

Exhibition

On

# **BIODIVERSITY OF INDIA**

From 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2004

## **REPORT**

**Dr. K. Venkataraman**

Member Secretary (*Oftg*)



**NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY**

# 475 9<sup>th</sup> South Cross Street  
Kapaleeswarar Nagar  
Neelankarai, Chennai – 600 041

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# **NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY**

**Government of India**

*Cordially invites you to the  
Inauguration of the Exhibition on*

## **BIODIVERSITY OF INDIA**

*at*

*The National Biodiversity Authority*

*475, 9<sup>th</sup> south cross street*

*Kapaleeswarar Nagar*

*Neelangarai, Chennai 600 041*

*between 10 am – 11 am*

*on September 28, 2004*

*Inauguration by*

**Prof T. N. Ananthakrishnan**

**Former Director of ZSI**

**Shri S. Theodore Baskaran**

**Natural Writer**

*has kindly consented to preside*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Dr. K. Venkataraman**

**Member Secretary, NBA**

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY

*Exhibition*  
*On*  
**BIODIVERSITY OF INDIA**

Inauguration Schedule  
(28-09-04)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
10.00 a.m.	<i>Kadavul Vaazhthu</i>
10.05 a.m.	<b>Welcome Address</b> - Dr.K.Venkataraman
10.15 a.m.	Lighting of the Kuthuvilakku
10.30 a.m.	<b>Keynote Address</b> - Shri. S. Theodore Baskaran
10.40 a.m.	<b>Inaugural Address</b> - Prof. T.N. Ananthakrishnan
10.50 a.m.	Releasing of Posters by Prof. T.N.Ananthakrishnan
10.55 a.m.	Vote of thanks – <b>Dr. K. Venkataraman</b>
11.00 a.m.	<i>National Anthem</i>



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# INAUGURATION



Dr. K. Venkataraman welcoming the Chief guests and Audience



Presenting memento to the Chief guest, Prof. T. N. Ananthakrishnan



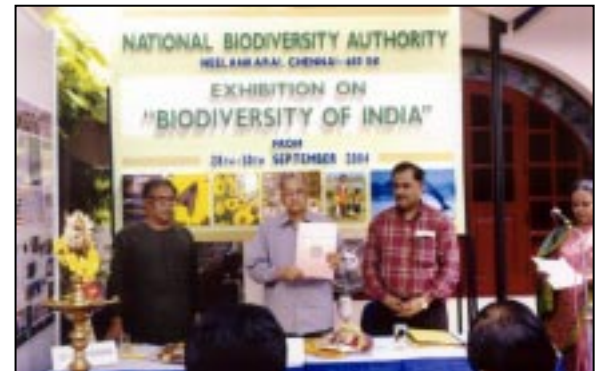
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Prof. T.N. Ananthakrishnan lighting the lamp



A view of school Children and Audience



Prof. T.N. Ananthakrishnan releasing posters

**Welcome Address:** Dr.K. Venkataraman, Member Secretary,  
National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

***Good morning and welcome you all to this inauguration of the three day  
Exhibition on Biodiversity of India***

In this exhibition we have posters on different Ecosystems of India, Biodiversity of Terrestrial, freshwater and marine, the protected areas of the country and the importance of National Biodiversity Authority. The National Biodiversity Authority was established in 2003 in accordance with the Biodiversity act 2002. And the Biodiversity Act 2002 was promulgated in the Parliament to follow up the CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.

India is one of the Mega diverse countries and it is one of the signatories to the CBD convention held at Rio de Janeiro way back in 1992. The important objective of the CBD is conservation, sustainable utilization and equitable benefit sharing arising out of access to bioresources. Keeping these objectives in view the National Biodiversity Authority has been formed and it actually operates in three levels. 1. National level 2. State level and 3. Village level.

The National Biodiversity Authority works mainly on Patents and IPR, Check Biopiracy, mainly to Conserve Biodiversity outside the protected areas of the country, advice Government of India on endangered and endemic species, equitable benefit sharing arising out of access to bioresources and sustainable use of biodiversity.

This is the first major function of the National Biodiversity Authority. So far two meetings have been held to take major decisions on the functioning of the authority. One orientation workshop for state government officials of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry for the formation of State Biodiversity Board was organized. The objective of this three-day exhibition and competitions among children of 22 schools in Chennai on the theme Biodiversity of India is mainly to create awareness among

the school children and public of Chennai. We are planning to hold similar functions in all other states too.

