

Assam State Biodiversity Board

Advertisement for 'Biodiversity Research Associate Program Fellowships'

for Barak Valley

Applications in the **Prescribed Format** are invited from interested candidates for the 8th batch of Biodiversity Research Associate Program Fellowships (BRAP-Fellowships) with the Assam State Biodiversity Board, Guwahati. The duration of programme shall be for a period of 3 months.

The Assam State Biodiversity Board works for promotion of conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity. The biodiversity includes all kinds of life forms such as, plants and animals found in the forests, variety of agricultural crops, fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants, birds, fishes, and insects. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 empowers local people to own and manage their biological resources. This is attempted by organizing people into Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) which are required to document commonly used biological resources and associated Traditional Knowledge in the form of Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs). By making such Registers the people become the rightful owners of their biological resources.

1. Objective of the Programme: To inculcate scientific temper amongst young talent in the state of Assam and promote them to work for conservation of biodiversity. This program would enhance the understanding of the Fellows about the present day challenges in promoting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and provide them opportunity to contribute in meeting those challenges. The Fellow would be required to assist at least one Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) in preparing its Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR).

2. Duration of Engagement: 3 months, tentatively from September to November 2018.

3. Area of Work: Southern Assam Circle Districts i.e. Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj

- The Selected Candidates shall be required to work with the BMCs in Barak Valley (Karimganj, Cachar and Hailakandi). The name of the BMCs are given at **Annexure- 1**
- The candidates shall have to give the names of three (3) BMCs where they want to work in order of their preferences.
- The Board reserves the right to allot any BMC to the Selected Candidates, beyond their selected options.

4. Fellowships:

- i. Rs 8,000 pm + total contingency of Rs 15,000/- for 3 months towards field visits, documentation etc.)

The fellowship is being offered for:

Assisting at least one (1) BMC in preparation of Peoples' Biodiversity Registers (PBR): This work involves interacting with the villagers and the members of the Biodiversity Management Committees for documenting the commonly used plants and animals. The document shall be prepared in both English & Local language.

