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**TAMIL NADU BIODIVERSITY BOARD**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# ARITTAPATTI BHS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board formed a special committee, namely, Arittapatti BHS management plan drafting committee to make plans for the long term governance and management of the Tamil Nadu's first Biodiversity Heritage Site -'Arittapatti BHS', and comprising of Dr. Badrinarayanan, Expert consultant, Dr. Priya Rajendran, Professor, LDC Madurai, Dr. Mathivanan from ATREE, Dr. Durga, Professor at LDC Madurai, Dr. Karthikeyan, Field expert. This committee will also aim at preparing a model implementation and governance plan which will after validation on the ground will create a yardstick for the management plans for other BHSs in Tamil Nadu as and when they are formed. An online meeting was conducted engaging the committee during January 2023, which was followed up by a physical stakeholders' consultation meeting for drafting the management plan on 16.03.2023 at the district collector's office at Madurai in which Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, IFS, PCCF & Secretary, TNBB, Thiru. Aneesh Sekhar, IAS, Madurai District Collector, and Thiru. Guru Swamy Dabbala, IFS, DFO- Madurai participated along with the gram panchayat members, members of the academic institutions from Madurai and members of few reputed non-governmental organisations. Several government department officials such as from Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Revenue, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, PWD - Water Resources, Archaeology Department, and Tourism participated in the preparatory meeting



Stakeholder consultation meeting – Management plan for Arittapatti BHS

## DEO RECRUITMENT AT TNBB

The Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board released a notification for engaging 3 Data Entry Operators (Technical) for the purpose of uploading PBR data in BIOMIS portal with the last date of receiving applications as 30.01.2023. A total of 192 applications have been received and they are being scrutinized for further shortlisting.

### Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

#### CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT OF DATA ENTRY OPERATOR (Technical) AT THE TAMIL NADU BIODIVERSITY BOARD

##### Engagement notification

The Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board wishes to engage Data Entry Operators (Technical) for the purpose of digitizing the Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) by feeding the data in the BIOMIS portal.

##### Job Description

- Feed the Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR) data in BIOMIS portal
- Cross verify the data for errors
- Contribute to uploading species data to the master database
- Assist with species identification

Position	Qualifications	
	Essential	Desirable
Data Entry Operator - Technical (3 positions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under Graduate degree in Botany/Zoology or relevant courses</li> <li>- Good knowledge of English and Tamil (Read, Write &amp; Speak)</li> <li>- Good knowledge and skills in MS Excel</li> <li>- Below the age of 30 as on 01.12.2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Typewriting – Lower grade</li> <li>- Good knowledge in taxonomy</li> </ul>

##### Period of engagement

4 months – with probability of extension based on performance and requirement

##### Remuneration

Data Entry Operator (Technical) – Rs 18000 /-

##### Other allowances

The personnel shall not be eligible for any other allowances. In case of official travel, appropriate travelling allowances shall be provided as per Government norms or as decided by the Board.



Conducting Interview for the candidate in TNBB office

## Interview for DEO Recruitment

candidates at TNBB

from the 192 candidates based on the gradation 12 candidates have been shortlisted for the interview. The interview was held on 30.03.2023 Thursday at TNBB, based on the interview and written exam two candidates have been selected for the DEO( Technical) post at Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

## TNBB on Social Media Platforms

The Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board established its presence on various social media platforms on 3 March 2023 in order to increase connectivity between the Board and the general public as well as to create publicity & awareness about biodiversity conservation. The handles are active in spreading various communications

# FIELD VISITS TO PROPOSED BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITES (BHS)

## Vagaikulam BHS, Tirunelveli

The team made assessment of proposed BHS at Vagaikulam on 12.01.2023 during which the various stakeholders were clarified about the concept of BHS. The team also visited the Sri Paramakalyani Educational Centre for Excellence in Environmental Science at Alwarkurichi and ATREE Centre at Manimuthar.



The PCCF & Secretary Examining the proposed BHS in Vagaikulam



Meeting with BMC Members of Shenbagathoppu on 15.03.2023

## Shenbagathoppu BHS, Virudhunagar

The team interacted with the local villagers and were given a brief introduction to the history of the locality, the temple, the traditional practices upheld in conserving the area surrounded by the temple, and the issues faced by the local community. After the Interaction the team visited the Proposed area for Examining the site.



Field assessment of Potential BHS (Sacred Groves) in Sivaganga district

## Sacred Grove BHS, Sivaganga and Dindigul

The Team (TNBB) made a field assessment of Potential BHS (Sacred Groves) in Sivaganga district in Forest Department on 14.02.2023. The district forest official explains the key biodiversity elements of the site. A team from the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board (TNBB) visited Kattakamanpatti Sacred Grove, Dindigul district on 16 March 2023 to inspect the site's potential to be declared as a biodiversity heritage site (BHS).

# BMC TRAINING AND MEETING

## Krishnagiri

A team from TNBB comprising of Thiru Kalaiarasan and Thiru Ajeeth headed by the PCCF & Secretary, TNBB Dr Shekhar Kumar Niraj, IFS, undertook a field visit in Krishnagiri District on 4th January 2023 to assess the implementation scenario by the BMCs. The team had a BMC interaction meeting at Bargur in in the BDOs office in which 10 village BMCs participated. The members of the BMCs and the community people requested for increased cooperation of Forest Department.



**BMC interaction meeting and training with local BMC members by the team from TNBB at Theni on 13.02.2023**

## Tirunelveli and Virudhunagar

A team from TNBB comprising of Thiru Kalaiarasan and Thiru Ajeeth and Selvi Mahesh Priya headed by the PCCF & Secretary, TNBB Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, IFS, undertook training in Tirunelveli and Virudhunagar Districts on 11th and 12th of January. The team conducted BMC interaction meetings at Sattur Block in Virudhunagar and at Ambasamudhiram Block in Tirunelveli, during which BMC members were also provided with some training including explanation of ABS mechanism with examples. In the meeting held at Tirunelveli, a puppetry show was also arranged for creating awareness about the functioning of BMCs.



**BMC interaction meeting and training with local BMC members with the PCCF & Secretary- TNBB, TNBB officials and Forest Department officials and members of the local non-governmental organisations at Sivaganga on 14.02.2023**



**Hands-on training programme by the team from TNBB led by the PCCF (Biodiversity) & Secretary, TNBB, Thiru. Kalaiarasan, in charge BMCs from TNBB explaining the aspects of ABS with actual bio-resources and its derived products at Sattur, Virudhunagar on 11.01.2023**

## Important Days

### January - March

- February 2: World Wetland Day  
February 27: International Polar Bear Day  
March 3: World Wildlife Day  
March 18: Global Recycling Day  
March 20 – March 26: Trees are the keys Awareness week  
March 20: World Sparrow Day  
March 21: International Day for Forest  
March 22: World Water Day  
March 25: Earth hour

## DID YOU KNOW?



Jack Fruit

## Jack Fruit

(*Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam*)

**State fruit of Tamil Nadu**

**Common Name :** Jack Fruit

**Scientific Name :** *Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam*

**Local Name :** Palapazham

**Habitat :** Tropical and subtropical parts of the world such as India, Malaysia, Central and Eastern Africa, the Caribbean, Florida, Brazil, Australia, Puerto Rico and many Pacific Islands

### Uses

- **Constipation:** Jackfruit is a good source of fiber, so it could help you feel fuller for longer and help keep your bowel movements regular.
- **Ulcers:** The natural chemicals in jackfruit may help prevent these sores from forming inside your stomach, Diabetes, High blood pressure, Skin problems

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