



## International Biodiversity Day 2016 Celebrations in Uttarakhand State A Brief Report



Each year 22<sup>nd</sup> May is celebrated as the International Biodiversity Day for Biological Diversity in each of the 192 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2016 is: **“Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihood”** to highlight the issues related to conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

This year various programmes were organised in different BMCs to convey the message of biodiversity conservation at grass root level in the villages with the cooperation of Technical Support Groups for the concerned BMCs. The detailed report of the programme and activities carried out is as under:-

### (A) Programmes organised Under Kalsi Soil Conservation Division, Uttarkashi Forests Division & Upper Yamuna Forests Division, Badkot with the help of SAMVEDI (TSG)

Various programmes regarding the International Biodiversity Day, 2016 were held for various BMCs with the help of SAMVEDI. The programmes were organised for 07 BMCs in different schools involving school children and the villagers/local people. The programme could not be held in Gadoli and Banadi BMCs because of the summer vacations in the schools under their jurisdiction. Specific details of the programmes organised are given as under:-

1. At Baluni Public School, Tilwadi the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day was held for the

BMCs of Dudhai and Misraspatti jointly. 90 School children from Baluni Public School, Tilwadi, S.N. Memorial Public School Bhauwala, SGRR Public School, Bhauwala and Shivalik Academy, Bhauwala participated in the programme besides BMC members, teachers and local people. Dr. Kishore Nautiyal, Director SAMVEDI addressed the gathering apprising the children about the background and the importance of the Biodiversity Day Celebrations. The children took oath for Biodiversity Conservation on the day.

An art competition on the theme “Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihood” was held on this occasion. Prizes were given to the winners as under:-

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|----|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| a. | Senior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Km. Siya Rawat      | (S.N. Public School)   |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Km. Sakshi Bhandari | (S.N. Public School)   |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Km. Jyoti Gupta     | (S.N. Public School)   |
| b. | Junior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Km. Doshikha Pundir | (Shivalik Academy)     |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Km. Khushboo Gautam | (Baluni Public School) |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Km. Famisha         | (Baluni Public School) |



2. At junior high school Timli, the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day was held for the BMC of Timli. Chairman BMC Shri Nafees Ahmed addressed the children and apprising them about the importance of biodiversity conservation. He appealed to the children and the people present to come forward and spread the message. Mr. Ravinder Singh Negi from SAMVEDI also emphasised the need of protecting the forests from fires and the damages caused to the forests by fires. 60 School children from various schools participated in the celebration. An arts competition was held for the school children on this occasion. The prize winners of the competition were as under:-

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|----|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| a. | Senior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Km. Rukhsana | (G.I.C. Timli)             |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Vishal       | (G.I.C. Timli)             |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Km. Farha    | (G.I.C. Timli)             |
| b. | Junior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Km. Swati    | (Junior High School Timli) |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Km. Pooja    | (Junior High School Timli) |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Km. Komal    | (Junior High School Timli) |

In the end the children were given Oath for Biodiversity Conservation.

3. At Govt. Primary School, Syalab, Naugaon, the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day was held by the BMC of Gaul Thakral with the help of SAMVEDI (TSG). Ex-BDC Member, Shri Ranveer Singh Rawat addressed the children and apprising them about the importance of biodiversity conservation. He appealed to the children and the people present to come forward and spread the message. 46 School children from various schools participated in the celebration. An arts competition was held for the school children on this occasion. The prize winners of the competition were as under:-

a.	Senior Group -	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Rahul	(G.I.C. Syalab)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Dheeraj	(G.I.C. Syalab)
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Prem Kumar	(G.I.C. Syalab)
b.	Junior Group -	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Ankush Kumar	(Primary School, Syalab)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Mohit Singh	(Junior High School, Syalab)
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Km. Sheetal Bharti	(Primary School, Syalab)

In the end the children were given Oath for Biodiversity Conservation by Shri Ranveer Singh Rawat, Ex-BDC, Member.

