

T.F.R.I organized two days National workshop on Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Two days National workshop "**Biological Diversity Act 2002, India: Constraints & Opportunities for Scientific Communities**" was organized at Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur from 19 - 20th March, 2015. Eminent dignitaries - Dr. R. G. Soni, Former-member secretary MP State Biodiversity Board, Bhopal, Dr. G. Krishnamurthy, Director SFRI, Jabalpur, Dr. U Prakasham, APCCF & Director TFRI, Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR, TFRI, Dr. S.D. Upadhyay, Professor, JNKVV, Jabalpur and Dr. N.N. Pathak, Professor, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Dr. P. K. Singhal, Professor, RDVV, Jabalpur, Dr. N. Roy Choudhary, Scientist –G, TFRI, Dr. N. Kulkarni, Scientist – G, TFRI, many other scientists, lecturers and researchers from different research institutes and colleges of the country participated in the workshop.

At the outset, Dr. U Prakasham, APCCF & Director TFRI welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Rajesh Gopal, Secretary General Global Tiger Forum, New Delhi and Guest of Honour, Dr. P.K. Shukla, Retd. PCCF, MP Forest Department and Former Director, TFRI by presenting the floral bouquets and the programme was started by lighting the lamp by the distinguished dignitaries.



Dr. U. Prakasham welcomed the guests at the inaugural ceremony of the workshop. He briefed about the background of the Biodiversity act and its inception. Dr. Sanjay Singh briefed the august gathering about the technical programme.

Dr. P.K. Shukla, the Guest of Honour, highlighted the importance of Biological Diversity Act: 2002. He informed the house that until the Biodiversity act was passed, the access to biological resources for research and commercial utilization including IPR was unregulated domain in India. Biodiversity Act provided a legal framework to safeguard biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge for research purposes through due process.



While making his deliberation, Dr. Rajesh Gopal, the Chief Guest informed the house that the Biological diversity act, 2002 was enacted on 5th Feb 2003 by Government of India to realize the objectives enshrined in United Nation Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), which recognized the sovereign rights of the states to use their own biological resources. The Act aims at the conservation of biological resources and associated knowledge as well as facilitating their access in a sustainable manner. It was followed by Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 which came in force on 15th April 2004.

A book entitled “**Familiarizing with Biodiversity: Notes on Systematic of Plant and Insects**” was also released during the inaugural ceremony by the chief guest, the guest of honor, Director TFRI and other dignitaries.



The workshop comprised of four technical sessions followed by panel discussion and valedictory session. The first session was chaired by Dr. P.K. Shukla and in this session Dr. Rajesh Gopal delivered keynote address on *Origin evolution and need of biological diversity act 2002* the second speaker of the session Dr. R.G. Soni talked about *Biological diversity act (2002): Regulation on access to biodiversity* in his keynote address.

Second session was chaired by Dr. G. Krishnamurthy, in his keynote address the speaker of the session Dr. R.G. Soni talked about the *Role of national and state biodiversity boards: duties & responsibilities* and the second speaker of the session was Shri Babu Lal Dahiya, Member Biodiversity Board he presented his keynote address on *Biodiversity management committee & their role under Biological diversity act (2002)*.

Third session was chaired by Dr. S.D. Upadhyay. The speaker of the session Prof. P.K. Singhal presented a keynote address on *Provisions of Biological diversity act as applicable to scientific research*. The second speaker of the session Dr. R.G. Soni presented a keynote address on *Modalities for acquiring and in-house transit of biological samples*.

Forth session was chaired by Dr. N. Roychoudhary. The speaker of the session Dr. Dinesh Kumar Bisen, IRS (C & S), Deputy Commissioner presented a keynote address on *Laws and convection governing international transit of biological material and Modalities for international transit of biological material*.

Panel discussion session was coordinated by Dr. N.N. Pathak and the theme of this session was *Biological diversity act (2002): Duties, Responsibilities and expectations from the scientific community for enforcement of biological diversity act*. Dr. R. G. Soni, Former-member secretary MP State Biodiversity Board, Bhopal, Dr. G. Krishnamurthy, Director SFRI, Jabalpur, Dr. U Prakasham, APCCF & Director TFRI, Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR, TFRI, Dr. S.D. Upadhyay, Professor, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Dr. P. K. Singhal, Professor, RDVV, Jabalpur, Dr. N. Roy Choudhary, Scientist –G, TFRI, Dr. N. Kulkarni, Scientist – G, TFRI, scientists, lecturers and researchers from different research institutes and colleges of the country participated in the panel discussion.



During the valedictory session, the workshop report was presented by Dr. Sanjay Singh and certificates were distributed to the participants.

All the scientists and officers of the institute were participated in the workshop. Participants expressed thanks to the organizers for conducting the workshop on very relevant topic.

Dr. P.B Meshram, Head of Biodiversity and Sustainable Utilization Division of TFRI delivered the vote of thanks and the programme was conducted by Dr. Fatima Shirin, Senior Scientist of TFRI.

Glimpses of Workshop:











Media Coverage:



