

Introduction

India is one of the world's 12 mega-biodiversity centers, and one of the subcontinent of the six Vavilovian centers of origin of species. The state of Karnataka is one of the unique biodiversity rich regions of India. It has also the world's most threatened 'hot spots', the Western Ghats. The global efforts to protect genetic resources were started from 1946 onwards at international level and it resulted in Convention on Biological Diversity adopted in June 1992 during Rio-de Janeiro Earth Summit with the objective of preventing unfair exploitation of bio-wealth and traditional knowledge of developing countries. The Government of India enacted Biological Diversity Act 2002 with objective of protecting biological resources and promoting sustainable development.

About the conference

India's biodiversity has started dwindling due to reasons ranging from poaching to rampant, unplanned and unsustainable development activities. The plant genetic resources of Indian subcontinent played a major role in experiencing green revolution through increased agriculture productivity of the food crops as well as 70 percent of the population depends on the herbal and Ayurvedic medicine. The human being, science and technology and ever-changing economic and political scenario exploiting the spectrum of biodiversity without any efforts for its sustenance. The development in the field of biotechnology have potential negative effect on biodiversity and mankind. In this context the balance between conservation of biodiversity and development of technology is essential. India is committed to conservation of biodiversity not only because of its international obligations but it is believed that protecting our biodiversity is critical national priority as it is linked to major environmental issues and local livelihoods of millions of people in the country. In this context, UNDP- GEF is organizing Two Day National Conference/ Regional Workshop in collaboration with SDM Law College and NLSIU, Bangalore, to educate and to contribute for the protection of biological diversities in state of Karnataka.

About UNDP

The UNDP Global Environmental Finance (UNDP-GEF) partners with environmental vertical funds to support countries with simultaneous eradication of poverty and significant reduction of inequalities and exclusion, by catalyzing environmental finance for sustainable development. This programme is organized under the UNDP-GEF (Global ABS Project) with a objective of Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Framework and Institutional Capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol.

About NLSIU

The National Law School of India University came into existence through a Notification under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 22 of 1986). It signified the culmination of efforts by the Judiciary, the Bar Council of India, the Karnataka Bar Council, the Bangalore University and the Government of Karnataka to reform legal education and to establish a Centre of excellence for legal education and research in India. The Law School has the social responsibility of continuing to be a Centre of Excellence in the field of legal education, a position which it came to occupy within the first ten years itself due mainly to the dedicated efforts of the Faculty and students during those initial and formative years.

The Centre for Environmental Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA) established in 1997 enjoys the support of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of Karnataka, the Bar and the Bench in India and several Institutions and Universities abroad.

Building an environmental law database, effectively networking among all stakeholders, building up an environmental law community and policy research in the area of environment are CEERA's main objectives. To achieve these, CEERA ever attempts to build functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organisations in India, the South Asian Region and at International levels.

About SDM Law College

Dharmasthala is a famous temple town on the bank of river Nethravathi with a magnificent backdrop of Western Ghats. The place is known for its religious sanctity and religious harmony. Here Dharma is expressed in the form of Dana (Charity) and lakhs of devotees pray here for the blessings of Lord ManjunathaSwamy

Shri DharmasthalaManjunatheshwara Law College & Centre for P.G. Studies and Research in Law, a professional college functioning under the aegis of SDM Education Society, Ujire was established in the year 1974. Since its inception, it is striving to search for innovative methods in imparting legal education. Presently the college has been affiliated Karnataka State Law University and recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Aims and Objectives of the Workshop

The workshop aims to bring a change in the existing system of conservation of biodiversity and it provides a bird view of the system to the stakeholders. It shows the picture about the importance and implications of biodiversity laws in the current era.

Topics to be covered

- History, background, Bio Piracy and Introduction to the concepts and principles of conservation of biological diversity in India Restoring of endangered bio-reserves at regional level-challenges
- Biological Diversity Act, 2002: An Overview
- Powers and functions of NBA, SBB and others agencies under the Biological Diversity Act
- Protection of Biodiversity In Western Ghats
- Critical Evaluation of Biodiversity Act
- Coastal Biodiversity: Challenges and Threats

Participants

The conference is open for the faculty members, research scholars, advocates, and members of NBA, SBB, NGO and Industries.

Registration Details

Registration is free. Number of participants/delegates limited to 60. Registration is done on 'first come first serve' basis. Interested persons are requested to send soft copy of registration form to sdmlawconference2017@gmail.com

Nominal TA will be provided to all registered delegates/ participants on the production of valid receipts.(Outside Mangalore) Local hospitality will be provided. The accommodation will be provided on payment basis and reservation can be done on prior intimation.

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