

Brief Report on Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board's International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022 Celebration Event.

Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board sponsored and facilitated one state level and thirty-two district level events to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity, on 22nd May 2022. The theme of this year's IDB was "Building a shared future for all life".

For the State Level event, RSBB and Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar collaboratively oversaw many programs including skits and speeches to convey the essence of the Convention on Biodiversity, 1992 to an audience of over 200 people at CSWRI's campus in Tonk district of Rajasthan. The attendees represented various sections of the society such as farmers, cattle owners, officials from various governmental departments and students. The event was inaugurated under the aegis of the Members Secretary of the Board by lighting a lamp and offering prayers to Devi Saraswati.

Some of the highlights of the event are as follows-

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Satish Kumar Sharma,
- Dr. Satya Prakash Mehra,
- Dr. Pradeep Pawar,
- Shri Girdhar Singh,
- Dr. R B Sharma and
- Dr. Hemlata Lohar.

The presenters talked about the various facets of Biodiversity, its conservation and ensuring fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of its sustainable use. The Biodiversity Act, 2002 and Rajasthan Biodiversity Rules, 2010. The three-tier structure of Biodiversity governance was discussed with a focus on Biodiversity Management Committees and their importance in giving the BD Act a footing on the ground. The urgent need to attend to the severe issue of biodiversity loss due to anthropogenic activities was emphasized along with the provisions of the legislature that enable the community to manage their bioresources prosperously.

Performing Arts

A skit and two musical performances were conducted by various artists. A group of students danced to a song called "मुझे मत काटो (पेड़ का महत्त्व)" to express their concern for other life forms and a local group performed to the tunes of "देख तमाशा लकड़ी का" showcasing the importance of wood, a common bioresource, from one's birth to their

eventual coalesce with the environment in various forms such as an infant's cradle, etc.

A skit was performed by a local drama company drawing people's attention to the possibilities of human-wildlife conflicts and maintaining a healthy respect for other organisms' right to enjoy the Earth, as we do while managing such conflicts.

Prize distribution Ceremony

Online painting and essay writing competitions were organized in the weeks before the IDB, 2022 for a couple of agegroups. The theme for the competition was "The role of local communities in biodiversity conservation". Entries were received from across the state and the winners were welcomed to Tonk district by the organizers and were presented mementos in a public ceremony to encourage their efforts. The winners are mentioned below-

Competition	Age-Group	Name	Rank
Painting	College level	Annapurna Bhandari	First
		Neha Anjum	First
		Sneha Sharma	Second
		Deepak K Saini	Second
		Pawan K Saini	Third
		Bhavesh Sheikh	Third
	10 th to 12 th Standard	Kavita Saini	First
		Girish Jangid	First
		Kalpana Regar	First
		Rachna Soni	Second
		Dinesh Bunkar	Second
		Tanisha Agarwal	Second
		Yashvardhan Singh Rajawat	Third
		Palkshi	Third
	Essay Writing	College Level	Arya Prajapat
Rinku Ghayal			First
YukitaChaniwal			First
Anushri Jain			Second
Aishwariya			Second
Sapna Sahu			Third
Pooja Dahiya			Third
Rehnuma Ansari		Third	
10 th to 12 th Standard		Parween Banu	First
		Raseela Chaudhary	First
	Chanchal Dadhich	Second	
	Prince Saraswat	Second	
	Indu Meena		

District Level Events

The RSBB sponsored IDB Celebration Events in thirty-two districts across the state. Detailed reports of these events are awaited and shall be updated as soon as possible.

The following districts were provided with ₹ 25,000/- for said purpose-

Sr. No.	District
1	<u>Ajmer</u>
2	<u>Alwar</u>
3	<u>Banswara</u>
4	<u>Baran</u>
5	<u>Barmer</u>
6	<u>Bharatpur</u>
7	<u>Bhilwara</u>
8	<u>Bikaner</u>
9	<u>Bundi</u>
10	<u>Chittaurgarh</u>
11	<u>Churu</u>
12	<u>Dausa</u>
13	<u>Dhaulpur</u>
14	<u>Dungarpur</u>
15	<u>Ganganagar</u>
16	<u>Hanumangarh</u>
17	<u>Jaipur</u>

Sr. No.	District
18	<u>Jaisalmer</u>
19	<u>Jalor</u>
20	<u>Jhalawar</u>
21	<u>Jhunjhunun</u>
22	<u>Jodhpur</u>
23	<u>Karauli</u>
24	<u>Kota</u>
25	<u>Nagaur</u>
26	<u>Pali</u>
27	<u>Pratapgarh</u>
28	<u>Rajsamand</u>
29	<u>Sawai Madhopur</u>
30	<u>Sikar</u>
31	<u>Sirohi</u>
32	<u>Tonk</u>
33	<u>Udaipur</u>