

People's Biodiversity Register

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A national campaign for the updation and verification of the People's Biodiversity Register was launched in Goa.



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People's Biodiversity Register (PBR):

- The PBR serves as a comprehensive record of **various aspects of biodiversity**, including the conservation of habitats, preservation of land races, folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals, micro-organisms, and the accumulation of knowledge related to the area's biological diversity.
- It is designed as a tool for **formal recording and maintenance of comprehensive information** on the availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal or any other use.
- It is also a **record of knowledge, perception and attitude of people** about natural resources, plants and animals, their utilization and conservation in a village.
- PBR is considered the first step towards bridging the gap between the **intellectual property rights of local people** and **benefits derived from genetic resources** and associated traditional knowledge.

Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs):

- As per the Biological Diversity Act 2002, BMCs are created for "**promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity**" by local bodies across the country.
- BMCs have been constituted by the **local bodies** and are entrusted with the preparation of the **People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs)**, in consultation with local communities.