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**NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY,  
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*Presents*

**TWO-DAY  
LEGAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP  
ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY LAW IN INDIA**

**15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

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**Introduction**  
 India is one of the world's 17 mega biodiversity centers, and one of the hotspots of the six biodiversity centers of origin of the world. The state of Karnataka is one of the mega biodiversity hotspots of India. The global efforts to protect genetic resources were started from 1948 onwards at international level and resulted in Convention on Biological Diversity adopted in June 1992 during Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit with the objective of conserving and sustainable use of genetic resources and promoting sustainable development.

**About the conference**  
 India's biodiversity has started dwindling due to various reasons like deforestation, over-exploitation and unsustainable use of natural resources. The plant genetic resources of India have been severely affected. The plant genetic resources of India have been severely affected. The plant genetic resources of India have been severely affected. The plant genetic resources of India have been severely affected.

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

**About NLSU**  
 The National Law School of India University came into existence through a Notification under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 21 of 1988). 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.

**About SDM Law College**  
 Dharmasthala is a famous temple town on the bank of river Kaveri with a magnificent backdrop of Western Ghats. The place is known for its religious sanctity and religious harmony. Here Dharmasthala is organized in the form of Dharm (Charity) and acts of devotees pray here for the blessings of Lord Murugan.

**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's eye 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
- 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 50. Registration is done on first come first serve basis. Interested persons are requested to send soft copy of registration form to [sdmlaw@sdm.ac.in](mailto:sdmlaw@sdm.ac.in)

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

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**Date : Friday 15 February 2019 Time : 10:00 a.m.**

**Venue : SDM Conference Hall**

- Inauguration & Key note address : **Prof. (Dr.) K C Sunny**  
Honourable Vice-Chancellor,  
National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, Kerala
- Chief Guest : **Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat**  
Professor & Coordinator For CEERA  
NLSIU Bengaluru
- President : **Dr. Tharanath**  
Principal/Chairman, SDM Law College, Mangaluru

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## Two Day Legal Awareness Workshop on Biological Diversity Law In India Programme Schedule

Time	Day 1:
09.30 - 10.00 a.m	Registration of Participants
10.00 - 10.45 a.m	Inaugural Session
10.45 - 11.15 a.m.	Tea
11.15 - 12.15 a.m.	History, Background to the Biodiversity Law and Challenges to CBD <b>Prof.(Dr.) Sairam Bhat</b> , Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru <b>Ms. Gayatri</b> , Advocate, Bengaluru
12.15 - 12.30 p.m.	Tea
12.30 - 01.30 p.m	Introduction to Biological Diversity Act, Implementation & Enforcements <b>Prof.(Dr.) Sairam Bhat</b> , Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru <b>Ms. Gayatri</b> , Advocate, Bengaluru
01.30 - 02.30 p.m.	Lunch
02.30 - 03.30 p.m.	ABS Case Studies and Biodiversity Conservation by <b>Ms. Veena P G</b> , Consultant at Karnataka Biodiversity Board
03.30 - 03.45 p.m.	Tea
03.45 - 04.30 p.m.	Coastal Biodiversity <b>Prof. Maheshchandra Nayak</b> , Associate Professor, SDM Law College, Mangaluru.
Time	Day 2:
09:30 - 10:30 a.m.	State Biodiversity Rules: an Overview State Biodiversity Board <b>Ms. Veena P G</b> , Consultant at Karnataka Biodiversity Board
10:30 -10:45 a.m.	Tea
10.45 -12:00 noon	Protection of Biodiversity In Western Ghats <b>Prof. A N Madhyasta</b> , Environmental Biologist and former Principal of Poorna Prajna College Udupi
12:00 - 01:30 p.m.	An Evaluation of Biodiversity Act. - <b>Mr. Yashwanth Shenoy</b> , Advocate, Mumbai
01.30 - 02:30 p.m.	Lunch
02.30 - 03.30 p.m.	Coastal Biodiversity : Challenges and Threats <b>Ms. Rashmi K</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Botany St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru
03:30 - 04:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion
04:00 - 04:30 pm	Valedictory





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**Valedictory Programme**

Date : Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Time : 04:00 p.m.  
Venue : SDM Conference Hall

**Sri U. T. Khader**  
Minister for Urban Development and Houseing, Govt. of Karnataka  
An Alumna of SDMLC

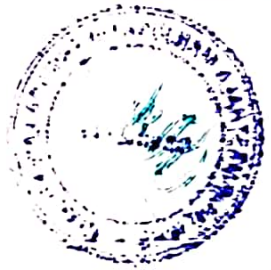
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Arrival of Guests



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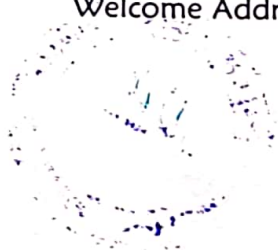
Prayer by Ms. Manorama & team



Welcome Address by Ms. Chandralekha



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One of the chief reasons why biodiversity is important is because it helps to keep the environment in natural balance. Biodiversity enhances ecosystem productivity where different species have an important role to play in protecting the earth. With this backdrop a workshop on "Biological Diversity Law in India" was organized by UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) in collaboration with the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) and S D M Law College.