It was felt appropriate to invite Prof. T.N. Ananthakrishnan to begin the activities of National Biodiversity Authority by way of inaugurating this first function. His contributions to Biodiversity conservation in the country are enormous. Since he is known as the father of Zoology in India, one whole day is not sufficient to talk of his laurels and achievements. First and foremost he is a former Director of ZSI, as well as former Director of Entomology research Institute, Loyola College. Way back in 1966-1967 he won the RAFI AHMED KIDWAI MEMORIAL PRIZE for his outstanding research work. He is fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences Bangalore and Indian National Academy. He was awarded PITAMBAR PANT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FELLOWSHIP AWARD in the year 1992. Dr K C Mehta Memorial Award of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences in the year 1997-1998. He won Sunder Lal Hora Medal in the 1999 and JC Bose Memorial award in the 1999-2000. He has also been awarded the Prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru fellowship. He is the author of countless books, of which the basic Zoology book Manual of Zoology Vol 1 and 2, Outlines of Zoology Vol 1 and 2 for the college students are very important. He has also published many books on insect and plant interaction, Biological control of insects, Biochemical basis on insect plant interaction, Bio-communication etc. With these few words I welcome Prof T.N. Ananthakrishnan to inaugurate this three-day exhibition on Biodiversity of India.

Mr Theodore Baskaran is one of the top class naturalist and nature writer in the country. He is also Honorary Wildlife warden and Former Postmaster General of Tamil Nadu. He has contributed to nature conservation by way of writing popular articles both in Tamil and English in leading journals and magazines in India. I welcome you sir for this Inaugural function. .

I also welcome the distinguished guests from various departments: Dr KC Jayaraman, Dr G. Thirumalai, SRS, ZSI; Dr M. Sakthivel, Former Chairman of MPEDA, Dr Ranjit Daniels CARE EARTH, Dr R. Venkatesan, NIOT; Dr K. Rema



Devi, ZSI Chennai, Mr A. Srivastha Dept of Environment, Dr H. M. Kasim , CMFRI and others to this inaugural function.

I welcome the school children who have come to participate in the competition.

**I once again welcome all of you.**

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***Vote of thanks:***      **Dr.K. Venkataraman**, Member Secretary,  
National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

I thank Prof T.N. Ananthakrishnan for his excellent talk on the biodiversity around us and their importance. It is important to know that there is a lot of scope for job opportunity for the youngsters in this field. Hence, he requested everybody to take up biodiversity studies in the country. I thank him once again to come and inaugurate this function.

I thank Mr. Theodore Baskaran for his excellent speech in tamil about the domestic biodiversity around us. I thank him for his excellent talk and presiding over the function.

I thank Dr G Thirumalai from ZSI and his staff, Dr Ranjit Daniels from Care Earth, Dr R. Venkatesan from NIOT campus, Dr K.C. Jayaraman, Former Joint Director, ZSI, Dr Remadevi, Southern Regional Station, ZSI, Dr H. M. Kasim from CMFRI, Dr M. Sakthivel, Former Chairman, MPEDA, Mr A. Srivasthava, Joint Director, Department of Environment, Tamil Nadu and other distinguished guests from different departments of Chennai.

I thank M/s. Deko M. Janakiraman and S. T. Srikumar for their excellent arrangements for the panel board, backdrop and the overall arrangements of the Exhibition.

I thank Ms Meena Chhotroy, Additional Secretary, Mr D.D. Verma, Joint Secretary and Dr R.K. Rai Addl. Director Ministry of Environment & Forests for their untiring support to conduct this exhibition.

Last but not least my Research scholars especially Mr. K. P. Raghuram and M. Nithyanandan who have spent sleepless nights to prepare all these posters

I thank Ms Sheeba my personnel assistant for her untiring work, Mr Nandha Kumar Office superintendent, MBS, ZSI and Mr Karunakaran Field Assistant, MBS, ZSI for their support through out for organizing this function.

I thank Dr Jayashree Vencatesan, Care Earth for her support to this authority and the conduct of this three-day exhibition.

I thank the media persons for their response.

**I thank one and all.**

## Bio-diversity show at Neelankarai

THE HINDU

By Our Staff Reporter

**CHENNAI, SEPT. 26.** A three-day exhibition on bio-diversity was inaugurated at the National Bio-Diversity Authority premises at Neelankarai today.

Ecological systems such as terrestrial, marine, freshwater eco-systems and information on Bio-diversity Act 2002 are on display, says K. Venkatesan, Member Secretary, National Bio-diversity Authority (NBA).

The programme is aimed at creating awareness on the richness and importance of the bio-

diversity of the country and the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests had provided Rs 1.5 lakhs to conduct such awareness programmes in the city, he said.

