



## **TELANGANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD**

### **Exchange Visit by the Chairmen and Secretaries (20 members) of selected BMCs of Telangana**

*From 06-05-2016 to 07-05-2016*

At

### **Korangi BMC of Tallarevu Mandal and Venkateshwara Ayurveda Nilayam, Chintaluru, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh**

#### **Background**

The NBA and Telangana State Biodiversity Board under UNEP-GEF-MoEF&CC-ABS project jointly conducted a comprehensive Exchange visits at Korangi BMC of Tallarevu Mandal and Venkateshwara Ayurveda Nilayam, Chintaluru, East Godavari District, AP to the Chairmen and Secretaries (20 members) of selected BMCs of Telangana State constituted under project for learning the best practices of conservation of biological resources, preparation of PBRs, ABS mechanism, and importance of local seed varieties along with the importance of seed registration etc.

Following are the major events carried out during the visits.

#### **Visit to Venkateshwara Ayurveda Nilayam, Chintaluru**

The team of Chairmen and Secretaries along with the TSBDB staff visited the Venkateshwara Ayurveda Nilayam, Chintaluru. The Managing Director Dr Shreerama Murthy explained the processes of manufacturing various Ayurvedic Medicines. He explained about sources of medicinal plants in that area. He told that the Abs agreement entered with APSBDB

for accessing the Biological Resource from Korangi BMC for access to Biological resource “Adonda (*Coccinia cordifolia*)” seeds.

Then the team visited the local nurseries for understanding the breeding of local varieties and hybrid varieties of horticultural species and values of medicinal plants.



## Visit to Korangi BMC

The team has visited the Korangi BMC of Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavari District. The BMC Chairperson of Korangi, Shri Rani explained about the agreement made with M/s Venkateshwara Ayurveda Nilayam (M/s VAN), Chintaluru. She explained about the Biological resource “Adonda (*Coccinia cordifolia*)” seed were available at river side as weed. Then the BMC passed a resolution for fixing the levy fee as 1000/- per ton.

The chairperson of BMC explained about the utilization of LBF for conducting the awareness programmes, meetings and for purchasing the drinking water dispenser etc. The participants from Telangana interacted with them and had good conversation with them regarding the activities of the BMC.

Then the team has visited local Korangi Sanctuary and seen the Mangrove forest area. The team interacted with the FRO Mr. Rajani Kumar explained about the species diversity available at the mangrove forest.



The visit and interaction with BMC members of these villages have immensely benefited the visitors to gain knowledge on relevant issues.

**The List of BMC Chairpersons and Secretaries visited:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>BMC Name</b>	<b>Mandal</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>No of officials</b>
1.	Veerapur	Bheemini	Adilabad	1. J.Ashok Goud – Chairman
				2. K.Vilas Goud - Secretary
3.	Kotta Lingala	Kamepalle	Khammam	3. P. Nageswar Rao -Secretary
				4. Boddu Arjun - Chairman
4.	Masan Palle	Kalher	Medak	5. V.Gopal – Chairman
				6. U.Narayana – Secretary
5.	Seethanagaram	Guduru	Warangal	7. M. Venkanna – Secretary
				8. Amja - Member
6.	Venkatapuram	Nekkonda	Warangal	9. Vangala Babu – Chairman
				10.K.Venkateshwarllu-Secretary
7.	Bollaram	Gurrampodu	Nalgonda	11.R.Narasimha Rao – Member
				12. R Shankaraiah - Secretary
8.	Kothagudem	Narayanapur	Nalgonda	13. G. Anjayya – Secretary
				14. Ch.Narasimha – Chairman
				15. D.Galaiah - Member
9.	Yerragollapahad	Jangaon	Warangal	16. B Raju - Member
				17. Konda Siddaiah - Member
				18.Tejvatha Kission - Member
10.	Telangana State Biodiversity Board - Staff Members			19. R.Prasad Babu
				20.G.Sateesh Kumar