

PRESS RELEASE

Workshop on “Bio-Diversity Conservation and Ecosystem Sustainability”

A webinar on “**Bio-Diversity Conservation and Ecosystem Sustainability**” was held on 09.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M. Chennai -5 under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Vice Chairman Thiru C.Ponnaiyan, State Development Policy Council, (erstwhile State Planning Commission) During the workshop it was suggested that the investment for Forest Sector has to be increased for which the State Government may approach the GOI. The awareness on Bio Diversity Conservation and preservation from grass root level was insisted. Further, it was recorded to strengthen coordination among the various Departments and among different stakeholders like National Bio Diversity Authority, State Bio Diversity Board & Local Body. The detailed discussion on preparation of peoples Bio Diversity Register, Biodiversity in water was discussed. With regard to destructive fisheries which is threat to biodiversity, the strict regulation to ban on destructive fishing and diversification of fishing to revise the fisherman income was recommended.

Thiru. Anil Meshram, IAS., Member Secretary, State Development Policy Council, Dr. Sandeep Saxena, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Dr. P. Durairasu, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr. B.C. Archana Kalyani, IFS., Head of Division (Land Use), SDPC, Tmt. Sarayu, IAS., Project Director, SADP Unit-I, Ooty, Senior Officials from Secretariat / Departments associated and Domain experts participated in the workshop.

The above Workshop topics were presented by Dr.S.Elumalai, Asst Professor from T.N Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Dr. D. Narasimhan, Professor, Member of State Bio Diversity Board, Mr. T. V. Manjunatha, IFS, APCCF, Vellore Circle, Dr. S. Balaji, IFS (Retd), Former PCCF, Dr. N. Krishnakumar, IFS (Retd), Former PCCF, and Dr. P. Jawahar, Controller of Examinations from T.N Dr.J.Jayalalitha Fisheries University, Nagapattinam.