



TELANGANA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

REPORT ON

NATIONAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE -2025

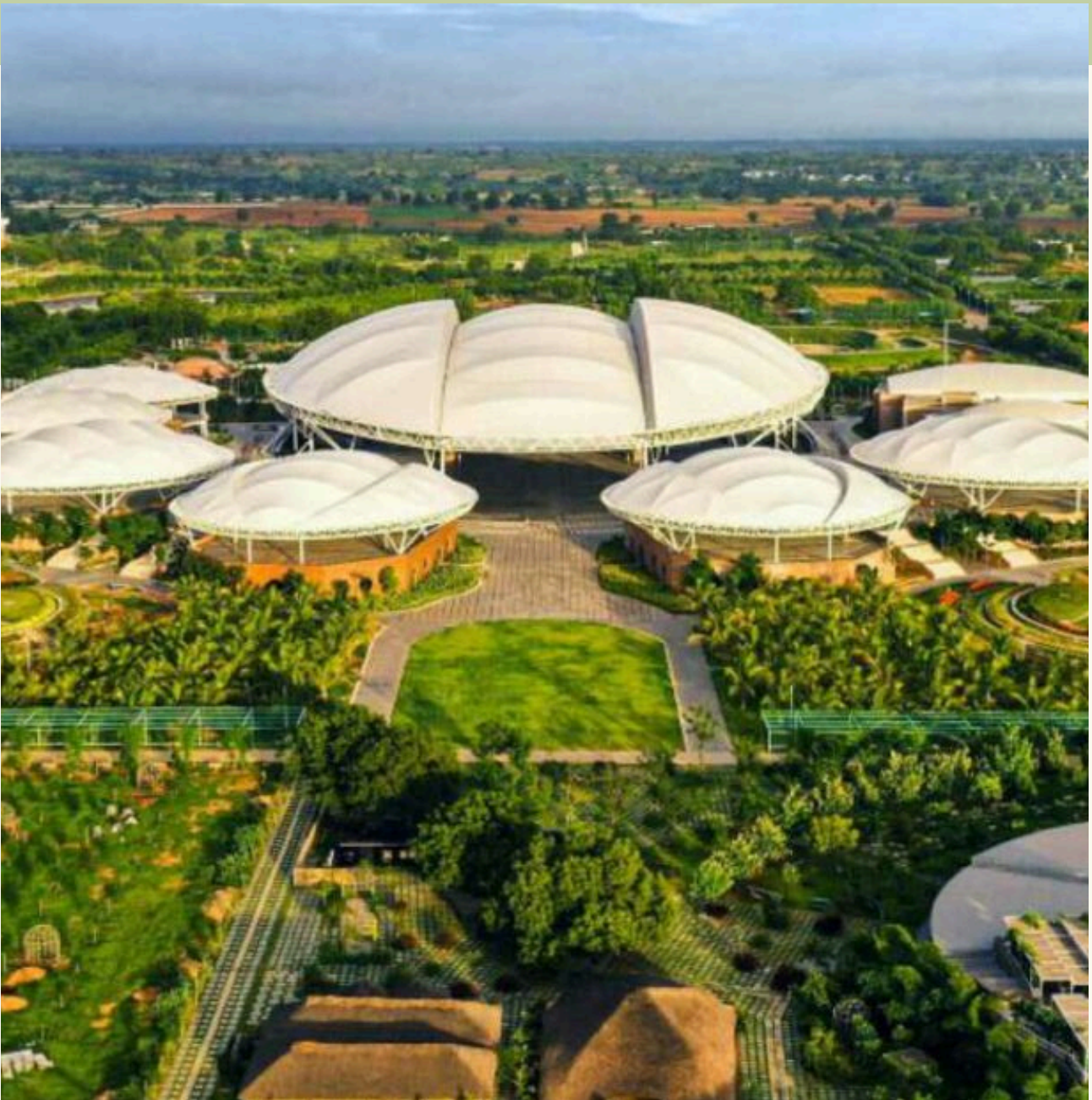
February 20 - 22, 2025 | Kanha Shanti Vanam



National Youth Biodiversity Conference

National Youth Biodiversity Conference (NYBC - 2025) was three days residential program by Telangana Biodiversity Board at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana.

