



Jammu & Kashmir Biodiversity Council

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**Minutes of the review meeting held on 03-04-2023 at 12:00 PM at FRMC Building Narwal,
Jammu under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS Pr. CCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K
Biodiversity Council.**

The meeting was attended by the following officers /officials of the Council:-

1. Sh. Asaf Mehmood Sagar, IFS Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council / Director JKFRI, J&K.
2. Sh. Rakesh Abrol, Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division, Jammu.
3. Sh. Mohd. Lateef Bhat, Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division, Srinagar (Attended online).
4. Sh. Vishal Choudhary, ACF O/o PCCF & HoFF.
5. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI.
6. Sh. Shashi Kant Seth, I/c Biodiversity Cell.
7. Sh. Parvaiz Ahmad Shagoo, Technical Officer to PCCF & HoFF / Chairman JKUTBC.
8. Staff of J&K Biodiversity Council.

The agenda circulated along with the meeting notice was discussed at length. The item wise deliberations / discussions held and decisions taken are as follows.

S. No	Agenda Item	Deliberation and Decision taken
1.	Updation of PBRs.	The PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council was apprised of the progress achieved. It was informed that till March, 2023 2421 PBRs (1453 PBRs in Jammu & 1058 in Kashmir) stand updated. The PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council advised that all PBRs shall be updated by the Council by 31 st March, 2024 and Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council shall follow up with the DFOs Research Jammu / Kashmir to complete updation of all PBRs during 2023-24.

2.	Printing of PBRs.	The Chairman expressed his displeasure that despite availability of funds and time only 800 PBRs have been printed in Jammu and 200 in Kashmir. The PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed DFOs Research Jammu / Kashmir to follow the earlier directions and complete the printing of remaining / leftover PBRs within next two months i.e by 31 st May, 2023 and ensure that all updated PBRs are printed and distributed by 31 st March, 2024.
3.	Constitution of District level BMCs.	The DFO Research Division Srinagar, and I/c Biodiversity Cell, Kashmir Dr. Syed Tariq were directed by the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council to vigorously follow the constitution of remaining District level BMCs in Kashmir region and ensure their constitution during the month of April, 2023.
4.	Operationalization of BMCs.	The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed to take the details of village panchayat level banks mapped with J&K Bank from Directors Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Kashmir / Jammu and the same be forwarded to Govt. for obtaining approval to open bank accounts of all BMCs to operationalize them, especially in view of the policy on Sustainable collection and utilization of NTFP in J&K.
5	Finalization of LBSAPs for Jammu & Srinagar	The PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council expressed serious concerns on delay in finalization of draft of LBSAPs. He directed that the necessary corrections in the LBSAPs of Jammu & Srinagar cities be made by his Technical officer and draft of LBSAPs be sent to ICLEI, South Asia along with messages by 10 th April, 2023.
6.	Facilitation of PBR Quality Monitoring Committee.	The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to ensure distribution of 10 randomly selected PBRs Per district to Quality Monitoring & Evaluation Committee for their evaluation and same be followed up for report.
7.	Formulation of proposal for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council.	The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council asked Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to discuss the matter with Addl. PCCF Central so that it is incorporated in the reorganization proposal of the Forest Department which is under consideration of the Govt.

8.	Signing of MoUs.	<p>The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council informed that one MoU between J&K Forest Research Institute (JKFRI) and Baba Ghulam Shah University in Rajouri has been signed and MoU between SKUAST-J and JKFRI has also been signed. He further informed that JKFRI will also sign MoU with SKUAST-K and Kashmir University soon. The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council advised Dr. Syed Tariq to facilitate meeting with VC SKUAST-K & VC Kashmir University. The Chairman advised for early signing of remaining MoUs and by 30th April, 2023 by all means.</p>
9.	Establishment of J&K Biodiversity Fund.	<p>The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council asked the Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to collect the data from 4-5 States/UTs regarding establishment Biodiversity Fund so that the matter can be followed up with the Administrative Department for its quick disposal and requirement of BD Act, 2002 is also fulfilled.</p>
10.	Status of electronic Dashboard.	<p>It was informed that 3059 BMCs related information (1205 from Jammu & 1947 from Kashmir) stand uploaded on e-dashboard upto March, 2023. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed Member Secretary to take up the matter with Rural Development & Panchayati Raj department, J&K so that the progresses on e-dashboard could be expedited. A DO letter may also be drafted on behalf of Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council requesting Commissioner / Secretary Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj. In this regard, Chairman strongly advised that all the BMCs to be updated on the e-dashboard by 31st May, 2023.</p>

11.	Status of utilization of funds under Grant-in-Aid, CAMPA & NBA	It was informed that the funds from NBA stand utilized as per the requirement. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed to prepare fresh proposal for the FY 2023-24.
12.	Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan-Feedback and follow up	<p>A meeting regarding Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan was held on 01.04.2023 with Stakeholder Departments. The Stakeholder Departments had asked for activity wise breakup of the amount / financial implications for each Stakeholder Departments.</p> <p>Besides the Stakeholder Departments also desired to know about the basis for arriving at the above said financial figures for each Action Point. It was decided that the J&K Biodiversity Council shall seek the requisite information from "<i>The Celestial Earth</i>" and provide to Stakeholder Departments to so that to finalize the Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (BSAP) document by incorporating their inputs. It was further decided that another meeting shall be organized with the same representatives of the concerned departments around 15th April, 2023 and draft UT level BSAP shall be submitted by 30th April, 2023 to Govt.</p>
13.	Migration to Electronic PBRs- outcome of trainings conducted and way forward.	DFO Research, Jammu / Srinagar were directed to submit the reports and outcome of the trainings conducted for migration to e-PBRs by 10 th April, 2023 so that same be finalized by Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council and shared with concerned and acted upon.
14.	Other pending Issues, if any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council asked Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to take up the matter of nominating DFOs (Territorial) as Nodal Officer of J&K Biodiversity Council with Addl. PCCF Central. Directions have already been issued to DFOs (Territorial) by the PCCF office to use the services of Range Officers, Soil Ranges for the work related to Biodiversity Council. • The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council apprised the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council of the staff required for Updation of PBRs, e-dashboard & other Biodiversity related works. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council advised the Member

		<p>Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to engage the JRFs / Project Assistants during the FY 2023-24 following proper selection process / codal procedures. The Chairman also reiterated that DFOs Seed divisions Kashmir / Jammu be also actively involved in the functioning of J&K Biodiversity Council by enabling orders so that pending works of the Council could be timely completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that the 4th meeting of J&K Biodiversity Council shall be held on 25.04.2023. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed the Member Secretary and other concerned officials to prepare the agenda note for the meeting and issue the meeting notice well before the said date.
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While concluding, the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council advised to go through the minutes of meeting and decisions taken in the last meeting of J&K Biodiversity Council and ensure that compliance is made in respect of all the decisions.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

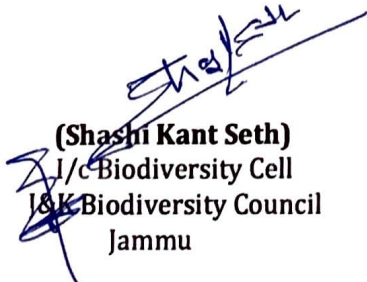
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