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**Minutes of the review meeting held on 24-12-2022 at 3:00 PM at Van Bhawan,
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. Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council / Director JKFRI, J&K.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division Srinagar (Attended online).
3. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI (Attended online).
4. Sh. Shashi Kant Seth, I/c Biodiversity Cell.
5. Miss. Nowsheen Zaffar, Intern (NBA) (Attended online).
6. JRFs from Jammu.
7. 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.	Review of updation of PBRs.	The PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council was apprised of the progress achieved. Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council stated that till November, 2022 2331 PBRs (1273 PBRs in Jammu & 1058 in Kashmir) stood updated. It was further informed that 45 PBRs in Jammu & 578 PBRs in Kashmir region stood allotted to JRFs and Rejs respectively for

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		<p>update during the M/o December, 2022. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council impressed upon the participants to ensure that the targets of updation of PBRs for the current financial year (1800-2000) are achieved.</p>
2.	Printing of PBRs.	<p>It was informed in the meeting that the process of printing of PBRs stood initiated. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council expressed displeasure on noting no significant progress despite availability of funds for many months. He directed that the DFO Research Division, Jammu & DFO Research Division, Srinagar shall print 20 PBRs each per division per day. Any laxity in this regard shall not be tolerated.</p>
3.	Constitution of District level BMCs.	<p>The DFO Research Division, Srinagar, Project Coordinator Dr. Syed Tariq and Sh. Shashi Kant Seth, I/c Biodiversity Cell were directed by the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council to get the remaining District level BMCs constituted at the earliest.</p>
4.	Operationalization of BMCs.	<p>The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council apprised the Chairman of the progress achieved. It was informed that bank accounts of 41 BMCs stood opened and amount of Rs.1500/- per BMC released in favour of 30 BMCs. Bank accounts of 11 out of the above said 41 BMCs had some problem that needed to be sorted out. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed that bank accounts of all the BMCs (4290 Village Panchayat Level BMCs and 76 ULB level BMCs) should be got opened at the earliest in view of</p>

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		<p>the recently approved NTFP policy by the Government of J&K. In this regard, the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council asked the Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to write a letter to the Government seeking approval of Finance Department for opening of bank accounts of all the BMCs. The Member Secretary was asked by the Chairman to write a letter to the PCCF & HoFF J&K Forest Department requesting him to issue directions to all territorial DFOs for utilizing the services of Range Officers, Soil Conservation Ranges to get the bank accounts of BMCs opened.</p>
5.	Facilitation of PBR Quality Monitoring Committee.	<p>It was informed in the meeting that DFO Research Division, Srinagar stood directed to send randomly selected 20 PBRs to newly Constituted Quality Monitoring & Evaluation Committee for evaluation of quality of PBRs. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed DFO Research, Srinagar to confirm sending of PBRs by 31st December, 2022.</p>
6.	Formulation of proposal for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council.	<p>It was decided to send proposal to Govt. for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council. The staff shall be proposed to be drawn from the overall sanctioned strength of Forest Department / JKFRRI. The Chairman & Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council shall take up the matter with the Administrative Department for its quick disposal.</p>

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7.	Signing of MoUs.	The MoU are to be finalized in accordance with the recently signed MoU between FRI Dehradun & J&K Forest Department which stood approved by the Govt. of UT of J&K. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council expressed his displeasure on delay and advised to ensure that all MoUs be signed by 31.01.2023.
8.	Establishment of J&K Biodiversity Fund.	The Chairman & Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council shall take up the matter with the Administrative Department for its quick disposal.
9.	E-Dashboard progress.	It was informed that 3003 BMCs related information (1141 from Jammu & 1862 from Kashmir) has been uploaded on e-dashboard upto November, 2022. The Member Secretary further stated that the letter stood written to the Directors Rural Development Department Jammu / Kashmir regarding providing necessary information and support to the officials / Junior Research Fellows visiting the BMC so that the information is uploaded on e-dashboard well in time. Serious efforts shall be made to complete the job by 28 th February, 2023 and DFO Research Jammu / Srinagar shall monitor the progress weekly.
10.	Honorarium to Committee Members	The Chairman & Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council shall take up the matter with the Administrative Department for its requisite approval.
11.	Identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.	It was decided that Sh. Shashi Kant Seth, I/c Biodiversity Cell shall contact DFOs territorial to identify Biodiversity Heritage Sites in Jammu Region. A reminder shall be