The NBYC-2025 aims to empower and engage post graduate students from across the country in a dynamic, hands-on exploration of biodiversity conservation. It foster knowledge and action on biodiversity issues, with the goal of creating informed advocates for sustainable practises.



Conference Highlights

- Participation of Delegates from all the parts of India from Varied Fields of Post Graduate Study
- Keynote lectures on Biodiversity Laws, Sustainable development and Conservation Practises
- Youth Led Bio Conservation Practises and Hyderabad Declaration
- On-Field Activities includes Bird Walk, Understanding Role of Snakes (Human-animal Conflict) , PBR Preparation, Meditation and Yoga Practise.
- The Event is supported by National Biodiversity Authority and WWF India MOEFCC, SBBs, UNDP, GYBN





Conference Timelines

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| Day 1 | Inaugural Ceremony, Sessions and Activities |
| Day 2 | Conference, Hands-on sessions and Activities |
| Day 3 | Hyderabad Declaration, Sessions and Valedictory Ceremony with Award Distribution |

Day 1 – Highlights



Inaugural Ceremony featured State Forests, Environment & Endowments Minister Smt.Konda Surekha, National Biodiversity Authority Chairperson, Sri C. Achalender Reddy, IFS along with TS Biodiversity Board Secretary, Sri Kalicharan S. Khartade, IAS, Vote of Thanks presented by Dr. Shilpi Sharma (Scientific Officer-TGBDB).

Key Talk

Role of Digital Sequencing Information In Biodiversity Conservation by Dr. Srirama (Scientific consultant, NBA), proceeded by case study and examples of Eco-terrorism & Biodiversity Ethics by Dr.Yogita Karache, President WATO.

The Program boosted followed by the talks on Legal Framework for Biodiversity Conservation by Dr. Suhas Nimbalkar, partnering Eitimo Ventures LLP; Sri A.K. Goyal, IFS shared wiser words and inspired with presentation on Biological Resources and Sustainability, Fair ABS practises.

Day 1 – Highlights



Conference



Awareness



Training



Training

Amazing Sessions

National Delegates were allotted to Mentors and Interactive sessions from what they've been exposed to for the few days and inspired to draft pointers to conserve Biodiversity and Understanding the delegation from various perspectives

The day set with Nature based activities includes Display of Rescued Snakes and their Role in Ecosystems by Friends of Snakes Society , Nocturnal Bird Walk by Dr. C. Srinivasulu and Exploring Kanha Biodiversity through Spiritual Realms led by Dr. Ananya S. Rao.

Day 2

The Second Day boasted in Peace and Mindful Start with Meditation and Yoga guided by Kanha Meditation Centre Team.

Kickstarted with Hyderabad Birding Pals Team led by Mrs. Farida Tampal, Mr. Sriram and recording the sightings of birds in the Kanha campus by the National delegates using supportive applications like E-Bird & Merlin.

The Talks began with Insights on Global Biodiversity Conservation & Governance by Dr.V.B.Mathur (Former Chairperson, NBA), followed by Nature inclusive Group activity.

Birdwatching



Group Activities



Day 2

✓ Voicing Youth

The Youth Inspiring Leaders, Ms. Meenal Tatpati (Researcher, Policy associate at Women4Biodiversity) & Ms. Hemavathi S Shekhar (Advocate, Founder of Entact Earth Foundation) enlightened delegation with Youth-Led Innovations in Biodiversity Conservation



✓ Community Education

The pre-lunch event was concluded by Mr. Dusharla Satyanarayana, foundly known as (FOREST MAN OF TELANGANA), shared his life motto, aspirations and wisdom from his Matriarchy Surviving alongside Conserving the Forests and the Nature in Janapadageetaalu (Folklore)

Exploring Biodiversity anywhere led by Mrs. Farida Tampal (State Director, WWF-India) & Mr. Ram Dayal Vaishnav (TGBDB Consultant & Host).