Inauguration by Lighting of the Lamp

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof (Dr.) K.C Sunny, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochin, by lighting the lamp. He was joined by Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, the Chief Guest for the workshop



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**Inaugural speech and Key Note Address**

Prof. Dr. K.C Sunny delivered the keynote address. Recollecting his association with SDM Law College and NLSIU, Prof. Sunny expressed his appreciation that the college campus is eco-friendly. He stated that there are ample laws concerning biodiversity conservation, but

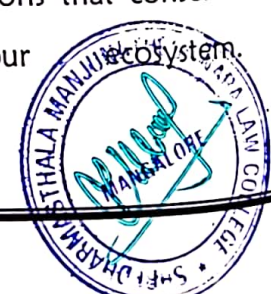
the problem is in their implementation. He opined that unless the public are educated in the right perspective a healthy ecosystem cannot flourish. He said that biodiversity is a key indicator of the health of an ecosystem. There are abundant threats to the ecosystem and to cope up with the threats, such workshops are the need of the hour to sensitize the public to the dangers posed by man to the planet. He not only observed that the Biodiversity Act is important but also said the amendments to other connected laws should also be done only then, we can be committed to the protection of biodiversity in the long run.



**Address by Chief Guest Prof Sairam Bhat**

The keynote address was followed by the address of the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Sairam Bhat. He acknowledged the efforts made by the government in

promoting biodiversity. He applauded the Ministry of Environment for supporting the projects concerned with biodiversity. He agreed with Prof. Sunny that conserving biodiversity can take place only when public are educated. He felt that we should increase our knowledge of environmental issues, increasing our awareness of the impacts of biodiversity loss, give adequate support for government policies and actions that conserve and protect our ecosystem.







The programme came to an end with the Presidential address by Dr. Tharanath, Principal of SDM Law College.

Presidential Address by Dr. Tharanath



Vote of thanks by Ms. Meghna Anand



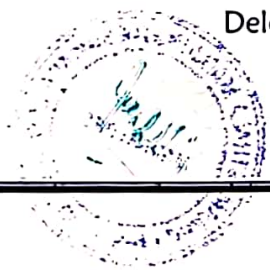
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DAY 1: 15-02-2019

SESSION 1

HISTORY & BACKGROUND OF THE BIODIVERSITY LAW AND  
CHALLENGES TO CBD

Resource Persons: Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru  
& Ms. Gayatri, Advocate, Bengaluru

Rapporteur: Ms. Apoorva Chandra



Prof. Sairam Bhat began his session by introducing The Biodiversity Act, 2002. He gave a brief overview of its objectives, scope and application. His session was aimed at laying down the foundation for the remaining sessions which he did by elaborating on the historical background of the law. He also spoke at length about the said law against the backdrop of some international conventions like the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) of which India is a signatory. Prof. Bhat also touched upon the Earth Summit of 1992 (the Rio Conference) which was convened to address the doomsday theory that was prevalent then.



To underscore the importance of conservation and protection of biodiversity Prof. Bhat spoke about the interrelationship between biodiversity and climate change and how any disruption of either would lead to dangerous consequences. He also pointed out that India has been given the title of being the sixth most vulnerable nation in the world when it comes to protection of its biodiversity.

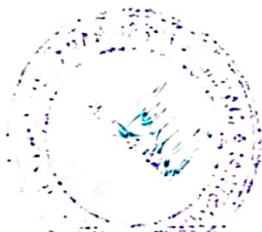
Prof. Bhat then moved on to address the issue of IPR and related matters and its effects on biodiversity conservation. He was of the opinion that CBD is more in the nature of an IPR law, bringing about changes to the prevailing patent regime. The reason for introducing the law was to overcome the problems raised by the then existing patent system, especially in USA where patent used to be granted for anything and everything (including live forms). To explain the problems created by the American patent law, Prof. Bhat gave many examples such as how USA claimed at one point, that the moon belongs to them because their citizen was the first to land on the moon and so on.

He then brought out the difference between the concepts of private and public property and the idea of common property. CBD recognizes that all that is in nature is the common heritage of mankind. In this regard, he spoke about the Moon Treaty as well.

Next, he narrated the facts of one of the leading cases in environmental law in India, M.C Mehta v Kamal Nath, to talk about the Public Trust Doctrine.

Prof. Bhat then moved on to address another principle of CBD - sovereignty over natural resources - that each country must be allowed to decide as to what to do with their own resources. He further explained that sovereignty is not only with respect to the natural resources but also over knowledge of the natural resources. To make us understand what this meant, he used the example of Khaziranga's one horned Rhino - how India's sovereignty over its natural resource found in the Khaziranga Rhino was different from sovereignty over Chinese knowledge of how its horn could be used to cure an illness.

Then came the Plant Varieties Act. Prof. Bhat spoke about the fairly recent issue of BT Cotton while taking some questions from the audience too.



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## SESSION 2

### INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT, IMPLEMENTATION & ENFORCEMENTS

Resource Persons: Prof. (Dr.) SairamBhat, Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru & Ms. Gayatri, Advocate, Bengaluru

Rapporteur: Ms. Apoorva Chandra



Prof. Sairam, then took up the issue of bio piracy by using the Neem, Basmathi and Turmeric examples. He explained how the Biodiversity Act of 2002 is a step in the direction of eliminating this problem as it mandates the maintenance of a People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) and the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library to protect our traditional knowledge. Another provision of the Act which helps to keep this problem in check is the one which establishes the National Biodiversity Authority in Chennai.

He ended the session with the twin concepts of Access and Benefit Sharing by using the case study of a tribe in Kerala called the Kani tribe and its traditional knowledge of ArogyaPacha (the biological resource). It is considered to be a success story in not only preventing biopiracy of any sort but also as an ethical business practice.

