

J&K Biodiversity Council organizes training for electronic - PBRs.

J&K Biodiversity Council in collaboration with J&K Forest Department is organizing a Training programme on creation of electronic People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs). The training is being organized with the support of National Biodiversity Authority of India and their Resource Persons. The training is being held at Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh Srinagar from 22-26th August 2022 and led by Dr. Vishwas Chavan affiliated to National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India. During his opening remarks Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS spoke in detail about the process of preparation of PBRs followed by J&K Biodiversity Council in UT of Jammu and Kashmir. He also appraised about the process of updation of PBRs and the need to have them in electronic form. He extended his full support to the visiting resource persons and thanked the National Biodiversity Authority for accepting the request for conducting the one week training programme which is a significant step for documentation, upgradation and securing of the data on Biodiversity at Village level in a digitized form. The training on electronic PBRs shall facilitate collection, storage and review of PBRs on a web enabled platform using modern tools and mobile based applications.

The Additional PCCF, T. Rabi Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests Kashmir shared his experience regarding the importance of updation of PBRs and their migration to ePBR for making it user friendly and effective for use.

The APCCF/Director Jammu & Kashmir Forest Research Institute and Member Secretary JKUTBC, Asaf Mahmood Sagar was present during the whole day of the training to supervise the sessions.

Dr. Vishwas Chavan informed that the training aims to impart the practical knowhow of migration of manual PBRs to ePBRs, content mobilization, and quality enhancement and right use of data for various purposes.

The training programme is being attended by the officers/officials of J&K Biodiversity Council and J&K Forest Department besides research fellows engaged by the Council. During the inaugural session discussions were held on the PBR process, review of existing PBRs in J&K. The team is here to impart training on the alignment and migrations of data in excel sheets. Field visit to few BMCs is also scheduled during the training programme for imparting practical training for converting manual PBRs to ePBR with necessary updation.