Talks using Case Studies, Q&A Session followed by Hyderabad Declaration Introduction and Impact By Hemavathi.



Day 2



Essential tools

Dr. Neelima Jerath (Former Member Secretary, Punjab State Biodiversity Board) led a Talk on People's Biodiversity Register a community-led Conservation Tool, an essential lecture taken by implementation by the delegates on the following days.



Hands-on learning

Immersive Rainforest Experience by Kahna Officials , displayed the watering systems and collection of endangered species of plants and its biodiversity.

Dr. C. Srinivasulu hosted a lecture note on Bat Conservation, led by his team in the following years as well as Introduced Identification, conservation practises and busting myths around Nocturnal birds.



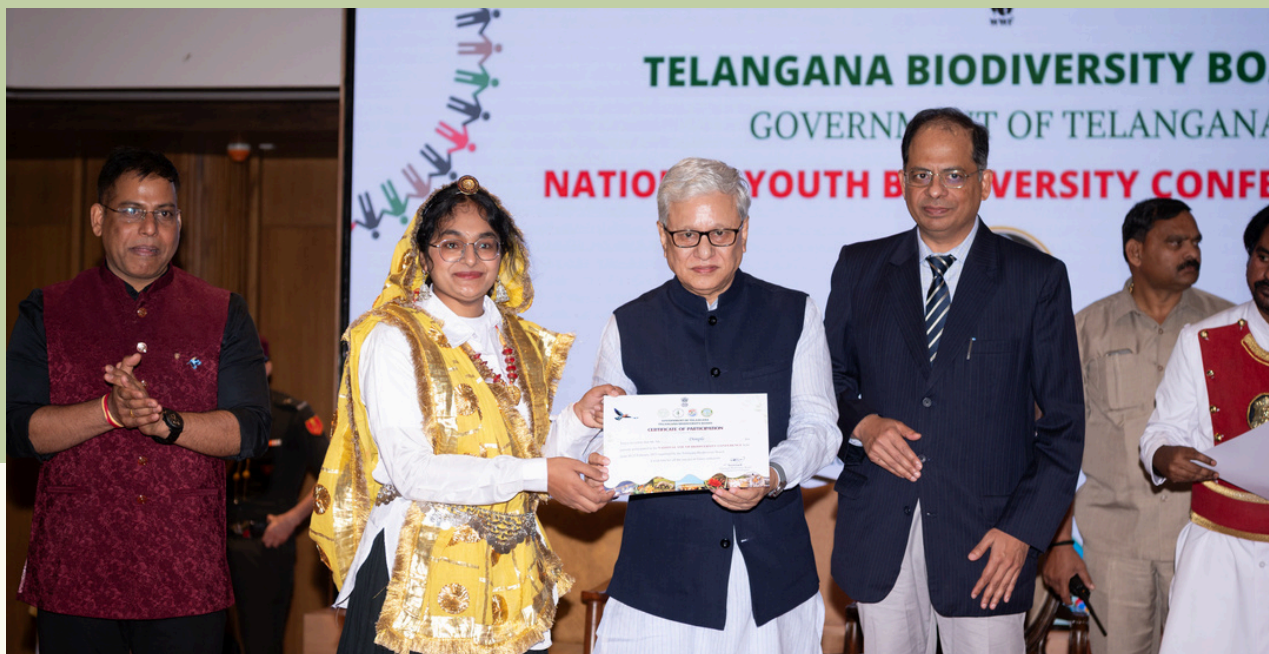
Day 2 – Cultural Night



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Day 3 – Highlights



- Address by the Chief Guest - Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana at the valedictory ceremony.
- Seed Mother Mrs. Rahibai Soma Popere, Padma Shri, spoke about her experience with Preserving Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Seeds
- Mr. Ram Dayal Vaishnav discussed HYDERABAD DECLARATION, petitioned & signed by the National Delegation.
- Feedback Session by Mentors and Delegates.
- Certificates & Awards were given away by the dignitaries to the Delegates
- Honorable Governor delivered an enlightening speech inspiration the generation of Biodiversity Heroes
- Dr. Shilpi Sharma (Scientific Officer TGBDB) concluded the colossal event with the Vote of Thanks.

Hyderabad Declaration

The Hyderabad Declaration represents the voice of youth and is the outcome of the National Youth Biodiversity Conference 2025, bringing together the collective aspirations, concerns and solutions of young people. The youth delegates engaged in a collaborative process to identify challenges, explore solutions, and co-develop nine actionable recommendations. This outcome is a call to action—urging policymakers, institutions, and society at large to recognise youth as key partners in biodiversity conservation and ensure their meaningful participation in shaping a sustainable future.



Hyderabad Declaration Adoption & Release

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- 01. Train Youth in Sustainable Practices:** Support grassroots organisations to teach young people technical skills for using natural resources wisely and sustainably.
- 02. Make Experiential Learning a Must in Schools:** Schools should integrate hands-on learning to help children build a strong connection with nature.
