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BRIEF REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2019

The Telangana State Biodiversity Board, Government of Telangana has celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2019 at Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium, Nampally, Public Gardens, Hyderabad involving officials of Line departments, Scientific and Research Institutions, Universities, NGOs, research scholars, students and members of Biodiversity Management Committees of Telangana State. Total 450 participants were participated in the event.

The cultural programmes on biodiversity were performed by the team of colours of dance in hyderabad To create awareness on biodiversity.



The Chief Guest Sri. P.K. Jha, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Head of Forest Force (HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana State Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana, Guest of Honor Sri. C. Achalender Reddy, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Director, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems, ASCI, Govt. of India, Sri . Raghuv eer, IFS, PCCF, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Telangana State, Telangana State Forest Development Corporation, Dr. Raja Ratnam, Vice Chancellor, Palamur University, Sri. Kalicharan S. Khartade, IAS, Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board and senior officials from national level institutions (CSIR, ICAR), universities, Biodiversity Management Committee members, Non Government Organizations (NGOs), students, and other line departments participated.



The dignitaries have briefed about the significance of Biodiversity and they have mentioned about the resources which are used by the society for their survival. Also mentioned that, "Biodiversity is the food we eat, the water we drink, and it is also the air we breathe. More than that, biodiversity is part of us, as we humans are part of nature." "From individual species through entire ecosystems, biological diversity is vital for human health and well-being. The quality of the water we drink, the food we eat and the air we breathe all depend on keeping the natural system in good health." The main objective of the programme was to create awareness and understanding the biodiversity of Telangana and India for its conservation through celebration of International Biodiversity Day, 2019.

The dignitaries released a book namely "Telangana State Biodiversity Field Guide of Telangana State" and booklets on cultivated crops of Telangana.



EXHIBITION STALLS

As part of the celebrations, the exhibition stalls were setup on Medicinal plants, organic & Health food items, Agri biodiversity of Telangana State, wild flora, poster presentations on biodiversity of Telangana state by various institutions viz; Pro. Jaya Shankar Telangana Agriculture University, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), BMC of Jheri, Seed NGO, Butterfly Conservation Society, Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Telangana State Biodiversity board, Inner Being, Organic farming and others. These stalls attracted the attention of the participants and dignitaries.

Inaugural of Exhibition Stalls on Organic & Health Food & Medicinal Plants



SIDE EVENTS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2019

On the occasion IDB-2019, the Telangana State Biodiversity Board organized various events before the IDB.

"Photography contest on "Biodiversity & Nature, Slogan writing at Nehru Zoological Park for creating awareness among the visitors of the zoo park, around 350 people visited the exhibition. Most of the children and youth participated in slogan writing.



Painting Competitions on Environment and Biodiversity was organized for school children at Jawahar Bal Bhawan. Total 170 children from different schools and SOS village participated in the competition. The participants were divided into two groups one from class third to eight and the other group from ninth to Inter school.



An Inter college quiz competition on biodiversity for under graduates and post graduates college students was conducted at Saifabad Science College. Five degree colleges each college five students participated in the competition. Lastly some questions on biodiversity were asked from the audience.



To bring people close to nature and environment board organized a one month online competition called Telangana State Global bioquest competitions on biodiversity named questagames. The main objective of this online game on biodiversity is to draw attention to an increasingly important aspect of our daily lives – biodiversity awareness – and aims to engage participants to participate in, learn about and map our biodiversity in a fun way. The Global University BioQuest 2019 was conducted between 1-30 April, 2019. Telangana State Biodiversity Board sponsored the participation of two universities from Telangana State namely Osmania University and Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. The participants actively contributed enormous pictures with the location thus enhanced to the mapping of the state's biodiversity. The contributions included 1,030 sightings and 2,327 identifications resulting in mapping of 241 species. The final results (including all images and locations) are available on this page: <https://questagame.com/telangana-bioquest>.

Many school, college students, professors, research scholars participated in 'The Great Telangana Bioquest'. The top three biodiversity spotters, species identifiers and unique sightings of biodiversity from the states were awarded with certificate and trophy. Bioquest was one of the most popular online game.

As the theme of this year is focused on '**Our biodiversity, Our food and Our health**' so to create awareness about the traditional nutritious food, board conducted an ethnic food cooking competition at National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Gachibowli. In this event the



common man was connected with the traditional as well as healthy food of Telangana State. The competition was divided into three categories namely amateurs, professional chef and students. Extraordinarily wide media coverage of this event created an excellent awareness about the theme of international Biodiversity Day, 2019, and created awareness as well interest in traditional food.





To bring awareness among the common people about the International Day for Biological Diversity and its importance Board conducted flash mob dance on biodiversity at several public places like Lumbini Park and in some famous malls. Common people appreciated the initiative, and the event was widely covered by the electronic media.



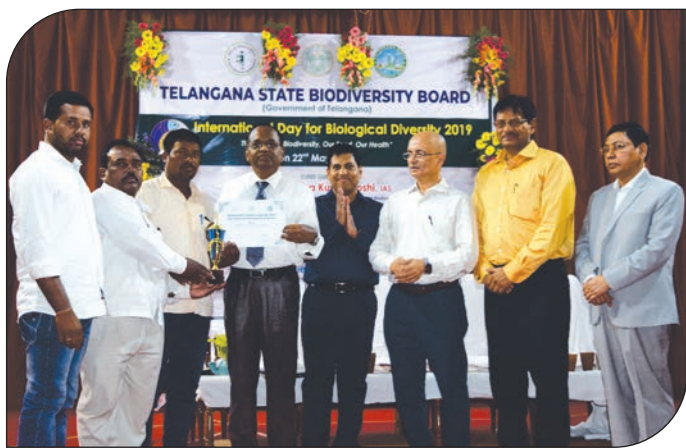
TS Biodiversity Board has also collaborated with FM fever 94.3 Hyderabad to promote biodiversity through RJ Mentions and jingles on biodiversity. The jingles were played for two times a day for a week and on International Biodiversity Day, 2019 RJ mentions was also broadcasted.

All the winners of all the competitions were awarded respectively with Prizes & meritorious certificates on 22nd May 2019 by the chief guest.

The Telangana State Forest Department celebrated the IDB in each district and divisional level involving line departments and all the local staff and created awareness on biodiversity.

To encourage the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) members, board selected 13 Best BMCs and felicitated them with the Award of excellence for Conservation and sustainable use of Biological Resources. All the side events for the celebration of IDB, 2019 and the program on 22 May was widely covered by the print and electronic media.

AWARDS



Best BMC



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Best BMC



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Best BMC



Best District Biodiversity Coordinator
J. Rajender - Nizamabad Dist.



Best District Biodiversity Coordinator
S. Gopinath - Adilabad Dist.



1st Prize winner for Quiz Competition



Winner for Nature Photography Competition



1st Prize winner for Nature Competition



1st Prize winner for Painting Competition



Painting Competition winner (Sr. Category)



Painting Competition winner (Jr. Category)

PAINTING COMPETITION WINNERS

Seniors Category



1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

Juniors Category



1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize



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