

# *A Brief Report on One day training programme on “Legal Aspects of Conservation of Biological Diversity”*



One day training programme on “Legal Aspects of Conservation of Biological Diversity” was conducted by U.P. State Biodiversity Board on January 23, 2014 at Conference Hall of Judicial Training and Research Institute (JTRI), Lucknow for Forest Officers of U.P. The participants attended the Training programme, were 25 senior forest officers (CCFs,s, CFs, DCFs,).

The programme was inaugurated by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice S.K. Saxena**, Judge, Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench in the presence of **Shri. J.S. Asthana**, PCCF, UP Guest of Honour and the programme was presided over by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh**, The Chairman, JTRI, U.P. During the programme concern for environment, its awareness and conservation was shared.



The first session was taken by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh** covering the International Initiatives in conservation of Biological Diversity. The different Constitutional provisions and case laws were discussed. The overview of Jurisdiction of courts in Civil/Criminal Adjudication was also discussed along with the case laws with special reference to the Bio-diversity.



The Resource person of second session was **Prof. Dr. B.B. Pandey**, Former Professor, Delhi University. He shared about Judicial Creativity, Public Interest Litigations, Important landmark Judgments of Hon’ble Courts in the area of Environment, conservation of forests,

Biodiversity. The Jurisdiction of National Green Tribunal and its Consultation was discussed. During his address, he also focused on the current trends of courts in Conservation of Biological resources citing the latest case laws.



In the Post Lunch session, **Shri A.K. Awasthi**, Additional Director, JTRI discussed the salient features of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and U.P. Rules 2010. He discussed in detail regarding the authorities/committees under the Biological Diversity Acts, National and State Biological Authorities, Local Management Committee. The Role and Functions of Forest Officers under the Biological Diversity Acts was also discussed. He also discussed the Biodiversity related Legal Frameworks in India with reference to District Courts. He also shared regarding the procedure for filing complaints under the act before the appropriate courts and issues involved therein.



In the fourth session **Dr. Anupam Goyal**, Additional Director, JTRI and **Shri Pushpender Singh**, Dy. Director, JTRI spoke on Intellectual Property Rights with reference to the Bio-diversity and role of forest officers in such cases. The issues and challenges of Genetically Modified Organism was discussed. The concepts of traditional knowledge and Monopoly in relation to IPR were discussed with leading cases.

The valedictory session was Chaired by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh**, The Chairman JTRI and **Mr. Rupak Dey**,



PCCF, Wildlife, UP, Lucknow. During the session the relevance and importance of the laws were discussed. Mr. Rupak Dey expressed all support to officers in implementation of relevant acts/rules and shared about policies and departmental vision in regard to the topic.



The Programme ended with the vote of thanks.

**Glimpses of Training Programme on  
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