By continuing the session Prof Bhat asked certain questions like what is the future of Biological diversity law? Why do I think that the law is the future for scientific community and legal community? There is a concept of biofuel, future of biofuel and how to make it? Biofuel is made out of biological resources. It can be derived from plant waste. It



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called ethanol. There is only 20 % of blending of biofuel. Petroleum industry in the future is not going to access fossil fuels but also biofuel and in order to access biofuel biodiversity becomes necessary. India is rich in biodiversity but there are countries with biodiversity. Biofuel is cleaner fuel it helps to combat climate change. It is sustainable.

Test as to whether the following are biological resources:

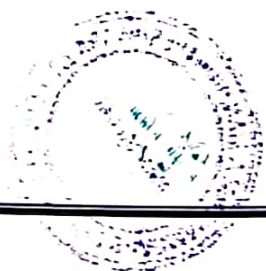
Water and sand: No, there are natural resource. There is distinction between a natural resource and biological resource. A natural resource can be a biological resource.

Human hair: No Coconut oil, milk: Yes Eggshell: Yes Cow urine: Yes Rhino horn: Yes

Alcohol: distillates. There are 4 stages under the Biological Diversity Act: Access, Research, Apply for intellectual property, Commercial utilisation. Fish and fish oil: Yes

Essential oil: Yes

At the end of the session a set of MCQs were provided to be answered related to the earlier session. The session ended by awarding prizes to the winners.



### SESSION 3

#### STATE BIODIVERSITY RULES: AN OVERVIEW STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

Resource Person: Ms. Veena P G, Consultant at Karnataka Biodiversity Board

Rapporteurs: Ms. Nidhi R. & Ms. Kotian Payal Dinesh



About Resource Person: Ms. Veena P.G. ABS Consultant Karnataka Biodiversity Board. She pursued her MSc in Ecology and Environmental Science from Pondicherry University. Since 2015 she started working as ABS consultant in KBB & currently pursuing PG diploma in environmental law at NLSIU, Bengaluru.

Ms. Veena began her session by introducing herself as the ABS Consultant in the Karnataka Biodiversity Board and she looks after the implementation of the Biodiversity Act and ABS provisions in Karnataka. Her session was on how the state biodiversity board implements the Biological Diversity Act in Karnataka.

After the CBD came into force, there were two supplementary protocols looking for two separate issues covered under the CBD i.e., one is the biosafety (safety mechanisms for transport and use of the living modified or genetically modified organisms) the Cartagena protocol on biosafety and other is the Nagoya. Both are mandatory.



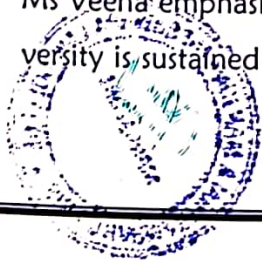
MsVeena spoke about the journey since 1992, many conference of parties(COP) there are series of COP which take decision in the conferences. The important years for India were 2002,2004,2006 & 2014 where the Biological Diversity Act And Biological Diversity Rules of 2004,The Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules of 2005 and ABS guidelines for 2014 came about.The objects of the Biological Diversity Act are Conservation of Biological Diversity, Sustainable use & fair and equitable use of the benefits.In short it is access, use and sharing.

MsVeena described the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act in three tiers ie, National Biological Authority at the National level, State biological board for each state, at local level, the Biodiversity Management Committee.These are statutory autonomous bodies.NBA acts as a regulatory, advisory and facilitative body .SBB at the state level perform the similar activities and the BMC look into the promotion of conservation of sustainable use in the local body level.She has discussed the important sections of 3, 4,5,6 and 7 of the Biological Diversity Act.

The functions of the State Biodiversity Board are: It is an advisory body, it regulates use of bio resources for commercial utilisation , facilitates constitution of biological management committee, builds up database of biological resources, identifies and notifies areas as biodiversity sites, commission studies & sponsor research, creation of awareness regulating conservation.Madam pointed out that there is a difference how entities are treated under this Act.

What is exempted under the Biological Diversity Act are local people, vaidis and hakims, conventional & traditional practices, publication of research paper and dissemination in seminar works, collaborative research projects, accessing value added products and certain items which are declared as normally traded commodities.

Ms Veena emphasized that the need for the Biological Diversity Act is that Biological Diversity is sustained for the future.ABS Regulations of 2014 mandates that there should be



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a written agreement between the authority and the applicant for governing the access. ABS Regulations gives detailed guidelines on the procedure and the modes of benefit sharing for the entity accessing the biological resource. Regulation 3 & 4 gives out the percentage of benefit sharing which needs to be shared by the entity with the authority concerned.

Karnataka Biodiversity Board has a online system with different forms in it.

Madam has stated the penal provisions under the Act for access and utilisation. The offences are cognizable and non bailable. The penalties are decided under sec 55, sec 55(1) & sec 55(2) and sec 56. Contravention and non compliance with the section may result in imprisonment or fine or both.

Every elected local body in the state will have to form Biodiversity management committee for looking into the conservation and sustainable views of biodiversity within its local jurisdiction. She stated that they have facilitated the formation of over 5000 BMCs. BMC can levy fees and it has jurisdiction to collect charges as fees for commercial utilisation of any resources in the area of jurisdiction. Another function of the state board and state govt. is to declare Biodiversity sites. In the state of Karnataka there are 4 such sites: Nallur Tamarind Grove, GKVK campus, Hogarekan hills & Ambaragudde Hills.

