

REPORT ON INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BMC) –LOLIEM-POLEM

The Goa State Biodiversity Board is implementing the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project title " 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. Under the project the Board constituted the Biodiversity Management Committee –Loliem-Polem, which was inaugurated on 23/07/2015.

Shri. Manjunath Gaonkar, Secretary, Village Panchayat- Loliem-Polem welcomed the gathering. Shri. Bhushan Parbhugaonkar, Sarpanch, Loliem-Polem Village Panchayat gave the introductory address. The BMC was inaugurated by Dr. Nitin Sawant, Member Secretary, GSBB, the Chief Guest of the function in the presence of Shri Jairam, Headmaster, Mashem Higher Secondary School, the Special Guest of the Function and Dr. Pavaskar, Physician, the Guest of Honour. Besides the students of Mashem Higher Secondary School, Village panchayat members, BMC members and the locals were also present for the function.

Shri Jairam, Headmaster, Mashem Higher Secondary School, addressed the gathering. He stated that the villagers in the past has united to deal with several environmental issues and urged the villagers and school students to support the BMC. He also emphasised on the need to conserve the habitat.

Dr. Sawant spoke on the Genesis of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and on conservation of bio- resources. He also 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. Dr. Sawant further explained about the scope of ABS agreements.

Subsequently the BMC Certificate was handed over to the Chaiperson and members of BMC-Bhironda by Dr. Pavaskar. 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. She also 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.


Nitin Sawant
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