The NBA was established in 2003 under the Biological Diversity Act 2002. Regulating access to biological resources of the country, to conserve and to ensure sustainable use of biological diversity; respecting and protecting the knowledge of local communities related to biodiversity; conservation and de-

velopment of areas of importance from the standpoint of biological diversity by declaring them as biological diversity heritage sites; protection and rehabilitation of threatened species are the main objectives of the NBA.

Inaugurating the exhibition, T.N. Arumugam, former Director, Zoological Survey of India, said more than a decade ago one was able to sight birds such as the common bee-eater, jungle babbler, and sparrows in the backyards of city houses. But, due to ecological changes they were not to be seen these days, he said.

S. Theodor, Chief Postman, bio-diversity the life forest house. Pro-nouncements on: living birds, insects he provided.

As part of NBA would education at X, XI and XII rns would get Dr. Venka-

The expo was inaugurated here on Tuesday. This is the first time for the recently set-up NBA has organised an expo of this kind to create awareness on the richness and importance of biodiversity in India, the organisers said.

The expo is funded by the 1.5-lakh grant given by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests and will travel to other Indian cities after Chennai. Dr K. Venkatesan, member secretary of the NBA, said.

Apart from the expo, there will also be art, slogan and essay competitions on the

topic 'Biodiversity of India'. The programme will be held in groups, one each for class-8th and 10th students, the other for 11th and 12th standard students of Chennai, Villupuram and Pondicherry. The NBA was formed in 2003,

**India's biodiversity**  
An exhibition on Biodiversity of India will be inaugurated at The National Biodiversity Authority, 475, 9th South Cross Street, Kapaleeswarar Nagar, Neelankarai between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Prof T. N. Arumugam, former Director of ZSI and presided over by writer S. Theodor Bakaran.

## Two-day expo shows nature in all its

Express News Service  
Chennai, September 26

FOR decades of the urban concrete jungle that Chennai has become, a chance to learn about the vast wealth of nature does not happen too often. One such opportunity has been provided by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) which is organising a two-day expo on the various 'Ecosystems of India' to showcase terrestrial, marine and freshwater faunal and floral wealth of the country.

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in accordance with the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Among other things, the authority aims to regulate access to biological resources of the country, to secure sharing of benefits with local people, conservation and devel-

opment of areas of importance and protection and rehabilitation of those species.

The expo will go on till September 30 at 475, 9th Cross Street, Kapaleeswarar Nagar, Neelankarai.



Students looking at posters on display in Neelankarai.  
— Photo: N. Sathyan



Students take a look at panel exhibits at the exhibition on 'Biodiversity of India', organised by the National Biodiversity Authority of India, on Tuesday. The expo is Thursday—Express photo by K. Divyanand

# COMPETITIONS

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004

**Venue:** National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

## List of students participated for Art Competition

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>School</b>
1	B.VIJAY KUMAR	IX E	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
2.	M.THUSHARA	IX A	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
3.	S. BHAVYA	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
4.	C. KAVITHA	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
5.	POOJA KUMARI	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
.6.	S. DANIEL	IX	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
7.	CHETHAK CHANDRAN	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
8.	VISHIKH TYAGI	IX	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
9.	K.HARIKRISHNAN	X	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
10	S. SATHISH KUMAR	XII	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
11	N.R.ANGELA LINCX	XI	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
12	N.SELVASEKARAN	IX	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
13	SUKANYA KALITA	IX	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
14	V. SNEHA	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
15	D. SUDHIR	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
16	A. ASHOK RAJ	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
17	SUPRIYA SHARMA	XI	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
18	K.K. SHIVAANI	X	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
19	S.VIGNESH	IX	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
20	P. BALAJI	XI	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
21	A. PRATHAP	XI	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
22	D. POOJA	IX	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
23	S. GANGA RAJESHWARI	XII A	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
24	S. BHARATH	X C	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
25	SOMNATH GHATUARY	XII A	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
26	ANISHIK MEHRA	IX B	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR
27	ADITHYA HARIDAS	X C	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR
28	ARCHANA KUMARI	IX C	K.V. MEENAMBAKKAM
29	PUSPA	XI B	K.V. MEENAMBAKKAM
30	G. SHANTHI	XII B	K.V. MEENAMBAKKAM
31	K. LAVANYA	XII B	K.V. MEENAMBAKKAM
32	ABHIJEET SAHA	XI B	K.V. NO. 1 TAMBARAM
33	RENU VERGHESE	XI A	K.V. NO. 1 TAMBARAM
34	P.T.VAISHNAVI	IX A	K.V. NO. 1 TAMBARAM
35	A. SHARMISTHA	X B	K.V. NO. 1 TAMBARAM
36	R. MD. MUSTAFA	X C	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI

37	SARTAJ SINGH	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
38	SOUMYA SHARMA	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
39	KHURSHIDA NAWAZ	X C	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
40	K. KEERTHIKA	X	K.V.C.L.R.I., AVADI
41	D. ABINAYA	X	K.V.C.L.R.I., AVADI
42	A. J. KARUNYA	XI	K.V.C.L.R.I., AVADI
43	M. YESODHA	XI	K.V.C.L.R.I., AVADI
44	NEETU JOSEPH	XI	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR.
45	S. NANDHINI	XI	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR
46	B. GAYATHRI	IX	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
47	K. SHYMALA	IX	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL



A view of Children Art competition

### JUDGES

**Dr. K. Remadevi**  
Scientist 'C'  
Southern Regional Station  
Zoological Survey of India  
Chennai – 600 028

**Dr. R Ranjit Daniels**  
Director  
Care Earth  
Chennai

**Dr. Jayashree Vencatesan**  
Joint Director  
Care Earth  
Chennai



## PRICE WINNING POSTERS



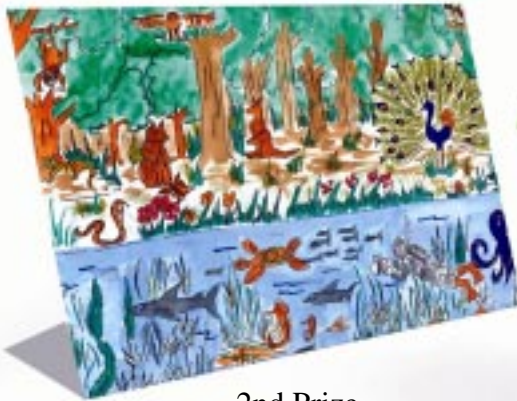
Ist Prize



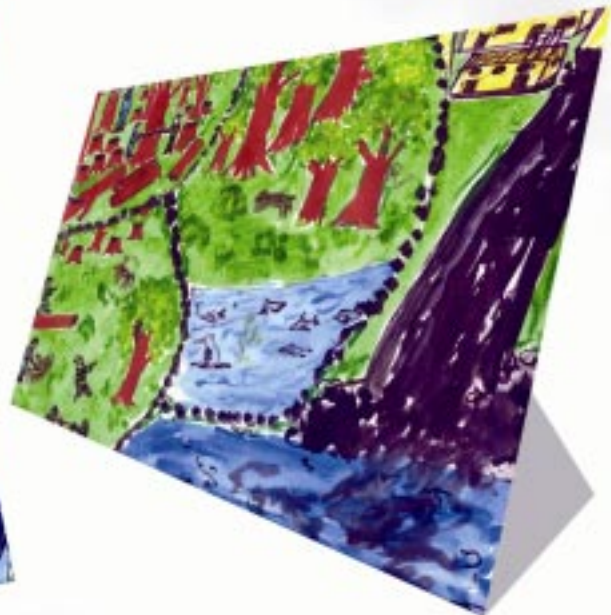
Ist Prize



2nd Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Venue: National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

### List of students participated for Speech competition

<b>Sl.no</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>School</b>
1	P. VISHNU	XI	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
2	SONEY VELAYUTHAN	XII	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
3	R. YADHU KRISHNAN	X A	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
4	T.T. GOKUL	X A	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
5	BETSY RACHEL	IX A	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
6	DEBJANI	IX A	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
7	SHARMILAVATHI	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
8	MITHUN	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
9	YASHIVIKA	XI B	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
10	VINAY KARTHIK	XI B	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
11	NISHANTH	IX D	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
12	ANILA RANI	IX A	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
13	V. SRINIVASAN	IX A	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHAVANTHANGAL
14	R.LAVANYA	IX C	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHAVANTHANGAL
15	BETSY KURIAN	XII	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
16	R. SRINIVASAN	X D	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
17	MRINALINI	X C	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM.
18	NADIYA	IX A	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
19	RUCHI SHARMA	XI	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
20	ADITYA MOHAN	XI	K.V.A.F.S., TAMBARAM
21	BAISAKHY DASH	X B	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
22	E.T. ROSHINI	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
23	J.N. NANDA KUMAR	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
24	POONGUDI	IX B	K.V.GILL NAGAR
25	VINOTH RAI	IX A	K.V. GILL NAGAR
26	MAYANK GUPTA	XI A	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR
27	K.S. GOWTHAM	XI A	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
28	K. SNEHA JOSE	IX B	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR

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### Judges

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**Mr. P. Dhandapani**  
Scientist (Retd.)  
Marine Biological Station  
Zoological Survey of India  
Chennai – 600 028

**Dr. Jayashree Vencatesan**  
Joint Director  
Care Earth  
Chennai



*A glimpse of elocution competition ...*

Date: 30th September 2004

Venue: National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

### List of students participated for Essay writing competition

<b>Sl.no</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>School</b>
1	S. PAVITHRA	IX A	K.V.A.F.S AVADI
2	SUPRIYA RAI	IX D	K.V.A.F.S AVADI
3	M. KARTHIKA	IX D	K.V.A.F.S AVADI
4	JASPREET KAUR	IX A	K.V.A.F.S AVADI
5	E.T. ROSHNI	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
6	K. SUGANTHI	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
7	EUNICE NELSON	IX	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
8	D. PADMASRI	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
9	M. SOMNATH	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
10	ASHUTOSH PRASAD	XI	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
11	PRAVEEN SINGH	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
12	ISHAN MURALI	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
13	SAURABH SINGH	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
14	PRONoy BAIDYA	XI	K.V.A.F.S., AVADI
15	ANIBHA MATHUR	X	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
16	NAVINA RAVINDRAN	IX	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
17	PREETI KATARIA	X	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
18	SAMUEL PAUL	XI	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
19	B. MAHESH	IX	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
20	J. RAJASIMAN	XI	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
21	S. VIJAY KISHORE	IX	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
22	A.G. REGUPATHY	IX	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
23	N. LOKESHWARAN	IX	K.V.H.V.F., AVADI
24	PAUL VINCENT	IX	K.V.C.R.P.F., AVADI
25	S. SARATH CHANDAR	X	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
26	M. MUTHU MALINI	IX	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
27	P.R. SIVADHARSHINI	IX	K.V. ANNA NAGAR
28	K. THARANI DHARAN	IX	K.V. ANNA NAGAR
29	AMRIT OM NAYAK	IX	K.V.ANNA NAGAR
30	M. HARI DARSHAN	XI	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
31	A.S. SAJIN	XI	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
32	B. SOUMYA	X	K.V.I.I.T., AVADI
33	V. SHRUTI	IX	K.V.I.I.T., ADYAR
34	M. HARINI	X	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
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36	A. PRAVEEN	IX A	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
37	R. RAJESHWARI	XI	K.V.C.L.R.I., ADYAR
38	A. PRASANNA	XI	K.V.C.L.R.I., ADYAR
39	A.S.L. SHRAVANI	XI	K.V.C.L.R.I., ADYAR
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41	AVINASH SINGH	IX	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
42	B.VAISHNAVI	IX	K.V.D.G.Q.A.,

			PAZHVANTHANGAL
43	DIVYA KRISHNA SAYEE	IX	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
44	N.J. JAMES	XII	K.V. ISLAND GROUND
45	SACHIN KUMAR	XII	K.V. ISLAND GROUND
46	D.GOWRI SANKAR	X	K.V. ISLAND GROUND
47	MAHESH KOPPAD	XII	K.V. ISLAND GROUND
48	T.R. AASHISH	IX	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
49	R.VIJAI	IX	K.V.O.C.F., AVADI
50	D. SURYA TEJA	IX	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
51	NIRANJAN DAS	XII	K.V.ISLAND GROUND
52	S. HARINI	XI	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
53	J.R. SUBHADRA	XI	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
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55	APURV SHARMA	XI	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
56	NIKHIL MENON	XI	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
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60	B. VENKATA ROHINI	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
61	V. RINI	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
62	NARMADHA	IX	K.V.GILL NAGAR
63	S. GAUTAMI	XI	K.V.NO.1 TAMBARAM
64	PALLAVI PATIL	X	K.V.NO.1 TAMBARAM
65	M. SARANYA	X	K.V.NO1 TAMBARAM
66	S. SUGANYA	X	K.V.NO.1 TAMBARAM
67	S. GOVINDARAJAN	X	K.V.NO TAMBARAM
68	ANJALI MISHRA	XII	K.V.NO.1 TAMBARAM
69	JUDITH MIZBAH	XII	K.V.NO.1 TAMBARAM
70	SWETHA SHARMA	XI	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
71	D. KALPANA	XI	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
72	K. SRIVIDHYA	XI	K.V.D.G.Q.A., PAZHVANTHANGAL
73	ASHWIN GAUTAM	IX	K.V.ASHOK NAGAR
74	D. GIRISH	IX	K.V. ASHOK NAGAR