Ms Veena discussed the important challenges in the implementation of the Act. They are large mandate, need for repeated communications, no exemptions, lack of responses, lack of empirical data, varied interpretations, licensing departments and no provision for compounding/condone cases of non compliance. The session ended by clearing the queries put forward. The session was an educative one.





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## SESSION 4

### COASTAL BIODIVERSITY

**Resource Persons: Prof. Maheshchandra Nayak, Associate Professor,  
SDM Law College, Mangaluru**

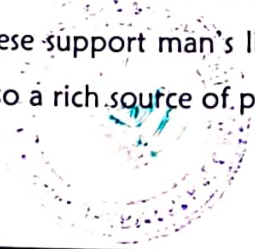
**Rapporteurs: Ms. Nidhi R. & Ms. Kotian Payal Dinesh**



About Resource Person: Prof. Maheshchandra Nayak, Associate Professor at SDM Law College, Mangalore. He completed LLB from Mangalore University and Pursued LLM in Constitutional & Criminal law from Bombay University and Business & Trade law from Kuvempu University. He is currently working as associate professor at SDM Law College from last 23 years.

Prof Nayak began the session by pointing the reason for conducting the workshop in Mangalore as it is a coastal belt. Showing a video of flowing Nethravathi river in monsoon, Sir expressed his idea that the world is interconnected far beyond our imagination. There are east flowing and west flowing rivers in India. Sir spoke of the Yettinahole project in which 1000 TMC ft is planned to be lifted from the Nethravathi river.

Prof Nayak defined Biodiversity as the existence of a number of kinds of animals and plants which make a good and healthy environment. Coastal Biodiversity focuses on biodiversity aspects of coastal ecosystem and those habitats which occur around the sea place etc.. Marine and coastal environment includes mangrove forests, coral reefs etc.. All these support man's life. The blue green algae produces 1/3 of the oxygen and these are also a rich source of protein. They also moderates the global climatic change.



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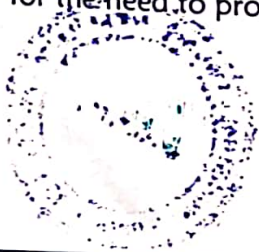
Prof Nayak explained our various activities connected to the sea i.e. fishing, transport, harvesting marine products, coral, mineral, pearls, petroleum & gas etc.. He opines that fishing is as old as mankind and improvements in technology has influenced the size and the quality of the fishes. India has 8129kms of marine coastline. As of 2010, 400 metric tonnes of fish are being landed both from the sea and the rivers. Oil tankers carrying huge quantities of petroleum from producing countries to consumers dispose large quantities of waste into the sea. Ocean and sea provides a huge variety of products with nutritious and medicinal purposes. Seaweeds are used for medicine and in cosmetics, coral & pearls are used as jewellery and petroleum and gas extracted are used as fuel.

Prof Nayak drew our attention to the impact of water sports on the animals which live in the water even though such sports has tourist potential. Sir also expressed his concern over the large cruises in the water which puts the life of the animals in danger.

The various legislations governing are The Environment Protection Act of 1986 and CRZ Regulations. The features of CRZ Regulations like the pollution abatement, defence and strategic projects were briefed by sir. Sir brought our attention on the challenges to the protection of coastal diversity. They are GPS used for fishing, overfishing, pollution by cruise ships, discarding waste in the sea, disposing damaged nets in the sea etc..

The possible solutions to this are to implement the CRZ Regulations of 1991, to control the number of fishing boats, trawlers and deep sea fishing vessels, to strictly prevent dumping of waste into seas and the oceans and to go back to the 4 month fishing ban on the western coast during the south-west monsoon. The High Court of Karnataka upheld the direction of the central government of November 10, 2017 by which bull or light travelling beyond 12 nautical miles has been banned.

Prof Nayak showed us a video of last few minutes of the salmon fish and spoke about the polar bear invasion in Russian Town and ended the session by leaving a mark in us for the need to protect the coastal biodiversity. The session was indeed very useful



**DAY 2: 16-02-2019**

**SESSION 5**

**ABS CASE STUDIES AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION**

**Resource Persons: Ms. Veena P G, Consultant at Karnataka Biodiversity Board**

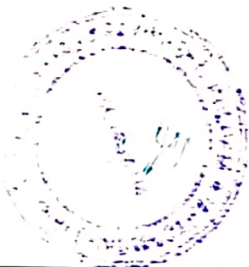
**Rapporteur: Ms. Ashwathy Sudheer**



About Resource Person: Ms. Veena PG has passed MSc in ecology and environmental science from Pondicherry University in 2008. She worked in NCBs, WCS India progress as academic coordinator for the MSc wildlife and conservation course from 2008-2010. From 2015 she started working as ABS consultant in KBB and currently she is also pursuing PG diploma in Environmental Law at NLSU Bangalore.

The convention on biological diversity (CBD) entered into force on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1993. It has three main objectives-

1. The conservation of biological diversity.
2. The sustainable use of the components of biological diversity.
3. The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.



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- CBD provides sovereign right over the biological resources.
  - CBD provides a set of various principles and procedures.

