

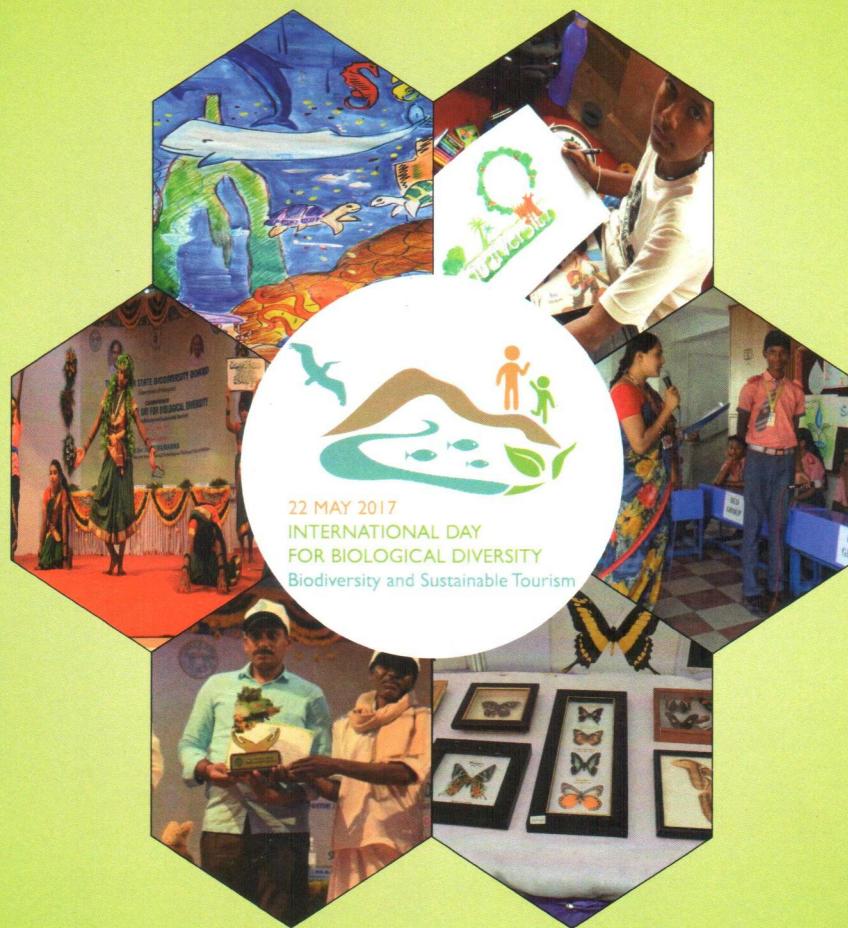


Report on



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 22nd May, 2017

Theme : Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism



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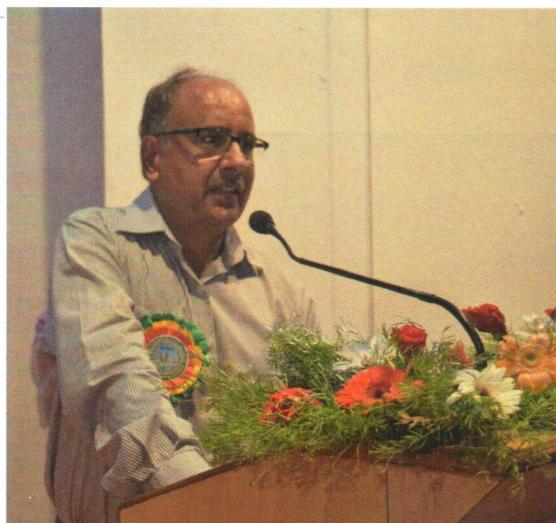
BRIEF REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2017

Telangana State Biodiversity Board celebrated the "International Day for Biological Diversity" on 22nd May 2017 at Birla Planetarium. The Chief Guest was Dr. R. Hampaiah, Ex. Chairman of A.P. State Biodiversity Board. Also, Dr. E. A Siddiqui, FAO consultant, Sri. P. Raghuveer IFS, Director, Telangana State Forest Academy, Sri. Ashok Kumar Srivastava IFS Chairman Telangana State Biodiversity Board participated along with senior officials from national and state institutions. The celebration started with a musical skit in local language on 'significance of biodiversity' by Sri Mohan and group.