		issued by the Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council to all DFOs.
12.	CAMPA APO 2022-23.	It was informed that funds received by the J&K Biodiversity Council under CAMPA included Rs.5.00 Lac under awareness head and Rs.4.00 Lac under the head resource survey. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed DFO Research Division, Srinagar and Project Coordinator Dr. Syed Tariq to expedite the work on documentation on pollinators and Sacred Groves besides publishing the work done by Miss Nowsheen Zaffar, NBA Intern on pollinators utilizing the funds under CAMPA by 31 st December, 2022. Similarly, DFO Research Division, Jammu shall publish the work done on Nursery techniques / Propagation of medicinal plants utilizing CAMPA funds.
13.	Outcome One day stakeholders consultation meeting on UTBSAP held on 13.09.2022 at Sheikh Bagh Srinagar	Pr. CFF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed DFO Research Division, Srinagar to submit report immediately and before 31.12.2022.
14.	Visit to BMCs by the esteemed members of J&K Biodiversity Council	It was informed to the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council that letters stood written to the esteemed members of J&K Biodiversity Council for identifying the BMCs out of the provided list for their visit. Response is awaited. The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed that the esteemed members may be contacted telephonically also to finalize the dates of their visit to BMCs to be identified by them and visits be undertaken at the earliest.

15	Stakeholder Departments Consultation Meeting on UT Level BSAP	It was decided to hold the consultation meeting of Stakeholder Departments on U.T level BSAP at Jammu (in light of directions of Administrative Department) in second week of January, 2023. The Member Secretary was asked to fix the date of the meeting well in advance under intimation to the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council and proceed accordingly.
16.	Training of District Level BMCs	It was decided that a training of District Level BMCs shall be held in Jammu in 3 rd week of January, 2023 on the pattern of similar training held at Srinagar recently. The Member Secretary was asked to fix the date of the meeting under intimation to the Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council and proceed accordingly.
17.	Training of staff for Migration to e-PBRs	The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed the Member Secretary to write a letter to Chairperson NBA and Dr. Vishwas Chauhan for conducting training of staff on migration to e-PBRs at Jammu in the month of January /February, 2023.
18.	Geo-tagging of Chinar	The Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council directed the DFO Research Division, Srinagar to accomplish the task of Geo-tagging of 10000 mighty Chinars in Kashmir region before 31.03.2023 without fail. The DFO Research Division, Srinagar raised the issue of maintenance of vegetative multiplication garden of Chinar established at Haran last year. He was asked to discuss the matter with Director JKFRI.

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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 to all the decisions. The next meeting of Council may be in February, 2023.

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

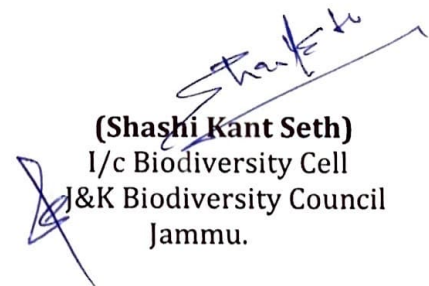
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J&K Biodiversity Council/ Director
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2. Private Secretary to the Pr. CCF & HoFF/ Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council for information of the Chairman.
3. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI
4. Sh. Shashi Kant Seth, I/c Biodiversity Cell.
5. Miss. Newsheen Zaffar, Intern (NBA).
6. All JRFs.
7. Staff of J&K Biodiversity Council.
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