### JUDGES

**Dr. D. B. James**

Scientist (Retd.)  
Central Marine Fisheries  
Research Institute  
Mandapam

**Dr. G. Thirumalai**

Scientist 'E'  
Southern Regional Station  
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## *Essay Competition*



# **NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY**

**Government of India**

*Cordially invites you to the  
Valedictory function of the Exhibition on  
**BIODIVERSITY OF INDIA***

*at*

*The National Biodiversity Authority  
475, 9<sup>th</sup> south cross Street  
Kapaleeswarar Nagar  
Neelankarai, Chennai 600 041*

*between 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm  
on September 30, 2004*

*Valedictory address  
by*

**Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan**

**Vice-Chancellor  
Mother Teresa Women's University  
Kodaikanal**

**Prof. L. Kannan DSc**

**Director – Research  
Annamalai University**

*has kindly consented to preside*

**Dr. K. Venkataraman**

**Member Secretary**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY

***Exhibition***

***On***

**BIODIVERSITY OF INDIA**

Valedictory Function  
(30-09-04)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
3.30 p.m.	<b><i>Kadavul Vaazhthu</i></b>
3.35 p.m.	<b><i>Welcome Address</i></b> - Dr.K. Venkataraman and Felicitations to the Chief guests
3.40 p.m.	<b><i>Biodiversity of India</i></b> - <b><i>Prof.. L. Kannan</i></b> Director-Research Annamalai University
3.50 p.m.	Prize Distribution by <b><i>Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan</i></b> Vice Chancellor Mother Teresa Women's University Kodaikanal
4.00 p.m.	<b><i>Valedictory Address</i></b> - <b><i>Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan</i></b> Vice Chancellor Mother Teresa Women's University Kodaikanal
4.20 pm	<b><i>Feed back</i></b> - <i>Student</i> <i>Teacher</i>
4.30 p.m.	<b><i>Vote of thanks</i></b> - <i>Dr. K. Venkataraman</i>
4.35 p.m.	<b><i>National Anthem</i></b>



# Valedictory



A school girl Garlanding and presenting memento to the Chief guest Prof. L. Kannan

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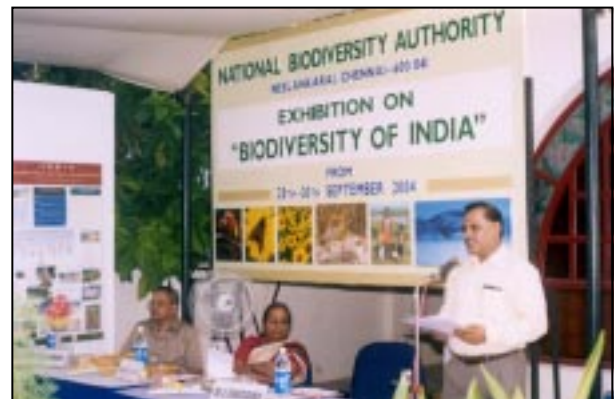
Ms. Sheeba presenting memento to the Judges



Ms. Sheeba presenting memento to the Judges



Chief Guest distributing prizes, certificates to the winners



Vote of thanks by Dr. K. Venkataraman

## VALEDICTORY

**Welcome address: Dr. K. Venkataraman, Member Secretary**

*Good Evening to you all and Welcome to this Valedictory Function of this three day Exhibition on “Biodiversity of India” and Art, Elocution and Essay competition on Biodiversity of India. Presentation of Wildlife Movies of India to School Children and public of India.*

In this Exhibition We have made

1. Posters on Ecosystems of India
2. Biodiversity
3. Threats, Protected areas and National Biodiversity Authority

India is one of the Mega diverse countries and it is one of the signatories to the CBD convention held at Rio de Janeiro way back in 1992. The important objective of the CBD is conservation, sustainable utilization and equitable benefit sharing arising out of access to bioresources. Keeping these objectives in view the National Biodiversity Authority has been formed and it actually operates in three levels. 1. National level 2. State level and 3. Village level.

The National Biodiversity Authority works mainly on Patents and IPR, Check Biopiracy, mainly to Conserve Biodiversity outside the protected areas of the country, advice Government of India on endangered and endemic species, equitable benefit sharing arising out of access to bioresources and sustainable use of biodiversity.

***THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR FUNCTION OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY***

Two meetings of the Authority were conducted to take decision on various aspects of function of National Biodiversity Authority. One workshop on Orientation of State Biodiversity Board for Tamil Nadu and Pondichery was conducted. National Biodiversity Authority also contributes to Gender issues and Traditional Knowledge of Tribals.

