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Haryana State Biodiversity Board, Panchkula



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To

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2. Director General, AYUSH
Near Youth Hostel, Sector-3, Panchkula
3. Director General, Agriculture
Krishi Bhawan, Sector-21, Panchkula
4. Director General, Animal Husbandry
Pashudhan Bhawan, Sector-2, Panchkula
5. Director General, Horticulture
Sericulture Complex, Sector-21, Panchkula
6. Director, Forest Research Institute,
New Forest, Dehradun
7. Director, Wildlife Institute of India
Chandrabani, Dehradun
8. Director, National Bureau for Plant Genetic
Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
9. Director, National Bureau for Animal Genetic
Resources, Makrampur Campus,
GT Road Bye Pass, Karnal

Subject:- 17th Meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board.

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With reference to the subject mentioned above, please find enclosed minutes of the 17th meeting of Haryana State Biodiversity Board held on 20.03.2026 at 11.00 AM in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar, Chairman, Haryana State Biodiversity Board at Hyatt Centric, Chandigarh for information and necessary action.

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PCCF-cum-Member Secretary
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

**MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF HARYANA STATE
BIODIVERSITY BOARD HELD ON 20.03.2026 AT 11.00 AM AT
HYATT CENTRIC, SECTOR-17 CHANDIGARH**

Haryana State Biodiversity Board

Date: 20th March, 2026

Time: 11.00 AM

The 17th Board Meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) was convened under the chairmanship of Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar, Chairman, HSBB, in hybrid mode on 20th March, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

The list of participating Members/Officers is attached as **Annexure-A**.

The meeting began with introductions. Sh. Atul J. Sirsikar, IFS, Member Secretary, HSBB, welcomed the Chairman and all members and provided an overview of the Board's activities in Haryana.

Agenda-wise discussions were held in detail, and the following decisions were taken:

Agenda Item No. 17.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 16th Board Meeting held on 04th November, 2025.

The minutes of the 16th Board Meeting were presented by the Member Secretary. The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 04.11.2025.

Agenda Item No. 17.2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on Decisions of the 16th Board Meeting.

The Action Taken Report of the 16th Board Meeting, placed at Annexure-B of the agenda items, was reviewed.

The members expressed satisfaction and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 17.3: Proposal for conducting Training/Capacity Building Programmes for re-constituted Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).

The Member Secretary apprised the Board that 85% of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) have been re-constituted as per the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and guidelines of the National Biodiversity Authority. To strengthen their functioning, it was proposed to conduct training and capacity building programmes covering key aspects such as the amended Act and Rules, roles and responsibilities of BMCs, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), documentation of traditional knowledge, community participation, and accounting procedures.

It was further proposed to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible organizations for conducting these trainings. The programmes will be organized on a cluster basis, with about 1000 one-day trainings planned during 2026–27 at an estimated cost of Rs. 70,000–80,000 per programme, to be met from Grant-in-Aid.

The Chairman, HSBB appreciated the initiative and emphasized effective implementation and quality training outcomes.

The Board considered and approved the above proposal.

Agenda Item No.17.4: Review of progress of preparation and updation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR).

The Member Secretary apprised the board that HSBB has engaged 7 Technical Support Groups (TSGs) for the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) and training to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at all local bodies level i.e. Gram Panchayat, Block Samiti, Municipal Corporation/ Council/ Committee and Zila Parishad level. It was informed that the work of preparation and updating of PBRs at Gram Panchayat level has been completed while preparation of 3rd draft at Block/MC/Zila Parishad level is under process.

A detailed status report of PBR submissions was presented before the Board for information.

Dr. Narender Thakral, Joint Director, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department suggested that while the documentation work is progressing well, attention should also be given to biodiversity preservation measures alongside documentation.

The Board was apprised about the mandate and role of BMC vis-à-vis biodiversity preservation. As part of its mandate for biodiversity preservation, the Board can provide support to projects submitted by member departments that focus on biodiversity conservation and sustainable management.

