

**Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Assam State Biodiversity Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**  
**at Conference Hall, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was presided over by Shri D. Mathur, IFS, newly appointed 4<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Assam State Biodiversity Board. A list the members and invitees present in the meeting is at **Annexure-1**.

After welcoming the members and invitees present in the meeting the Chairman requested the Member Secretary of the Board to initiate Agenda-wise discussions. The Agenda-wise proceedings and decisions are as under:

1. The Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were confirmed.
2. The Board was informed of the actions taken on agenda of previous meeting as below:
  - i. Launch of Internship Programme on Biodiversity Conservation and selection of 20 Interns as 1<sup>st</sup> batch of which 14 are presently working with the Board.
  - ii. The following proposals of the Board were still under process with the Government:
    - a. Amendment to the Assam Biodiversity Rules-2010.
    - b. Notification of Threatened Taxa u/s 38 of BD Act 2002 for Assam.
    - c. Organizational structure and draft Service Regulation of the Board.
  - iii. The Final edited version of '*Invaluable Biodiversity*' was received and screened and distributed in the meeting.
  - iv. A panel of Experts constituted to review the progress of the project Assam Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (ABSAP) had its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at Board office.
  - v. An 'Advisory Committee' headed by Dr. P. C. Bhattacharjee, Expert Member-ASBB was constituted for evaluation of applications received by the Board for access to biological resources for research and commercial purposes.
3. The Board was informed that:
  - i. Re-constitution of Board: The Board requires to be re-constituted after September, 2016. A proposal has been sent to the Government.
  - ii. A meeting of Technical Support Group (TSG) of Sonitpur District was held at Tezpur and the following seven (7) PBRs were approved:
    - a. Bihaguri Anchalik BMC
    - b. Balipara Anchalik BMC
    - c. Sootea Anchalik BMC
    - d. Baghmora Anchalik BMC
    - e. Behali Anchalik BMC
    - f. 7 No. Naduar Anchalik BMC
    - g. Biswanath BMC