It was felt appropriate to invite Dr Anadhavalli Mahadevan, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal to this first function of National Biodiversity Authority recognizing her contributions to Biodiversity conservation in our country in many ways.

She started her research carrier in the rivers and ponds- Her Ph.D Thesis is on “Biological and Physico-chemical indicator of pollution water in and around Madurai.



She has a variety of interests on Research. I will just list some of them to you all.

1. Future studies
2. EIA
3. Environment Education and Women Studies.

She has published several books, conducted Research Projects and Awareness programmes. Above all she was awarded Best Scientist Award by “TANSA- 2000”. for social sciences by Tamil Nadu State commission of Science & Technology

“Arivial Tamil Aryvalar” Virudu; Thirukural Kazhakathin “Thirukural Selvi” virudu

She has also received laurels from abroad: She is USIS visiting fellow,

- Chair India Node of Malaysian Countries
- Chair India Node of American Countries

She is also “International Planning Committee Member”. Other than this she has visited many foreign countries. Participated in more than 100 National and International seminars and organised many seminars.

She was “Special Offer” for Madurai Kamaraj University, Syndicate Member” Alagappa University; President, Rotary Club of Madurai South and also Secretary in Palkalai Nagar School.

With these few words I welcome Dr Anadhavalli Mahadevan.

**Prof. L. Kannan** is Internationally renowned Marine Biologist. He has completed his Ph.D at Annamalai University. He is a very good teacher – taught for more than 30 years in the University with 27 years of Research experience.

He has guided 24 PhD and 13 MPhil students. He has got many laurels to his credit.

- First of all he is our Non Official Member of National Biodiversity Authority
- Expert Member of CBD
- INSA Award, UGC consist Expert committee Member.
- National Environment Science Academy Award.
- Dr. Gurusamy Mudaliar Environment Protection Award
- He is Member in many Academic Committees

And he has visited 16 countries.

With these few words I Welcome Prof. L. Kannan to this valedictory function.

I welcome the distinguished guests from various departments:

Dr G Thirumalai from Southern Regional Station, ZSI and his staff, Dr P Krishnamoorthy, from Marine Biological Station, Zoological Survey of India and his staff, Dr Kasim and Dr Vivekanandan from CMFRI, DR DB James from CMFRI, Dr Remadevi, Dr Indra from SRS, ZSI.

The students and teachers to the today's competition, the prizewinners, the neighbours and the public

I welcome all of you to this valedictory function.

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**Vote of thanks: Dr. K. Venkataraman, Member Secretary**

I thank Dr Anadhavalli Mahadevan, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, She gave an excellent talk on biodiversity conservation, sustainable utilisation and equitable benefit sharing. She made us to know how to love the animals around us by telling a story from the Sangam literature. She wanted the traditional people as non-formal members of National Biodiversity Authority. She expressed her view that the taxonomists are endangered and we should produce more taxonomists in the country.

Prof. L. Kannan, Annamalai University spoke on the total biodiversity of India, their values, threat, conservation and the importance of National Biodiversity Authority.

I thank him on behalf of National Biodiversity Authority.

I thank the guests from different offices of Chennai

Dr G Thirumalai from Southern Regional Station, ZSI and his staff, Dr P Krishnamoorthy, from Marine Biological Station, Zoological Survey of India and his staff, Dr Kasim and Dr Vivekanandan from CMFRI, DR DB James from CMFRI, Dr Remadevi, Dr Indra from SRS, ZSI, and others

I thank the Judges for the competitions who have evaluated the competitions

1. Mr. P. Dhandapani, Scientist (Retd.), ZSI
2. Dr. D. B. James, Sr scientist (Retd.), CMFRI
3. Dr. G.T. Thirumalai, Scientist & Officer in charge
4. Dr. R. Ranjit Daniels, Director, Care Earth
5. Dr. K. Remadevi, Scientist, ZSI
6. Dr. Jayashree Venkatesan, Care Earth

I thank Ms Meena Chhotroy, Additional Secretary, Mr D.D. Verma, Joint Secretary and Dr R.K. Rai, Additional Director for their support from Ministry of Environment & Forests

I thank Dr. Jeyashree Vencatesan for her support to this function in various aspects to make this function successful

I thank Ms. Sheeba my PA for her untiring work to make this function successful

I thank my PhD Research Scholars Mr. K. P. Raghuram and M. Nithyanandan who have spent sleepless night to prepare the posters and make this function successful.

I thank the media persons for their full support to cover this function and inform the public about the merits of the exhibition.

