

International Biodiversity Day (IBD) 2015

Theme: “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”

Tripura Biodiversity Board in collaboration with Department of Botany, Department of Forestry & Biodiversity, Tripura University & Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Agartala has organized a national seminar on 'Biodiversity for Sustainable Development'. It was a two days national program on 25th & 26th May, 2015 at Maharaja BirBikram Satavarshiki Bhawan, Tripura University. Approximately 170 participants including members of Legal Advisory Group, Expert Committee & Non-official members, Govt. & non-Govt. officials, university, colleges, industries, and media (Print &

& Electronic) were present in the inauguration session. Sri Naresh Chandra Jamatia, Hon'ble Minister, Forest, Rural Development & Election Departments lighted the lamp as the Chief Guest & Inaugurator. Prof. A K Ghosh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University has presided



over the inaugural ceremony as Patron. The Member Secretary, TBB, Dr. A. K. Gupta was the Convenor of the two days national seminar. Prof. P Tandon, Ex Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Member, National Advisory Council, Dr. Pradeep Vyas, Addl. PCCF & Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal and Prof. S K Barik, HoD, Dept. Of Botany, NEHU were the special invitees of this year's IBD.

At the end of the inauguration session, on the Day 1, there were 3 Technical Sessions. Technical Session I – “Biodiversity Conservation, Sustainable use and development” was chaired by Prof. P Tandon and the lead speaker was Dr. Pradeep Vyas. This was followed by 8 oral presentations by different participants covering varied topics related to Biodiversity.

Technical Session II – “Biodiversity assessment” was chaired by Prof. P Tandon and the keynote speaker was Dr. Pradeep Vyas followed by 12 oral presenters among the participants.

Technical Session III – “Ecosystem services and functions” was chaired by Prof. P Tandon and the lead speaker was Prof. S K Barik which was followed by 7 oral presentations covering many aspects of Biodiversity & Traditional knowledge.



The Day-2 of the National Seminar had one technical session where there were 7 oral presentations and another session for 19 poster presentations. The 2-days national program ended with a narration on future road map from the Convenor, Dr. A K Gupta, Member Secretary, Tripura Biodiversity Board who also mentioned that successful execution of the seminar would be possible only when people with all new concept and ideas would come out and start working in the field which should be used as a live laboratory by the people working in the area of Biodiversity & Forestry.

