

REPORT ON INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BMC) –KIRLAPAL-DABAL.

The Biodiversity Management Committee –Kirlapal-Dabal, was inaugurated on 05/11/2015 under the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project entitled "Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions " which will help in implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, in the State

Shri. Sachin Tendulkar, Member, BMC- Kirlapal-Dabal welcomed the gathering and introduced the dignitaries on the dais. The dignitaries were welcomed by offering flowers followed by lighting of traditional lamp. The BMC was inaugurated at the hands of Shri Ganesh Gaonkar, Hon'ble MLA, the Chief Guest of the function in the presence of Dr. Nitin Sawant, Member Secretary, GSBB and Sarpanch, Kirlapal-Dabal. Besides the students of St. Mary High School, Village Panchayats members, BMC members and the locals were also present for the function.

Dr. Sawant spoke on the Genesis of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and conveyed the objectives of the Convention Biological Diversity. He further mentioned about the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project that is working on ABS in India and explained the scope of ABS agreements.

Shri. Ganesh Gaonkar, addressed the gathering. He urged the villagers and school students to support the BMC and also requested the school students and teachers to be a part and contribute in the PBR preparation process.

Subsequently the BMC Certificate was handed over to the Chaiperson and members of the BMC by the Hon'ble MLA. Ms. Trupti Jadhav, Scientific Officer, GSBB and SPC UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project was also present during the inaugural function. Ms. Jadhav briefed the gathering about the functions & role of BMC and guided the BMC on utilization of funds and preparation of PBR.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary of the BMC.



Member Secretary
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