- 03. Raise Awareness Through Higher Education Institutions (HEIs):** Partner with HEIs to educate youth about useful databases and technologies, and how to use them responsibly in research.
- 04. Preserve Traditional Knowledge and Create Livelihoods:** Encourage the practice of traditional knowledge for sustainable living and livelihoods. If certain practices harm biodiversity, provide alternative livelihood options.
- 05. Support Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for Knowledge Transfer:** Empower SHGs to spread awareness and pass down traditional knowledge between generations.
- 06. Help Young Entrepreneurs Bring Innovations to Market:** Provide financial and institutional support to young entrepreneurs for their sustainable ideas, along with government backing to create a market for their products.
- 07. Promote Sustainable Community-Based Ecotourism:** Encourage youth to develop eco-friendly livelihood models through community-led, responsible tourism.
- 08. Awareness on Biodiversity Laws:** Conduct mobile legal awareness sessions in rural areas to educate locals about their rights and responsibilities. Leverage storytelling, art, and social media to simplify biodiversity laws and highlight real-life conservation efforts.
- 09. Increase Youth Participation in Biodiversity Conservation:** State Biodiversity Boards should organise youth conferences to boost youth engagement and involve experts from different fields to work together on biodiversity conservation.

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We thank the mentors, Enact Earth Foundation, and WWF-India for their guidance and support. A special thanks to the Telangana Biodiversity Board for creating this unique platform to amplify youth voices in biodiversity conservation.

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We, the undersigned youth delegates of the National Youth Biodiversity Conference 2025, adopt and affirm our commitment to the Hyderabad Declaration and pledge to advocate for its recommendations in biodiversity conservation efforts.

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Akshay Malik (Punjab)	Ashok (Rajasthan)	Rohit (Rajasthan)	Mushu (Rajasthan)	Harsh (DNH FDD)	Harsh (DNH FDD)
Ananya Singh (Chandigarh)	Siddharth Suman (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)	Shiv (West Bengal)	Shiv (West Bengal)		
R. Nithin Kumar (Puducherry)	Shiv (Lakshadweep)	Mohd. Ali (Ladakh)	Fayaz Ahmad (Jt-Ladakh)		
Chiranjay (Delhi)	Shiv (Delhi)				