### CBD- CASE STUDIES

#### 1. HOODIA PLANT:

Amazon forest and South Africa are rich in indigenous tribes. Hoodia plant was abundantly found in the South African forest. These plants were used as an appetite suppressant. CSIR notices the active component in the plant and tried to obtain the patent. The plant was in the traditional knowledge of the tribe for ages. Protest was raised against the patent and it was revoked finally they signed for benefit sharing and now it's a successful commercial product.

#### 2. AYAHUASCA PLANT:

Ayahuasca known to be the "wine of the soul" or "wine of the dead". For centuries amazon indigenous people have boiled the plant to use in sacred, ritual practice. An American scientist Dr. Lorrent Miller in 1986 found the plant and US again obtained the patent. There was an international outcry. The US revoked the patent in 1999 not because of the problems outside but they found a similar plant with similar benefits.

#### 3. PERUVIAN MACA:

It is a medicinal plant in South Africa used for treatments in humans and animals. There are specific statutes on general environmental law stating patent cannot be owned on plant or its parts. The patent was revoked the Peruvian Government does not need any royalty because it was a common knowledge to them.

### Cases from india

- 1) Before the BD Act and CBD
  - a) Turmeric case.



- b) Neem case
  - c) Basmati case
  - d) Kani tribe case
- 2) After the advent of BD Act
- a) Bt.BRINJAL CASE:

The major conflict was with regard to local varieties of Brinjal plants. To obtain the prior approval of the national BD authority was a necessary before any kind of access and there was a failure to it. This is a case on bio piracy on the high court of Karnataka .This criminal case is still pending in the court of law.

- b) PEPSICO WEED CASE:

The PepsiCo being a non-Indian entity under section 3 (2) of the BD Act 2002,they entered in to benefit sharing agreement with the NBA for the access and export.

- c) BIO INDIA BIOLOGICAL CASE

This is a case with regard to a Japanese company on neem plant.

- d) PINAK CASE STUDY
- e) BROOM GRASS CASE

LITIGATION IN THE COUNTRY

- o Synthetic industries .V. Kerala BD board
- o Divya pharmacy .V. U.O.I
- o Catalyst bio technologies Pvt.ltd .v. Uttarakhand Bio diversity board 2018.
- o Karnataka case of non-compliance.



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## SESSION 6

### PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY IN WESTERN GHATS

Resource Person: Prof. A N Madhyasta, Environmental Biologist  
& Former Principal of Poorna Prajna College, Udupi

Rapporteur: Ms. Ashwathy Sudheer



About the Resource Person: Dr.N.A.Madhyastha was a member (past)of the expert committee, Biodiversity Board, Karnataka. A member(past) State Wild Life Board, Government Karnataka, Bangalore. Member: BMC Udupi district. Guest faculty: MSM Manipal University. Hon. Secretary: Indian Naturalist society, Udupi. He has undertaken various research projects on Biodiversity also conducted various seminars to name a few include: Two day workshop on bird watching for college students,1993, Workshops on Butterflies,1994, Western Ghats biodiversity network: Brain storming session on methodology. He has authored a book Biodiversity values and Ethics and Five Books in Kannada for children.



Western Ghats also known as Sahyadri is a mountain range that covers an area of 140,000km<sup>2</sup> in a stretch of 1,600 km parallel to the western coast of the Indian Peninsula, traverse the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of the eight hottest hot-spots of biological diversity in the world. It is sometimes called the great Escarpment of India. It is a biodiversity hotspot that contains a large proportion of the country's flora and fauna; many of which are only found in India and nowhere else in the world. According to UNESCO, Western Ghats are as old as the Himalayan Mountains.

In 2006 India applied to the UNESCO MAB for the Western Ghats to be listed as a protected World Heritage Site. In 2012, The following places are declared as World Heritage Sites:

- Kali Tiger Reserve, Dandeli.
- Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park
- Mundigekere Bird Sanctuary, Sirsi, Karnataka.
- KalakkadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve.
- Periyar Tiger Reserve.
- Neyyar wildlife Sanctuary.
- Eravikulam National Park and etc...

Climate Of Western Ghats:

Climate in Western Ghats varies with altitudinal gradation and distance from the equator.

- The climate is humid and tropical in the lower reaches.
- Temperatures touch freezing point during the winter months.
- During the monsoon season, the heavy, eastward-moving rain-bearing clouds are forced to rise in the process deposit most of their rain on the windward side.



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## Biodiversity:

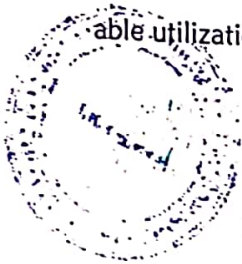
The Western Ghats are one of the world's biodiversity hotspots with over 5000 flowering plants, 139 mammals, 508 Birds and 179 amphibian species. At least 325 globally threatened species occur here. The range covers 60,000 km<sup>2</sup> and forms the catchment area for a complex of rivers systems that drains almost 40% of it.

## Endemic species of Western Ghats

- Lion tailed macaque: (endangered species) .Due to the loss of their habitat their behavior changed, they are begging for food.
- Nilgiritahr: Is an ungulate to the Nilgiri hills and the southern portion of western Ghats in the state of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in southern India.
- Wynaadlaughing thrush : is a specie endemic to the western Ghats to the south of Goa.
- Trimeresurusmalabaricus: Commonly known as Malabar pit viper is an endemic specie to the western Ghats.
- Malabar grey hornbill : is a hornbill endemic to the western Ghats. Their population is decreasing.