I thank my ZSI colleagues Mr Nandakumar and Mr Karunakaran who were running through out the show to arrange everything to make this function successful I place on record my sincere thanks to them

My thanks are also due to the Asst. Commissioner, KV Southern circle, the Education officer Mr Puri and Mr Thirunavukarasu, The CLRI Principal and all the other principals of KV schools in Chennai, Pondi and Villupuram for their support throughout the function.

Last but not least the younger generation and future of India – the school children for their support in spite of hardship in reaching this remote place.

**Thanks to you all**

## List of Charts displayed

1. Ecosystems of India
2. Wetland Ecosystems
3. Mountain Ecosystems
4. Forest Ecosystem
5. Desert Ecosystem
6. Marine Ecosystem
7. Mangrove Ecosystem
8. Coral Reef Ecosystem
9. Status of Coral Reefs of India
10. Biodiversity of India
11. Floral Diversity of India
12. Marine Invertebrates  
Diversity
13. Corals of India
14. Mushroom corals of India
15. Marine Shells
16. Marine Zooplankton
17. Echinoderms of India
18. Squids and Cuttlefishes of India
19. Insect Diversity of India
20. Marine Vertebrates of India
21. Pelagic Sharks of India
22. Birds diversity of India
23. Threats to Biodiversity
24. Commercial Shrimps and Prawns
25. Elephant Vs Man
26. Tiger crisis
27. Biodiversity Act 2002
28. Biodiversity Act 2002, Salient provisions



Above: Biodiversity posters, Top: Ecosystems of India





School children having a look at the posters



Chief guests having a look at the posters



School children and College girls at the exhibition

## Feed back

From,  
Er.S.Krishnaswami, B.E., A.M.I.E.,  
Chief Engineer,(Retd)  
(Agricultural Engineering Dept)

Date 1-10-04,  
56.Sri Kapaleeswarar Nagar,  
Neelankarai,  
Chennai 600041.

Dear Dr.Venkataraman,

I had an opportunity to visit your wonderful exhibition on Bio-Diversity held at Neelankarai from Sept.28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.All the Eco systems of this country were displayed with enough and more Statistics with wonderful color photos. The display was just wonderful and Excellent.

While appreciating the wonderful display I could understand the time and handwork, which had gone into this display. The exhibition is more timely particularly in the present Scenario of the country.

In this connection I have a suggestion that it would be more appropriate if this Bio Diversity Exhibition is arranged in all the cities of Tamilnadu particularly in the coastal areas.

I would like to place on record my appreciation of the Exhibition and all the efforts taken by the experts who were involved in making the exhibition a grand success. My congratulations to you and your team.

With Best Wishes,

Yours,

  
(S.Krishnaswami)

# V I S I T O R S

Date	Name & Address	Contact Nos.	Remarks
29/9/04	P. Vijayarajasekaran, Yoga Teacher K.V.S.T.T., Chennai - 36.		The Programme was well organised. The display of the Pillars were quite informative & enlightening. Time schedule was carefully planned. People were really warm & receptive. Quite a good exposure to a new subject.
29.9.04	G. Srinivasan, Srinivasan University, 22, Singaperumal Street, Chennai.	9444166787	Quite informative & educative. Should have to be exhibited nation- wide.
29.09.07.	S. DADARAJAN. Joint Director Agriculture 136. KUTADAN ST. Annai Indira Nagar. Velachay. Chennai 600042.	22435765.	NBA has exhibited the creativity & diversity. Bio diversity is indeed a subject which all people should understand & act sensibly. The efforts of NBA in educating the public on biodiversity is laudable. <del>X</del> Congratulations.

# V I S I T O R S

Date	Name & Address	Contact Nos.	Remarks
29/9/04	Mr. Jebasingh Jothi 982, PPH. Road Krishna Apts Apts Ch-84	26402323	Very informative
29.9.04	P-SRIDHARAN/TGT BIO Kendriya Vidyalaya - <del>the</del> <sup>Ch-54</sup> <i>P. Sridharan</i>	26385867	Noble attempt in the right direction to make Biodiversity ACT to act.
29/09/04	THE NATURE TRUST 22/14, MADURAI ST, EAST TAMBARAM CHENNAI-59 600 059 <i>P. Sridharan</i>	22393959	wonderful I should thank 'HINDU' newspaper to know about NBA after <del>my</del> <sup>my</sup> study today's article <del>my</del> <sup>we</sup> care to know that there is an <del>office</del> <sup>office</sup> functioning for Biodiversity and the Impulse Issue which should be addressed very much in urgent. <i>S. Sridharan</i>