Date: 22nd February, 2025

Location: Hyderabad, India

Key Activities & Amenities

- The Delegate Kit distributed to the participants includes a personalized notepad, pen, cap, stainless steel water bottle, file holder, program schedule, ID card, and a bag.
- Kanha Shanti Vanam the world's largest meditation center, spanning 530 acres. It features a diverse range of flora and fauna, including endemic and endangered species, as well as nine water pools designed for sustainable conservation.
- Accommodations includes three shared rooms, designated separately for boys and girls, within the cottages at Kanha Shanti Vanam.
- The event provided nature-friendly vegetarian meals over three days.
- The program commenced with meditation and yoga, followed by nature-based activities in the field.
- Activities such as bird walks, rainforest treks, and People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) projects enabled participants to engage closely with nature, fostering team resilience and a spirit of camaraderie.



Mentors for Delegation Groups

The Delegation groups were categorized equally based on the diversity of Ethnicity, ages and the Educational Backgrounds, ensuring each Delegation Body has Similar Strengths and Acquired Balance.

Mentors for the following groups :

GROUP 1

Mrs. Farida Tampal
State Director
WWF-India

GROUP 2

Dr. Neelima Jerath
Former Member Secretary,
Punjab State Biodiversity
Board

GROUP 3

Dr. Bhargavi Srinivasulu
Chiropterologist
Osmania University

GROUP 4

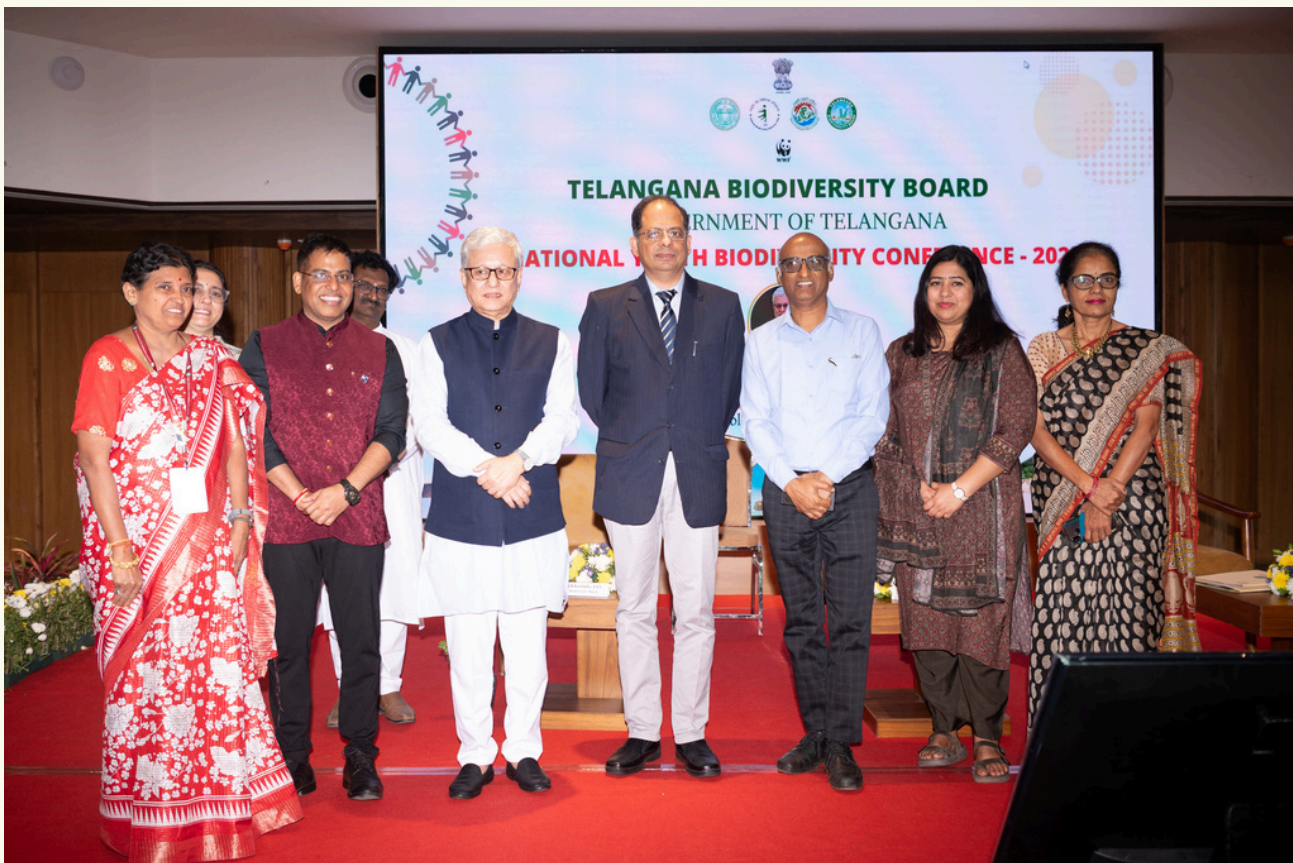
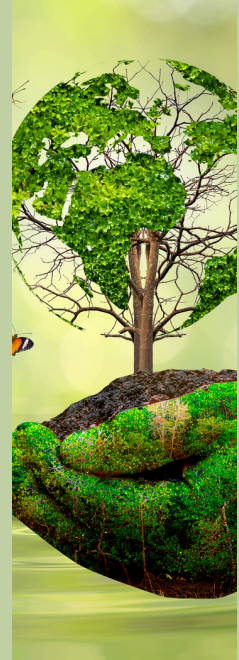
Dr. P. Sushma
Botany Department
TMV

