

UTTARAKHAND BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2023

"From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity"



A Report on Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2023



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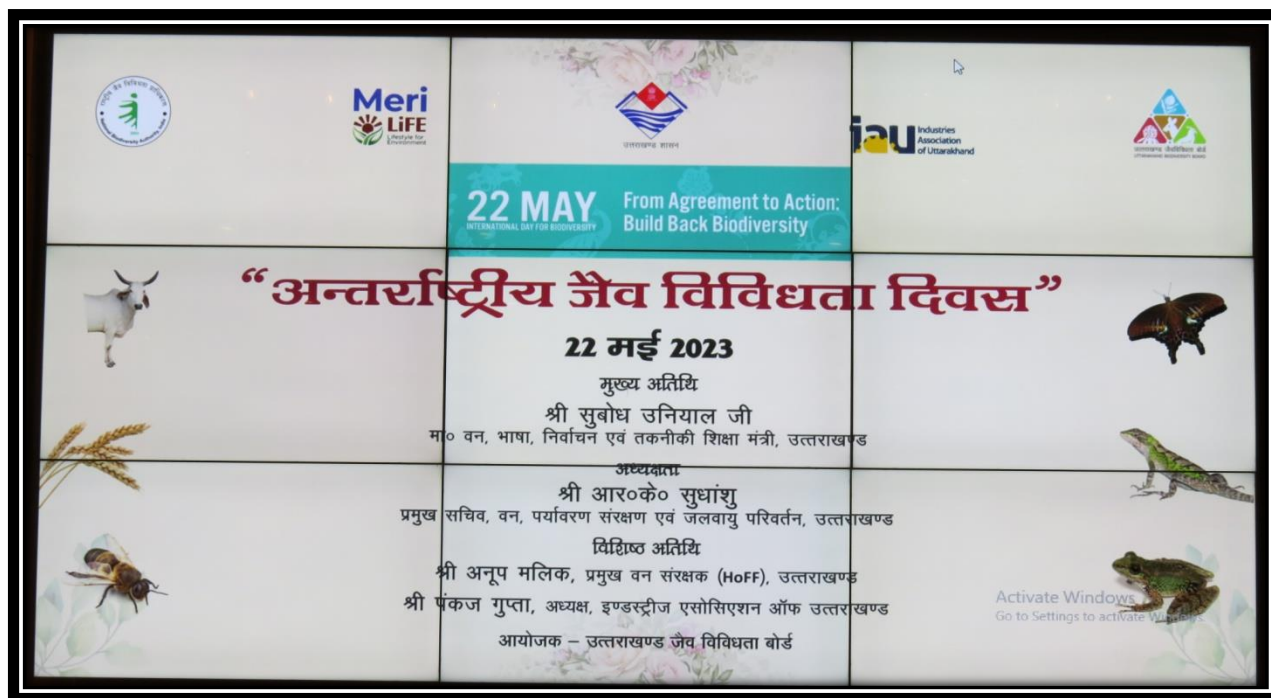


Figure 1: Theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2023

The day 22nd May is celebrated as the **International Day for Biological Diversity** in each of the 192 countries which are party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In December 2000, the General Assembly adopted 22nd May as the International Day for Biological Diversity, to commemorate the adoption of the text of the 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.

Every year, CBD declares a theme for its celebration and the theme for 2023 was **"From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity"**. Although every Biodiversity Day carries its own special significance, this year's global celebrations bring with it a renewed sense of hope with the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15).

To mark this incredible and historic achievement, the proposal for this year's theme is **"From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity"** which builds on the results of COP 15.