The Board took note of the progress.

Agenda Item No. 17.5: Review of progress regarding reconstitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).

The Member Secretary informed the Board that, as per the provisions of Section 41 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, a total of 6,444 Biodiversity Management

Committees (BMCs) had been constituted in the State of Haryana with the support of the Panchayati Raj Department. The tenure of these BMCs is coterminous with the tenure of the respective Panchayats. Since the elections of all local bodies were completed during October and November 2022, the existing BMCs have completed their tenure. Consequently, the reconstitution of BMCs is currently under process.

Progress reports regarding the status of reconstitution have been received from the respective District Coordinators, and a compiled report was presented before the Board for information. Out of 6477 BMCs at all local body level, 5613 BMCs have been reconstituted. The Member Secretary informed the Board that review meetings are being held by the Board to review the progress.

The Board took note of the progress.

Agenda Item No. 17.6: Extension of Contract period of TSGs.

The Member Secretary informed the Board that the MoU was signed with Technical Support Groups (TSGs) in November, 2020 for a period of 5 months upto 31-03-2025. The same was further extended various times and last extension of MoU was granted by HSBB upto 31.12.2026. During review of the progress in April, 2025 it was observed that TSGs may need more time to submit validated PBRs at Block/MC/ZP level PBRs and proposed to accord extension.

The board has approved the extension of MoU till 30.06.2026.

Agenda Item No. 17.7: Grant of Honorarium to District Coordinators and HSBB Staff

The Member Secretary informed the Board that the task of re-constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in Haryana was assigned to the concerned District Coordinators and approximately 85% of the BMCs have been re-constituted across the State.

The work carried out by the District Coordinators in this regard is commendable and has contributed significantly to the progress of the re-constitution process. In recognition of their efforts, it was proposed to grant an honorarium of Rs. 4,000/- to the District Coordinators including HSBB staff.

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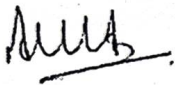
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contribution. Accordingly, it was suggested to prepare a performance matrix to determine the appropriate amount of honorarium for each individual.

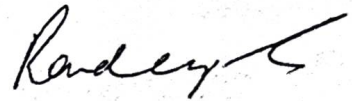
The Board agreed and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 17.8: Any Other Agenda Item with the Permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Atul.J. Sirsikar
Member Secretary
HSBB, Panchkula



Randeep Singh Jauhar
Chairman,
HSBB, Panchkula

ANNEXURE – A

LIST OF MEMBERS OF BOARD ATTENDED THE 17th MEETING OF HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD HELD ON 20.03.2026 AT 11:00 AM

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of Department/ Institution	Mode
1.	Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar	Chairman	HSBB	Physical
2.	Sh. Atul J. Sirsikar, IFS	Member Secretary	HSBB	Physical
3.	Dr. Narender ThakaraI	Veterinary Surgeon (H.Q.)	Animal Husbandry & Dairying	Physical
4.	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Additional Director	Horticulture Department	Physical
5.	Dr. Satyender Yadav	Joint Director	Horticulture Department	Virtual
6.	Sh. O.P Godara	Joint Director	Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department	Virtual
7.	Dr. Kailash Chandra Bhatt	Principal Scientist	NBPGR, New Delhi	Virtual
8.	Dr. Amit Kumar	Scientist - D	Wildlife Institute of India	Virtual
9.	Ms. Nandini	Consultant (Medicinal Plants)	AYUSH, Haryana	Virtual

The following officers/officials also attended the meeting:

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of Department/ Institution	Mode
1.	Smt. Anita, HFS	ACF (H.Q)	HSBB	Physical
2.	Sh. Vinod Kumar	Consultant to Chairman	HSBB	Physical
3.	Sh. Vikram Pal Singh	Consultant	--	Physical
4.	Sh. Niranjana	Manager	Jamna Auto Industries Ltd., Yamunanagar	Physical