GROUP 5

Dr. N. Manika
Senior Manager
Sustainable Landscapes

GROUP 6

Dr. C. Srinivasulu
Zoology Professor
Osmania University



The Biodiversity Board Team

The team that made this event possible, gathering ever diverse pools to stand tall for the Nature & Biodiversity Conservation.

- Sri Kalicharan S. Khartade, IAS (Secretary, TGBDB)
- Dr. Shilpi Sharma (Scientific Officer TGBDB)
- Ansar Ahmed (Accounts Officer, TGBDB)
- Asad Gopi (Technical Assistant)
- Shyam M (Technical Assistant)
- Pavitra M (NBA Intern)
- Ram Dayal Vaishnav (Environment Consultant, TGBDB)
- M. Venkanna (PA to Secretary)
- R. Sriharshith (Data Entry Operator)
- I. Yogesh (Office Subordinate)
- Medha R Meduri (Volunteer, TGBDB)



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diversity holds the true value of biodiversity, and it is imperative to safeguard it for future generations." We need to recognize that with each species lost, we lose a "possible genetic wealth," she remarked.

Minister Sureshka also acknowledged the significant role played by NGOs in biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilization. The efforts at biodiversity preservation floated across India are gaining momentum, and the government is moving towards its protection and effective management.

The conference has brought together 70 students from different states and districts, providing them with a platform to engage in discussions and gain insights into biodiversity conservation strategies. The minister reiterated that the collective efforts of scientists, researchers, and policymakers are essential to tackling biodiversity challenges and ensuring ecological balance.

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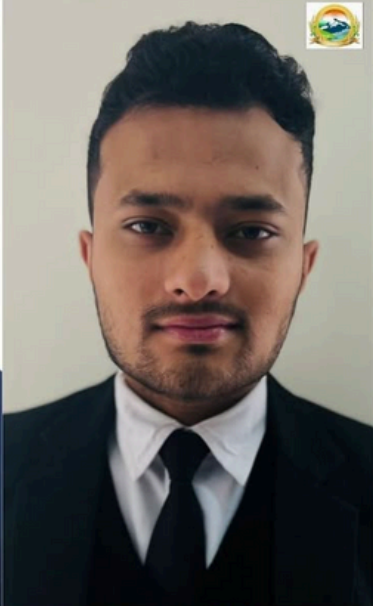
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Two Young Sikkimese Selected for National Youth Biodiversity Conference in Telangana

Anish Sharma and Satyam Chettri from Sikkim have received nominations to participate in the National Youth Biodiversity Conference, scheduled for February 20 to 22, 2025, in Hyderabad. The conference is organized by the Telangana Biodiversity Board under the Government of Telangana.