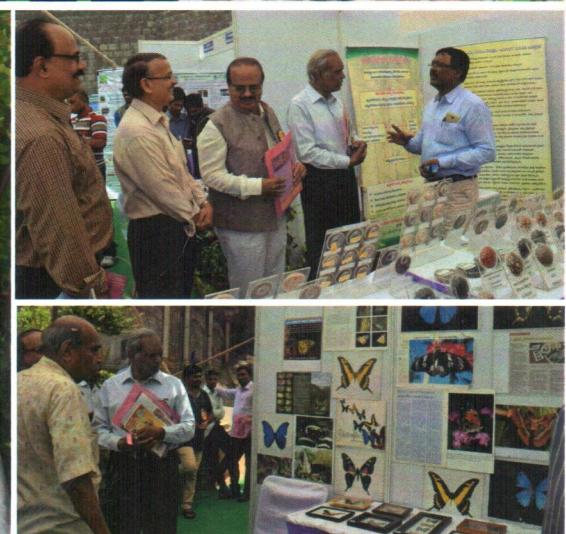
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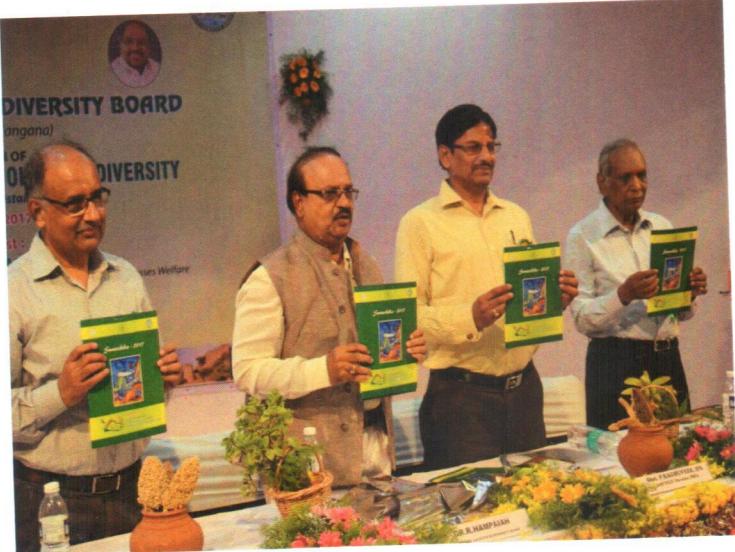
Shri Ashok Kumar Srivastava IFS Chairman Telangana State Biodiversity Board welcomed the delegates and briefed about the Convention of Biological Diversity CBD, importance of the IDB and gave a detailed account of Board activities like registration of telangana cattle (Nallamala Poda), declaration of Ameenpur lake as Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS), and Documentation of Threatened species of Telangana. He also mentioned about activities taken up by TSBDB for celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity. 11 quiz competitions were conducted in different schools throughout the state along with nature Story writing & Painting competition for school children at Hyderabad.



EXHIBITION STALLS

As part of the celebrations, an exhibition on 'biodiversity of Telangana' was inaugurated by Dr. E. A Siddiqui. The exhibition stalls were set up on i. Plant Genetic Resources by National Bureau of Plant genetic Resources, ii. Biodiversity in agriculture landscape by Prof. Jayashankar University iii. Biological Diversity Act by National Biodiversity Authority, Hyderabad Centre, iv. RET species of Telangana State (Flora & Fauna) by Osmania University, v. vulture breeding information by the divisional Forest officer, Adilabad, vi. Flora & Faunal Diversity of Telangana, by WWF (NGO), vii. Farmers landraces of Adilabad by The BMC, Jheri, Adilabad District, viii. Seed diversity of Telangana by College student, ix. Agricultural Biodiversity of TS by Centre for sustainable agriculture (NGO), x. Butterflies of TS by Butterfly Conservation Society and xi. Wildlife of TS by Sri. Devidas Magrani. These stalls were of immense importance to the participants and the school children and were much appreciated by one and all. Free saplings of Medicinal plants were distributed to the participants.





At this event, a brochure on "Nallamala Poda: The Pride of Telangana", along with an album of the cattle fair-2016 was released. A book named 'suveechika-2017', consisting of selected articles from Nature writers competition and selected paintings from the children's painting competition was also released. A video documentary on Biodiversity Management Committee in local language named 'Jeeva Vaividhyam: Mana Sampada -Mana Badyatha' was also released by the dignitaries on the dais. These materials were distributed to all the participants.