Figure 2:(Starting from left) Shri Anil Goyal (General Secretary, Industries Association of Uttarakhand, Dehradun) Shri S.S.Rasaily (Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board) Shri Subodh Uniyal (Uttarakhand Forest Minister), Shri Pankaj Gupta (President, Industries of Uttarakhand), Dr. S. Farooq (Chairman, Himalayan Wellness Company)

Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board celebrates the International Day for Biological Diversity each year focusing primarily on raising awareness among the people on the subject of biodiversity. This year, the main programme celebrating the International Biodiversity Day, 22nd May 2023 was organized by the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board in the auditorium of **Hotel Aketa, Rajpur Road Dehradun**. The Chief Guest of Honour for the occasion was **Shri Subodh Uniyal, Forest Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand**.

The event commenced with an introduction by **Shri S.S.Rasaily, Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board** welcoming all invited guests, companies' representatives, Member of Biodiversity Management Committee and staff of Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board. The special guests on the panel apart from the chief Guest included Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries of Uttarakhand, Dehradun and Shri Anil Goyal, General Secretary, Industries of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.

Shri S.S.Rasaily following the welcome address gave a brief introduction about the background of International Day for Biological Diversity. A detailed discussion was held with the participants on the subject of factors having adverse effects on biological resources and conservation for the sustainable development of biological resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits in the interest of Biodiversity Management Committees.

Shri G.S. Pande, APCCF/CEO, CAMPA APCCF (Planning & Financial Management) suggested that it is necessary to aware local peoples for the use and protection of biodiversity and the industrial units can provide assistance to the local peoples for conservation of biodiversity.

Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries of Uttarakhand, Dehradun addressed the participants and stated that the board should prepare a list of medicinal plants for cultivation so that their conservation can be maintained.

Dr. J.S. Butola, Vice President, Human Healers, Shrinagar, Garhwal, Uttarakhand inform about the efforts being made by him to promote the cultivation of organic resources at the local level. Dr. Butola also explained about the lab test for homogeneity of the species of banned herbs.

Shri Subodh Uniyal, Forest Minister addressed the programme by bringing the focus on the topic of environmental conservation and its effects on the coming generations. He also proposed an action plan in the state of Uttarakhand for the production and conservation of medicinal plants under the Herbal Mission.

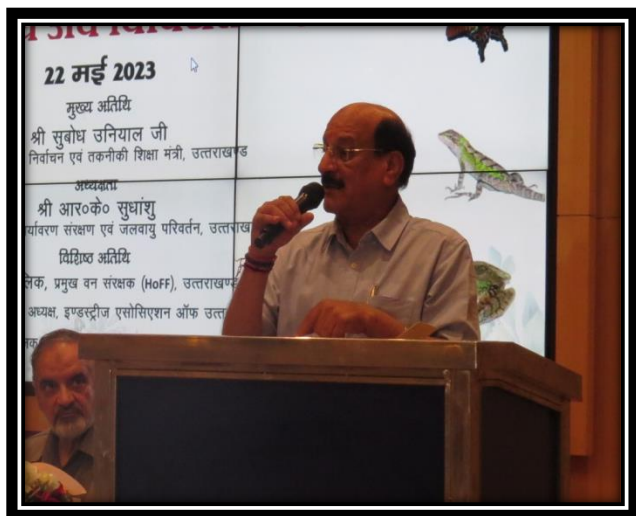
In the end mementos were presented to the chief guests by the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board and vote of thanks given by Shri Komal Singh, ACF (Assistant Conservator of Forest), Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board.

Programme organized under Uttarakhand Forest Divisions

Various programmes regarding the International Biodiversity Day, 2023 were held to convey the message of biodiversity conservation in different schools involving school children and the villagers/local people. Photographs of the programme organized are attached with this report as Annexure.

ANNEXURE -1

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Figure 3: Honourable Speakers of the programme: a) Shri Subodh Uniyal (Uttarakhand Forest Minister), Shri Pankaj Gupta (President, Industries of Uttarakhand), Shri G.S. Pande, APCCF/CEO, CAMPA APCCF (Planning & Financial Management), Dr. J.S. Butola, Vice President, Human Healers, Shrinagar, Garhwal, Uttarakhand



Figure 4: Participants of the programme



Figure 5: Programme organized under Uttarakhand Forest Divisions