## Conservation Initiatives

- Biosphere reserve: The Indian Government has established 18 biosphere reserves in India which protect larger areas of natural habitat. Protection is granted not only to the flora and fauna of the protected region but also to the human communities who inhabit this region and their ways of life. Animals are protected and saved here.
- The historic convention on biological diversity held in Rio de Janeiro , 1992 called upon all nations to take appropriate measures for conservation of BD and sustainable utilization of its benefits.





- The world summit on sustainable development held in 2002, Johannesburg city in south Africa. 190 countries pledged the commitment to achieve the objectives by 2010.
- Agenda 21 envisages sustainable use of bio resources and for conservation.
- WG ecology authority: It is a statutory authority appointed by ministry of environment and forest under section 3 of the Environment (protection) Act 1986. improves conservation paradigms

“STUDY->EVALUATE->CONSERVE and USE and not the other way around”. He ended up by showing a meaningful sculpture related to bio diversity.



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## SESSION 7

### AN EVALUATION OF BIODIVERSITY ACT.

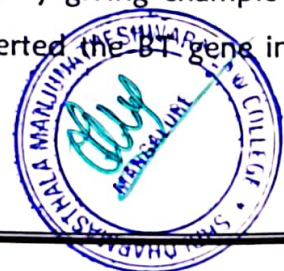
Resource Persons: Mr. Yashwanth Shenoy, Advocate, Mumbai

Rapporteur: Mr. Nithin



About Resource Person: Mr. Yeshwanth Shenoy is practicing advocate and was a former Legal Advisor to the National Biodiversity Authority. Many of the policies and procedures of the NBA has imprints of his work. Mr. Shenoy completed his LLB in 2001 from SDM Law College, Mangalore. Where he obtained his LLM in commercial and consumer laws with International Business transactions as his specialised subject from Mumbai University. He obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in International Trade Law from the University Institute of European Studies and the Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation; in 2005, an LLM in Intellectual Property Laws from the University of Turin, Italy and the world Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva; In 2006, a Post Graduate Diploma in Economic Law and Competition in European Studies and Centre for Studies on Federalism.

Yeshwanth Shenoy gave a valuable information about "Evaluation of Biodiversity Act". He said that Indian seeds companies are taken over by a foreign companies. Some of the foreign companies like MONSANTO, BAYER etc are holding the Indian seeds companies. Mr. Shenoy called it as a threat to national security, by giving example of B.T. Brinjal case where a B.T. is of a foreign company which inserted the B.T. gene into

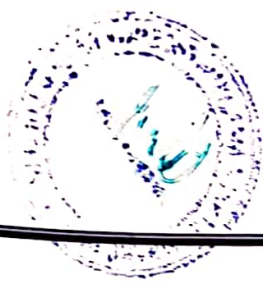


brinjal & later the same sold it to Indian farmers and asked them to pay royalties for the gene inserted into it, even though the brinjal is produced by the farmers. When the producers i.e. the Farmers are not getting any benefits in order to give them a share in a profit ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) Act introduced.

Mr. Shenoy said that even though the act is introduced, compliance with ABS is not actually happening. When companies accepted to share profits with the farmers they are legally targeted and they are screwed and not appreciated so the Companies try to not mandel with any registration. Mr. Shenoy said that until or unless taking consideration of stakeholders on board there cannot be proper utilisation of Act. Shenoy added his words saying that Parliament passes the laws without knowing what is actually happening in the field and without having any knowledge of it. He gave the information about the CHOLANAYAKA tribes where they use the bamboos to understand the arrival of Elephants, and he said that these Tribe people are more environmentally conscious. Even though they are not literate they are attached with the Nature.

He explained about RED Sanders Case where a person used to get a Bail when he smuggled the Red sanders but when he was charged under Bio Diversity Litigation he was arrested because under Bio Diversity Act it is a Cognizable and Non Bailable Offence. And he said that if there is any Amendment in the future then it will be in favour of these Lobbies (Companies) so that they should not be targeted.

In the future the BDL can be the Insurance to Environment. And in case if there is a War it will be for Water, And not for anything else. And he was a main person to Draft some of the policies and agreements of Bio Diversity Act and when it is not recognised he put them in his first book and published. Finally Mr. Yeshwanth Shenoy said that in order for proper utilization of the act there should be awareness of the act among the people.



## SESSION 8

### BIODIVERSITY IN PENINSULAR INDIA – CHALLENGES & THREATS

Resource Person: Ms. Rashmi K., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany,  
St. Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru

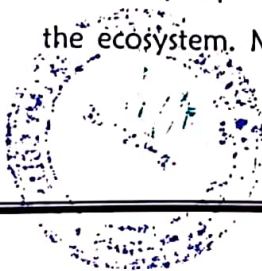
Rapporteur: Ms. Geetha



About Resource Person: Ms. Rashmi K. is a post-graduate in Botany. She is a passionate nature lover and an enthusiastic environmentalist. She along with Mr. G. Krishnakumar has discovered 2 new species of plant, *BlyxaMangalensis* and *EriocaulonGopalakrishnanum* from coastal region foothills of western ghats in Kerala and Karnataka. She was invited as a resource person at IAAT International Conference in Gujarat in 2018. She has presented a paper on 'Ethnobotany' at Indian institute of Science, Bengaluru.

According to Ms. Rashmi, the people of Dakshina Kannada, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala being coastal areas, are living in hot spot regions where there is a high risk of species being endangered in such an ecosystem where there is mass encroachment by humans. There are 4 kinds of eco-system: Forest, Grassland, Wetland, and Coastal & marine Eco-system.

