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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INAUGURAL MEETING OF DELHI BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL,  
GNCTD HELD ON 14.01.2022 AT 03:00 PM THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING.**

**The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure - I.**

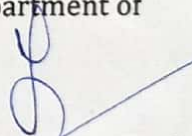
At the onset, the Member Secretary/Chief Wildlife Warden, GNCTD welcomed all the council members on the inaugural meeting of Delhi Biodiversity Council (DBC) followed by a self introduction session. Sh. J. Justin Mohan, Secretary, NBA gave an introduction and background of the necessity of council in Delhi with latest happenings in the country under the aegis of National Biodiversity Authority. Dr. V. B. Mathur, Chairman, NBA congratulated council on its first meeting and described the formation, establishment and role and functions of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC's) through a presentation. In the presentation, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 were also described. In that, it mentioned that DBC needs to manage BMC's in civic bodies.

After having a detailed understanding on the background and happenings of the council in the country, the following suggestions and decisions were taken:

1. Dr. V. B. Mathur emphasized first to constitute and operationalize the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC's) and Public Biodiversity Registers (PBR) on priority basis. Possibly to opt e-PBR for database management and documentation. Emphasized that DBC shall make their BMC's and PBR's as a role model for other UTBCs and SBB's. He further suggested participating in Asian Water birds Census 2022 in partnership with NBA, Wetlands International and BNHS. Orientation Training is on 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. Actual counting is on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Also, active engagement of all BMCs. In addition, Dr. V. B. Mathur also suggested to initiate preparations for celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity (22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022) and World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022).
2. Sh. Ishwar Singh, PCCF GNCTD (Member, Biodiversity Council) emphasized on the conservation, mapping of entire biological resources and equity based distribution and sharing of resources. Also, trading of biological resources at hot spots of Delhi such as Khari Baoli shall be regulated in due course of time. He further pointed out that active support from all the Municipal Corporations is required to prepare PBR at the earliest.
3. Dr. K. S. Jayachandran, Chief Executive Officer, DPGS (Member, Biodiversity Council) suggested to streamline and mapping of biological resources.

4. Prof. C. R. Babu welcomed all and expressed pleasure to have such kind of body in Delhi. He suggested to first document the biological resources data through the secondary data which is already available as there is a shortage of manpower to do research from the beginning.
5. Sh. Vijay Dashmana, Member, Biodiversity Council also suggested to first set up BMC's and PBR's. Secondly, he also suggested incorporating the biological resources at various biological diversity portals at national level.
6. Sh. Manu Bhatnagar, Member, Biodiversity Council suggested for conduct of bird surveys and to map and record the biological resources of Heritage Sites such as Tughlakabad Fort. In addition to this, he suggested to develop one coherent action plan for the assessment of such sites.
7. Sh. Ishwar Singh and Sh. Manu Bhatnagar pointed out that Delhi has five civic bodies i.e. fifth one is Delhi Cantonment Board. So, this should be added with BMC's which will result in a total of five BMC's in Delhi.
8. Dr. Sumit Dookia, Member, Biodiversity Council suggested documenting the mammalian species at various heritage sites and also at areas controlled by Indian Army. He also suggested that, restoration of heritage sites should be done in such a manner so that it does not affect the species habitat.
9. Sh. Nisheeth Saxena, Member Secretary, Biodiversity council requested all the members to go through the guidelines of NBA on identification, notification and management of biodiversity parks and heritage sites.
10. Sh. Manu Bhatnagar was nominated as a member for Monitoring Committee of Eco-sensitive Zone for Delhi to represent Delhi Biodiversity Council.
11. Dr. V. B. Mathur introduced Sh. Aakash who is allocated to Delhi Biodiversity Council as an Intern by NBA. Dr. V. B. Mathur also mentioned that a total of 25 interns are allotted to various SBB's and UTBC's.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and also brought on record the assistance rendered by Sh. Rohit Kumar Baldodia , Project Associate with Department of Forests & Wildlife in organizing this meeting.

  
**(Nisheeth Saxena)**  
**Member Secretary**

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6. Sh. J. Justin Mohan IFS, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, 5th Floor, TICEL Bio Park, CSIR, Road, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113.
7. Prof. C. R. Babu, Chairperson, Delhi Biodiversity Council, CEMDE, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110007.
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9. Sh. Ishwar Singh, PCCF & HOD, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
10. Sh. NisheethSaxena, Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
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21. Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi.

  
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## Annexure - I

List of members who attended the meeting are as follows:

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