

Minutes of 21st Meeting of Assam State Biodiversity Board held on 19th August 2017
at conference hall, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari

The 21st meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was presided over by Shri D. Mathur, IFS, Chairman of the Board. A list of the Members and invitees present in the meeting is at **Annexure-1**.

At the outset the Board extended welcome and felicitated the new Expert Members nominated by the government. Thereafter, the Chairman for the benefit of the new Members present in the meeting requested the Member Secretary of the Board to make a brief introduction about the mandate and activities of the Board. Agenda-wise discussions were then taken up and the proceedings are as under:

1. The Minutes of the 20th Board Meeting were confirmed.
2. The Board was informed of the actions taken on agenda of previous meeting as below:
 - i. The following proposals of the Board were under consideration of the Government:
 - a. Amendment to the Assam Biodiversity Rules-2010.
 - b. Organizational structure and draft Service Regulation of the Board.
 - c. Notification of Threatened Taxa u/s 38 of BD Act 2002 for Assam.The Chairman requested the Forest Department representative to look into the matter and assist the Board in getting necessary approvals on the above proposals.
 - ii. The following proposals approved by the Board in the last Meeting have been launched:
 - a. Enhancing conservation efforts in Hoollongapar Gibbon wildlife sanctuary: A proposal received from Shri Udayan Borthakur, Head of Wildlife Genetics Division, Aaranyak.
 - b. Orchid Diversity of Assam: Proposal of publication received from Shri Khyanjeet Gogoi, Orchid Society of Eastern Himalaya, NGO, Guwahati
 - iii. The recommendations of the 7th Productivity Pay Commissions have been adopted and implemented by the Board.
3. Progress made / Matters for Information of the Board:
 - i. The Board was informed about reconstitution of the Board by the Government of Assam by including following new Expert Members:
 - a. Dr. Bijoy Neog, Professor & HoD, Dept. Of Life Science, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh
 - b. Dr. Ajit Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Dept of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam University, Silchar
 - c. Dr. (Mrs) Nirmali Medhi, Associate Professor & HoD, Dept. Of Zoology, Handique Girls College, Guwahati
 - d. Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Secretary General, Aaranyak, Guwahati.

