak and therefore, he emphasized to delve upon this year's theme that "Our Solutions are in Nature" to safeguard humanity.

Awareness/Training programs

The people, particularly, Gram Panchayats, Biodiversity Management Committees and Block Samitis were made aware of the objectives/ purpose of the Board and the benefits that will accrue to the society in general and local bodies in particular. Series of Workshops, Sammelan, Video conference and meetings of Sarpanches/ BDPOs and DDPOs were conducted during the period, wherein, they were educated and were acquainted with the benefits that will flow to people through activities of the Board. Meetings were also held at the level of Director (Panchayats) and DDPOs.

People's Biodiversity Registers

In Haryana, 6437 People's Biodiversity Register (PBRs) at the Block/Zila Parishad/Municipal/Gram Panchayat level have been prepared till 31st March, 2021. The 1st draft of the PBRs (6437) has been received in soft copy. TSGs have been engaged to prepare People's Biodiversity Registers by involving local Biodiversity Management Committees vaid/hakims and other institutions at ZP/MC/Block/GP level. 2nd draft of PBRs preparation was in progress during the year 2020-21.

District Level Expert Committees

District level Expert Committee Meetings were held during the year to check the quality of PBRs in different districts.

13	Details of any awards/ recognition /appreciation received by the SBB/UTBC during 2020-21	Nil		
14	Details of any awards instituted by the	Nil	Nil	Nil

	SBB/UTBC and conferred on individuals/ organizations during 2020-21 for conserving Biodiversity & related matters			
15	Any other information	The services of M/s Manocha & Manocha, Chartered Accountants were hired for the Internal Audit of HSBB for the Financial Year 2018-19 and 2019-20.		

Date:


Name & Signature of Chairman
 Chairman
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
 Manocha & Manocha
 SBB/UTBC with seal



11. AUDIT REPORT

The Board in its 6th Meeting approved to get the Audit of accounts of HSBB done from Chartered Accountant. After adopting due procedure, M/s Jolly & Associates Chartered Accountant was engaged for audit of accounts of HSBB for the year 2020-21. The firm audited the accounts of HSBB and prepared the Audit Report and the same is attached herewith.



Jolly Associates
Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To
The Chairman
HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
Panchkula, Haryana

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021, the Statement of Income and Expenditure, the Statement of Receipts and Payments along with Notes on Accounts for the year then ended on that date.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance board in accordance with the Accounting Standard referred to by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit with the Standard on Auditing issued by Institute of Chartered Accountant of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the Board's preparation of the financial statements that give true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.



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Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements, give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India;

- a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Board as at March 31, 2021;
- b) in the case of Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date;
- c) in the case of Receipts and Payment Account, of the transactions entered into during the year ending on 31st March 2021.

For Jolly Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN : 009290N


CA KANWALJIT SINGH JOLLY
(Partner)
Membership No. : 096915



Date : 22nd Nov 2021
Place : Panchkula
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