



Invitation



“My Village Biodiversity” Conference on Uttara Kannada Biodiversity



Date

23-25 January 2012 Morning 9.30 a.m



Venue

Vinayak Hall, Hotel Samrat, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada



To,

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Inaugural Function

Date: 23 January 2012

Time: 9.30 a.m.

Place: Vinayak Hall, Hotel Samrat, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada

**Chairing and
Inugaration by**

: Hon. Sri. Anant Hegde, Ashisar
The Chairman, Western Ghat Task Force, GOK
& Co-chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, GOK

Chief Guests

: Sri. N. L. Shantakumar I.F.S.
Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi

Sri. D. H. Shivakumar
D.D.P.I. Sirsi Educational District, Sirsi

Dr. V. N. Nayak
Coordinator, Uttara Kannada District Science Centre

Sri. Manjunath Shetty
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Valedictory Function

Date: 25 January 2012

Time: 4.00 p.m.

Place: Vinayak Hall, Hotel Samrat, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada

Chairperson : **Sri. Shantaram V. Hegde, Shegehalli**
Chairman, T.S.S., Sirsi

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Sri. V. S. Sonde
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Programme Schedule

Place: Vinayak Hall, Hotel Samrat, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada

Date: 23 January 2012

Time	Programme	Time	Programme
Morning		Afternoon	
8.30 to 9.30	Registration	2.30 to 3.30	Session II
9.30 to 10.30	Inaugural Function	3.30 to 4.00	Tea-break
10.30 to 11.00	Tea-break	4.00 to 6.00	Session II Contd..
11.00 to 1.30	Session I		
1.30 to 2.30	Lunch		

Date: 24 January 2012

Time	Programme	Time	Programme
Morning		Afternoon	
9.00 to 10.30	Session III	2.30 to 3.30	Session IV
10.30 to 11.00	Tea-break	3.30 to 4.00	Tea-break
11.00 to 1.30	Session III Contd..	4.00 to 6.00	Session IV Contd..
1.30 to 2.30	Lunch		

Date: 25 January 2012

Time	Programme	Time	Programme
Morning		Afternoon	
9.00 to 10.30	Session V	2.30 to 3.30	Session V Contd..
10.30 to 11.00	Tea-break	3.30 to 4.00	Tea-break
11.00 to 1.30	Session V Contd..	4.00 to 6.00	Valedictory Function
1.30 to 2.30	Lunch		

Workshop Handout

My Village Biodiversity Documentation by School and College Students

India is recognized as a biodiversity rich country and as a great storehouse of traditional knowledge related to biodiversity. The people in the villages and forest areas also have various traditions related to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

As we have not documented properly our biodiversity and knowledge related to its traditional uses, various medical properties of herbs, crop varieties with rare qualities, traditionally used bio-pesticides etc., are getting patented in other countries without any share in the profit to the local people.

Moreover since our village level natural resources are not properly documented many developmental plans for Uttara Kannada are not in harmony with the environment creating irreparable damages.

This being the background, the Karnataka Biodiversity Board assigned us with the task of assessing natural resources in the district from its various ecosystems like forests, rivers, estuaries, sea, grasslands as well as from agriculture, horticulture and livestock. We have also been recording traditional knowledge of people related to medicines, wild food plants, bio-pesticides, organic farming, food storage techniques, bee keeping etc.

Being a district rich in forest and natural resources it is not easy for us to attempt resource documentation and evaluation on a large scale. We therefore sought the involvement of high schools and colleges for accomplishing this task. The results have been surprising, as the students documented biodiversity of about 300 villages voluntarily and submitted valuable reports to us.

We have short-listed about 45 best reports of village studies by students for a final presentation. This presentation has been arranged in **Vinayak Hall, Hotel Samrat, Sirsi during 23-25 January 2012**. The best presentations by students, class wise, on the theme “**Namma Grama Jeva Vaividya**” will be awarded prizes on the occasion. Moreover all the students who have made good quality studies of their own villages will be honored on the occasion. We hope you will not miss this wonderful occasion and be present for all the 3 days to grace the function and to encourage the students for their selfless work.

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