



Union Environment Minister chairs 27th meeting of G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development; Releases 4 Publications

Shri Bhupender Yadav stresses importance of Access and Benefit-sharing Rights and Community Participation in Biodiversity Conservation

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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav today chaired the 27th meeting of the G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development in New Delhi. Secretary, MoEFCC, Shri Narendra Bhooshan; Director General (Forests) and Special Secretary, MoEFCC, Shri Santosh Tewari, other senior officials of the Ministry and members of the G.B. Pant Society attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Shri Yadav emphasized the importance of access and benefit-sharing rights and People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) in improving the livelihoods of native villagers in the Himalayan ecosystem and contributing to its larger welfare.

Chaired the 27th Meeting of GB Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development in Delhi today. Emphasised on the importance of access and benefit-sharing rights and People's Biodiversity Register as a means to improve the livelihood of native villagers in the Himalyan ecosystem and also for its greater good. Under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji, there has been a concerted focus on the policy framework which focuses on balancing ecological security with sustainable socio-economic growth in the Indian Himalayan region by 2047. Released four publications which add to the knowledge repository of the work done by the institute. 1. Biodiversity and its Conservation practices for Bhagirathi Eco-sensitive Zone 2. Gangotri Glaciated System 3. E-PBR Governance for the Indian Himalayan Region 4. Ramsar Wetlands of the Indian Himalayan Region

— Bhupender Yadav (@byadavbjp) October 15, 2026

Shri Yadav highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi there has been a concerted focus on developing a policy framework that balances ecological security with sustainable socio-economic growth in the Indian Himalayan Region by 2047.

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