Focusing on biodiversity laws, conservation practices, and sustainable development, the event aims to foster learning through interactive workshops, keynote speeches, and practical field activities.

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Tamil Nadu Students Honoured at National Conference

Editor, February 26, 2025



At the recently held National Youth Biodiversity Conference 2025, organized by the Telangana Biodiversity Board, Government of Telangana, two representatives from Tamil Nadu, Nagul Yogendra and Hari Srinivasan, were honoured by Jishnu Dev Varma, Governor of Telangana.

The conference took place at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Itanga Reddy District, Telangana, from February 20 to 22, 2025. Students from Jain (Deemed-to-be University), School of Sciences, representing various regions across India, actively participated in the event, demonstrating their dedication to biodiversity conservation and sustainability.

Nagul Yogendra and Hari Srinivasan were selected by the Government of Telangana to represent Tamil Nadu at this prestigious event. As part of the Hyderabad Declaration, they actively engaged in key discussions on



Jishnu Dev Varma
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Today at the "National Youth Bio Diversity Conference" in Hyderabad. It was good to know that Telangana is the first state to host this conference and was delighted that the conference will become an annual event.

Students from each and every state of our country were present at the conference with the exception of only Arunachal Pradesh due to travel problems. Everyone attended Valedictory Session in their traditional attire, which added vibrancy and colour.

The participants were here for three days with working sessions divided into groups, mentored by professors and professionals in the various subjects related to bio diversity. They also had experiential learning through 'on site' visits to the various green projects in Kanha Shatvan, where it was held.

The conference adopted the "Hyderabad Declaration" that has 9 points to strengthen the cause of Bio Diversity in our country through youth action.








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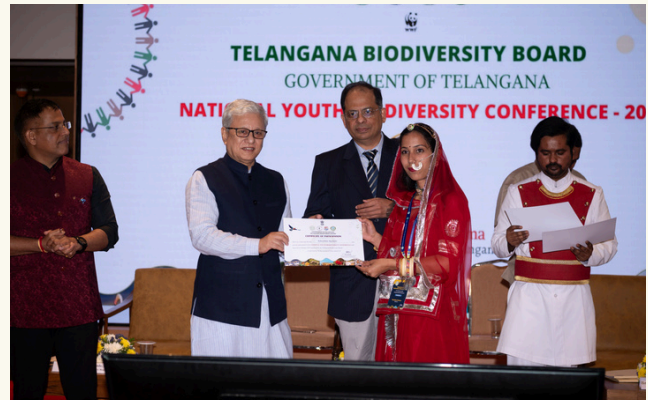
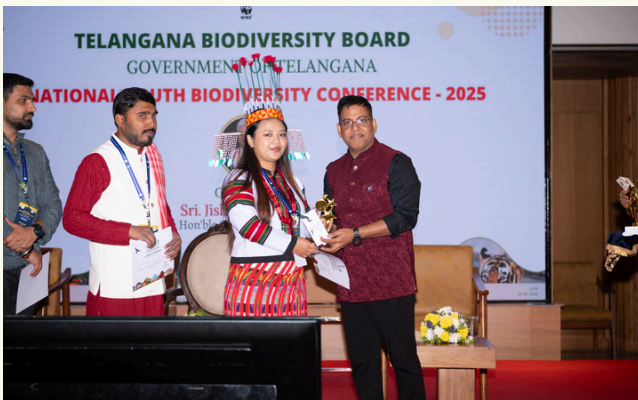


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