

It is well established that human well-being depends on biological diversity and ecosystem and the goods and services they provide. India has a deep rooted conservation ethos and over decades has generated several models of biodiversity governance. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, during India's presidency of the Eleventh Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted an innovative mechanism for collating good practices from across the country. The first India Biodiversity Awards were jointly announced by the Ministry and UNDP India in 2012 at the high level segment of the Eleventh meeting of Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to recognise and honour outstanding models of biodiversity governance at the grassroots level. Following its success, the second India Biodiversity Awards were announced in May, 2014, at the International Day for Biological Diversity. Over 300 good cases of biodiversity governance have been gathered from these two rounds. The winners were selected by an eminent jury based on the effectiveness of the cases in terms of biodiversity outcomes, livelihood improvement, stakeholder participation, impact on biodiversity policy and programmes, and institutional design.



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**INDIA
BIODIVERSITY
AWARDS
2016**



**RECOGNIZING
CHAMPIONS OF
BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION
IN INDIA**

India is a megadiverse country and is home to nearly 8 percent of the world's total species of plants and animals. An estimated 45,000 plants and 91,000 animal species have been recorded in the country so far. It houses four of the 34 global biodiversity hotspots: the Himalaya, the Indo-Burma region, the Western Ghats-Sri Lanka, and the Sundaland. India is also an acknowledged centre of crop diversity and harbours hundreds of varieties of crop plants such as rice, maize, millets etc.



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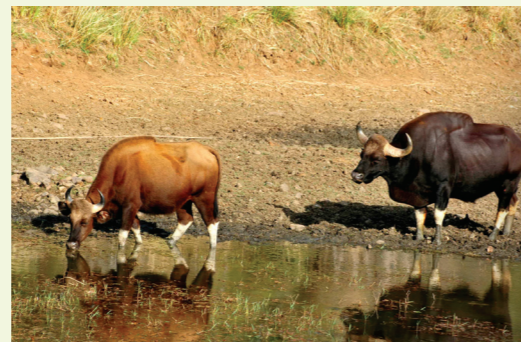
AWARD CATEGORIES 2016

The categories for the India Biodiversity Award 2016 are aligned with the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, to incentivize stakeholders in the effective implementation of the Act. The categories are as follows:

Category 1

CONSERVATION OF THREATENED SPECIES

Conservation efforts by individuals and institutions that have led to protection, management and restoration of habitats and population recovery resulting in significant reduction in the threat level to at-risk wild and domesticated species.



Category 2

SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Efforts resulting in sustainability of resources, best practices for their sustainable use that integrate empowerment of weaker sections of communities.

Category 3

SUCCESSFUL MECHANISMS/ MODELS FOR ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING

Efforts resulting in equitable sharing of benefits (monetary and/ or non-monetary) arising from the utilization of bio-resources and associated traditional knowledge and practices.



Category 4

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Recognising efforts on establishing best practices for conservation and sustainable use by documentation of biological resources integrating traditional knowledge; generating awareness, and ensuring access and benefit sharing.

Winner : ₹ 1,00,000

Runner-up : ₹ 50,000

Last date : 24 October, 2015

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