4. At Govt. Primary School, Kharsali, Naugaon, Uttarkashi the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day, 2016 was held by the BMC of Kharsali with the help of SAMVEDI (TSG). Shri Arvind Singh Rawat, President (Rajendra Singh Rawat Memorial Committee Janki Chatti) in his address spoke about the importance of biodiversity conservation. He appealed to the children and the people present to come forward and spread the message. He insisted that if we neglect the conservation of biodiversity now, then the future generation will face the consequences. Other speakers from the gathering also expressed their views about the importance of biodiversity conservation.

On this occasion a drawing competition was held for the school children. 42 School children from Primary School Kharsali, Govt. Junior High School, Kharsali, Govt. Junior High School Beef, G.I.C., Kharsali, Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Kharsali and Govt. Intermediate College Ranapeeth participated in the various programmes and the drawing competition. The prize winners of the drawing competition were as under:-

a.	Senior Group -	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Ankit Kingraj	(Govt. Inter College, Kharsali)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rajpal Kumar	(Govt. Inter College, Kharsali)
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Vikas Chauhan	(Govt. Inter College, Ranagith)
b.	Junior Group -	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Amrit Rawat	(Govt. Primary School, Kharsali)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Anjana Chauhan	(Govt. Primary School, Beef)
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Sanjana Rana	(Govt. Primary School, Beef)

In the end the children were given Oath for Biodiversity Conservation by Shri Arvind Rawat, the chief guest.





5. At Govt. Intermediate College, Bhatwari, Uttarkashi the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day, 2016 was held by the BMC of Barsu & Raithal with the help of SAMVEDI (TSG). In his inaugural address Shri Rajkendra Singh, BDC Member, Raithal praised the BMC members for their active efforts to conserve and protect the forests and the biodiversity of the area. In his address spoke about the importance of biodiversity conservation. He appealed to the children and the people present to come forward and spread the message. He insisted that before taking up any new developmental work in the area it should be ensured that there is no adverse effect to the biodiversity of the region. He said that if they neglect the conservation of biodiversity now, then the future generation will face the consequences. Other speakers from the gathering also expressed their views about the importance of biodiversity conservation.

On this occasion a drawing competition was held for the school children. 32 School children from Govt. Junior High School, Raithal, Govt. Primary School, Raithal, G.I.C., Raithal, Govt. Primary School, Barsu & Govt. Intermediate College, Bhatwari, participated in the various programmes and the drawing competition on this occasion. The prize winners of the drawing competition were as under:-

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|----|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. | Senior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Km. Sonam           | (Govt. Inter College, Bhatwari)   |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Aman Rawat          | (Govt. Inter College, Bhatwari)   |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Km. Saraswati Rawat | (Govt. Inter College, Bhatwari)   |
| b. | Junior Group - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Azharuddin          | (Govt. Inter College, Bhatwari)   |
|    |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Km. Mansi Verma     | (Govt. Jr. High School, Bhatwari) |
|    |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Narendra Singh      | (Govt. Primary School, Bhatwari)  |



In the end the children were given Oath for Biodiversity Conservation by Shri Rajkendra Singh Rawat, the chief guest.



## **(B) Programmes organised by Pithoragarh Forests Division**

International Biodiversity Day, 2016 celebrations were organised by Pithoragarh Forest Division at various places. The main programme was organised at the Municipal Town Hall besides Army Public School and other venues. In all approximately 1100 children from 14 schools participated in the programmes at various places. Children participated in drawing and essay competitions. Songs and plays were also presented by the school children on the biodiversity conservation. Departmental staff and local people also participated in the programme.

The oath was given to the school children on the biodiversity conservation by the chief guest.



## **(C) Programmes organised in Pithoragarh Forests Division with the help of Theatre For Education In Mass Society (TEAM-TSG)**

International Biodiversity Day, 2016 celebrations were held for BMCs of Kuntola, Simalkot, Dharpangu, Jaikot, Himkhola, Malliseem & Majhera with the help of the technical support group TEAM. On this occasion the oath for conserving the biodiversity was given to the school children and the people present. Various speakers expressed their views and insisted the need for conserving the biodiversity. They appreciated the efforts of the BMCs in protecting and conserving the forests and the biodiversity. For exemplary role and contribution in the management and the conservation of the biodiversity various men and women members of the respective BMCs were felicitated on this occasion.