She briefly explained about all the 4 kinds of the ecosystem. Forest is one of the kinds of the ecosystem. Mangrove forests, being a type of forest are found in Mangaluru near



Nethravathi&Sasihithlu. These type of forests separate coastal and fresh water region. Mangroves protect the land that it covers from natural disasters like a tsunami. It also acts as a protective layer for coral reefs, which in turn protect the coastlines from the damaging effects of wave action.

Nearly a century back, there were 60000 Hectares of Mangroves in the whole of India which are reduced to a greater extent due to negligence by man. Mangroves are fragmented due to land encroachment by humans. Private owners of the land who are not aware of the need and importance of Mangroves eliminate them which is the main reason why they are facing near extinction. In cities like Bombay, Mangrove regions are extinct.

Grassland ecosystems are densely found in the foothill regions of Western Ghats. There are many species in this region like herbs, flowering species etc. It is the least protected species in the world. Ms. Rashmi has personally collected 258 varieties of plant species in the grassland which measures from few millimeters to centimeters. Grasslands are home to reptiles, honey bees, insects, insectivorous plants and various other animal species.

Grasses are highly neglected endemic plants. They can hold up water for a long time. These species are found in Western Ghats and Grasslands. The grasses that we find on the roads are a kind of weed and should not be mistaken for the endemic plants. Grasslands can also be found in Bhatkal, Karnataka and in Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra has declared barren grasslands as wastelands which are being distributed to the poor and the needy. This has happened due to a lack of understanding and knowledge about the grasslands she argued.

Saddened by the behavior of humans towards the endangered ecosystems during her study, the hopes of sustaining them and keeping them alive by few groups of people, villagers and Government kept her going. In our district, near a place called Valachil, there are varieties of endemic and endangered species which is being protected by the people of Valachil. Kas Plateau located in the state of Maharashtra, a beautiful flower valley is being protected by the Maharashtra Government.



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India imports many plants and flowers like orchids, which in fact are found in great abundance in the western ghats. If proper care is taken to nurture these flowers with professional care, they can be commercialized as well and India need not depend on imports from countries like Singapore and Thailand.

Ms. Rashmi and G. Krishna Kumar discovered *Blyxa Mangalensis*, dioecious plants having the male and female reproductive organs in separate individuals. As this new type of species was first found in Mangaluru, she named it after the city. They also have discovered *Eriocaulon Gopalakrishnanum*, a new species distinct in the leaves and spathe being papillose, a character not displayed by any other species from the western ghat region.

She further continued her talk by enlightening the audience about Shola Forests. Shola forest is the local name for patches of stunted tropical mountain forests found in valleys amid rolling grassland in the higher mountain regions of South India. These patches of Shola forest are found mainly in the valleys and are usually separated from one another by undulating mountain grassland. These forests are also in threat of extinction from fragmentation by the local landowner.

Smuggling of a variety of species of flowers, insectivorous plants, expensive/unique plants which is a part of the rich biodiversity is still in practice she says. There are cases of a software engineer from Bengaluru being arrested by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), a statutory body established under the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 for smuggling 30000 orchid species, *Nepenthes* plants etc. These illegal activities are a serious threat to the natural growth of the ecosystem.

Criticizing the so-called "nature love" practice during Vanamahotsava where plants are planted on the roadside which will not contribute towards sustaining the dying biodiversity, Ms. Rashmi suggested growing plants near the bio-diversified areas to rejuvenate the ecosystem.

She concluded her seminar by stating her very purpose of agreeing to conduct this seminar. She wanted to create awareness among the budding law students as they would be leading the society in the near future and 'environmental law' would play a vital role in



protecting the threatened environment. Advising the present audience to join hands with local nature enthusiasts for afforestation programmes, Ms. Rashmi said that even small works from one single person would surely bring a difference in the society.

Because of his selfish deeds man has destroyed the natural biodiversity around him. He needs to start thinking about nature before its too late. The endangered species of plants and animals can be saved from extinction only if man starts truly living by the words "live and let live". Let us take initiative like Ms. Rashmi to save the environment and bring the first little change within ourselves towards a clean and green society.



Delegates Interaction



## PANEL DISCUSSION

Members:

1. Mr. Yashwanth Shenoy, Advocate, Mumbai
2. Prof. Maheshchandra Nayak, Associate Professor, SDM Law College, Mangaluru
3. Ms. Veena P G, Consultant at Karnataka Biodiversity Board
4. Ms. Rashmi K., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru



After legal awareness workshop on the topic biological diversity law in India, the resource person: Mr. Yashwanth Shenoy (Associate, Mumbai), Ms. Veena P.G (Consultant of Karnataka Biodiversity Board), Ms. Rashmi K (Assistant professor, Department of Botany, St. Aloysius college (autonomous) Mangalore) and Mr. Maheshchandra Nayak (HOD of Law, SDM law college Mangalore) started the discussion on the said topic of the workshop.





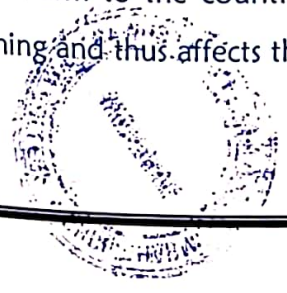
Mr. Maheshchandra Nayak broke the silence by sharing his view that it is impossible to recreate a natural forest which includes herbs, shrubs, insect, varieties of plant, creepers and climbers. Whether biodiversity is a boon or bane is not known. People don't have much knowledge about many diversities and medicinal plants. One doesn't know what to save and what not to save.