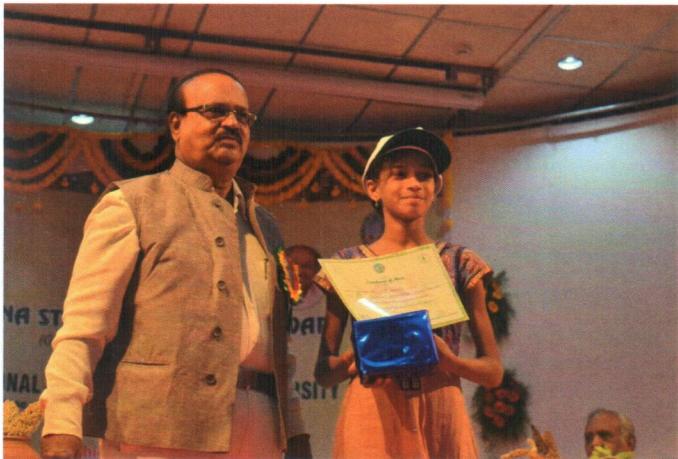
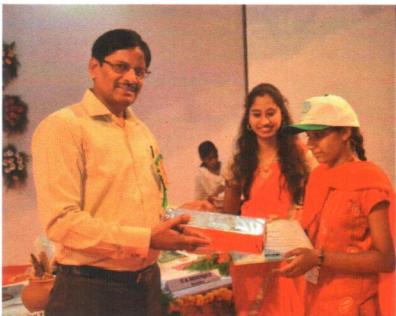


The programme was a huge success with about 300 participants attending from various line departments and institutions like; Telangana State Forest Department, Zoological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, World Wide Fund (NGO), National Bureau of Plant genetic Resources, Indian Institute of Oilseed Research, Indian Institute of Rice Research, Indian Institute of Sorghum Research, Deccan Development Society (NGO), Butterfly Society (NGO), Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (NGO), Osmania University, Central University of Hyderabad, College of Science, Saifabad, Koti Women College etc. BMC members and farmers also participated in the celebration of IDB.

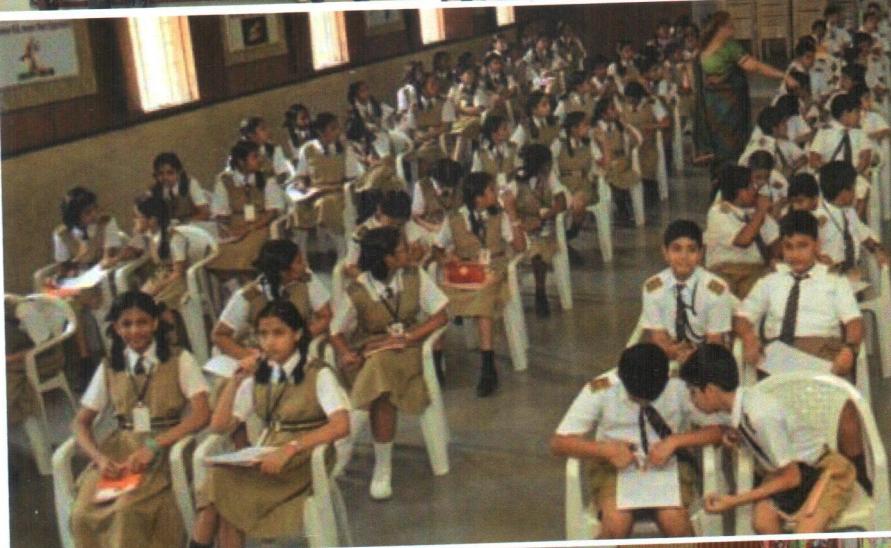
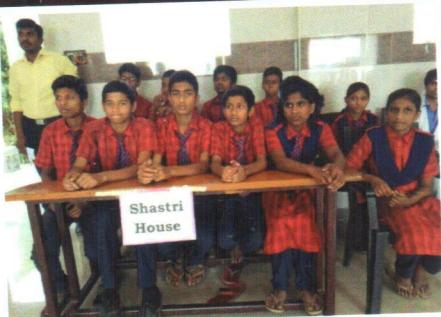


AWARDS AND FELICITATIONS

On the occasion of IDB-2017, the Telangana State Biodiversity Board organized various events like Nature writers and painting competition at Hyderabad, 11 Quiz competition on Biodiversity in various schools all over the state. The competition winners were awarded with Prizes and meritorious certificates.



Quiz Competition



PAINTING AND NATURE'S STORY WRITING COMPETITION



Two outstanding Biodiversity Management Committees namely Duddepudi of Khammam District and Chityal of Ranga Reddy District were appreciated with a certificate and a cash prize each.



Four individuals from different sphere of society performing excellent works in the field of Biodiversity were felicitated with a certificate and memento each.



Two District Biodiversity Coordinators were also appreciated for their outstanding work done in the field of Biodiversity during this year, with certificates and cash prizes.



The celebration concluded with ethnic lunch prepared by Deccan Development Society (NGO), wherein food prepared using local millet varieties was served.





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