

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

The 20th Meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was presided over by Shri D. Mathur, IFS, newly appointed 4th 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 19th 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 1st 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 1st meeting on 30th 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