A Drawing and Essay competition was held for the school children under the theme “Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihood”. The winners of the competition were given prizes by the chief guest.



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## (D) Programmes organised in Nainital, Almora & Pithoragarh Districts with the help of SUVIDHA-TSG

On the occasion of International Biodiversity Day, 22 May, 2016 celebrations were organised in Gram Bhorsa, (Dist. Nainital), Gram Matela, (Dist Almora), Gram Chitgal, Jajut and Bans Maitoli, (Dist. Pithoragarh) with the support of SUVIDHA. To spread the message of Biodiversity Conservation among more and more people, poster and essay competition was organized at various schools on “How to generate income from Bio-

resources and its conservation” and “How to protect forests from fire”. Along with this competition program, all the villagers, children, BMC (Biodiversity Management Committee) members and SUVIDHA representatives actively participated in the program on the International Biodiversity Day 2016. The local villagers presented their views on the importance of Biodiversity and its conservation. An oath ceremony was also organized for biodiversity conservation which was signed by all the children, villagers and BMC members present.

#### Detail of Competition at Schools

Date	School Name	Competition	Number of participants	Winner		
				I	II	III
17/5/2016	GHSS, Bhorsa	Poster	39	Sandhya Sharma	Monika Sharma	Bhawana Pandey
19/5/2016	Rajkiya Inter College, Matela	Essay/Poster	42	Renu Chaudhary	Pradeep Shah	Bhawana Kaida
20/5/2016	Rajkiya Inter College, Chitgal	Poster	39	Naresh Arya	Rohit Mehra	Kamal Kumar
20/5/2016	Rajkiya Inter College, Dasaithal	Essay	40	Pooja Mehra	Chandra Mehra	Meera Arya
20/5/2016	Shaheed Kishan Singh Bhandari Rajkiya Inter College, Bans Maitoli	Essay	35	Himani Arya	Neema Bhandari	Sapna Bhandari



On this occasion various villagers of the said villages who have been active in forest protection and conservation were also felicitated.



## (E) Programmes organised in Haridwar Forests Division

The International Biodiversity Day, 2016 celebrations were held in Haridwar Division at the Headquarter in Haridwar. The school children from various nearby schools, local people and the departmental employees participated in the programme. The programme was presided by the DFO, Haridwar. In his inaugural address the DFO gave a brief account of the importance for the biodiversity conservation. He apprised the audience about the growing environmental problems because of the depleting forests and the biodiversity. He expressed and appealed for active support and participation in protecting the forests in order to ensure the sustained availability of various requirements of our future generations. It was highlighted at this occasion that the growing fire incidents in the forests is doing a great harm to the biodiversity, therefore it is our joint responsibility to help forests department to prevent and protect the forests from fires.

On this occasion a drawing and essay competition on the theme “**Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihood**” was held for the school children. The list of winners in the drawing and essay competition is as under:-

### **Essay Competition**

#### **Group– I**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Km. Kajal Verma  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Priyanshu  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Km. Vaishnavi Sharma

#### **Group–II**

Km. Anita  
Km. Vinita  
Km. Ekta

#### **Group–III**

Abhinav Yadav  
Km. Ananya Kukreti  
Km. Surabhi Mishra

### **Drawing Competition**

#### **Group– I**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Km. Vaishnavi  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Arnav Singh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Km. Palak Dhawan

#### **Group– II**

Km. Antara Johri  
Km. Vinita Saini  
Aditya Kukreti

#### **Group– III**

Km. Surabhi Mishra  
Raunak Dhawan  
Aditya Kukreti

In the end the children were given Oath for Biodiversity Conservation by the DFO, Haridwar.

It is necessary to mention that THE GRAPHIC ERA UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN on the initiation of Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board has announced on this day to start a special course on BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION from this year. This course will inculcate the required specialized skill and knowledge to the students to enable them to make strategy and measures to be adopted in times to come to help conserve the biodiversity.