In Jammu and Kashmir many Acts are not applicable which are applicable to the whole of India, like: wildlife protection Act, 1972. According to Article 370 of Indian constitution this Act is not applicable to J&K. The people over there hunt many endangered species for sport. He ended his talk by saying that the next war will be for water if we don't conserve our ecosystem.

Mr. Shenoy, spoke about silence. He said that our system is not entirely corrupt as per the misconception of people. Out of a hundred people one person can be corrupt and the rest of the ninety nine are honest. The maximum harm is actually not caused by the one who is corrupt but because of the rest of the ninety nine who keep silence. He also added that after Independence in India, Indians are causing more damage to India in all areas. He spoke about untouchability and it's existence in India even after several years of it being abolished. He called upon all the gathered people to not keep silence but raise voices against unethical activities.

Ms. Veena P. G, concluded on a positive note stating that there's still time to correct our mistakes and build a newer, greener environment. She encouraged the youth to come together to make the biodiversity develop in a better way.

One of the student from the audience asked a question regarding artificial island which is built by Qatar and china and it's effects on other biodiversity. This question was answered by Mr. Shenoy. He says that it's all about the law of the country. What one does in their territorial waters cannot be questioned by another unless and until the former encroaches the territorial waters of the latter. Creating islands artificially obviously causes harm to the country which propagates it who in turn contributes to the global warming and thus affects the whole world.





Valedictory Address By Dr. Tharanath



Vote Of Thanks By Mr. Shubham Santhosh



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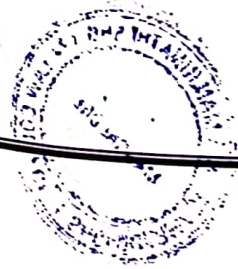
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## ಜೀವ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯದ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಕಠಿಣ ಕಾನೂನು ಅಗತ್ಯ : ಡಾ| ಕೆ.ಸಿ. ಸನ್ನಿ



ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರದ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು.

**ಮಹಾನಗರ, ಫೆ. 16:** ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಜೀವ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯತೆಯ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ ಕುರಿತಾಗಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾನೂನುಗಳ ಹೊರತಾಗಿಯೂ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾದ ಜೀವ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯತೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕೇರಳದ ನ್ಯಾಶನಲ್ ಲಾ ಸ್ಕೂಲ್ ಆಫ್ ಅಡ್ವಾನ್ಸ್ ಲೀಗಲ್ ಸ್ಟಡೀಸ್‌ನ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಡಾ| ಕೆ.ಸಿ. ಸನ್ನಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟರು.

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Workshop Feedback Evaluation Report (Consolidated)

Content	Excellent	Good	Needs Im- provement	Not Appli- cable
Covered useful Materials	24	22		
Practical to my needs and interests	14	30	2	
Well organised	23	21	2	
Presented at the right level	13	30	3	
Effective activities	11	23	12	
Useful visual aids and handouts	16	22	8	

Presentation	Excellent	Good	Needs Im- provement	Not Appli- cable
Instructor's knowledge	32	14		
Instructor's presentation style	23	22	1	
Instructor covered material clearly	23	21	2	
Instructor responded well to questions	27	16	1	

How could this workshop be improved?

- Improved knowledge – environmental issues, laws and policies, national and international issues.
- Involvement of students of Biological science should be more in such topics.



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- Overall the programme was a good interactive as well as educative to non-science background people.
  - It was excellent.
  - The workshop was well organised. Requires no further improvement or suggestions.
  - There is no word to express the way this team has organised.
  - Get multilingual instructors.
  - Next time they should practically showcase the objects.
  - Involve people as resource person (localities') who know more about the subject – traditional knowledge.
  - More interactions.
  - Have more people in the audience.
  - Place the things before the people, call the localities who have little insights about it.
  - Could be more specific about certain scientific terms and their meaning. Also could use more audio video affects.
  - With more listening audience and practical exposure of certain situations the sessions or conference would be really fruitful.
  - This kind of workshop would provide great knowledge to others if there is a large number of audience.

**Any other comments or suggestions?**

- Boon or bane the Biodiversity law in India was a great topic to discuss.
- Conduct workshops every 3 months not BDA alone but other subjects as well.
- Hope you will conduct still more events on environmental awareness. I really enjoyed all sessions. Thank you.
- Need audio visual and lighting arrangement.
- Good.



- Avoid the use of local language and having more interactive sessions in English Language.
- Actually I am from an Engineering field but here I have got great knowledge about biological diversity. In this workshop I did not follow the Kannada language very well. If it was in English it would have been better.
- Food wastage from participants has to be resolved.
- Everything was good.
- The speakers were either extremely good or monotonous. Some of the speakers could be better.
- It's really useful and thought provoking. Yet more interesting topics can be added to make sessions active.
- Amazing workshop and excellent resource person.
- Before beginning of the event let every participant get a copy of the paper presented, so that they can have the knowledge (prior).
- More discussions.
- Involve more government authorities to collect feedback.
- Help us to know what we can do to protect the nature.
- Ms Rashmi K's could be better.
- Do include educators of different institutions and local politicians too for the conference.

Overall, how would you evaluate this workshop training session?

Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable
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