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കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ജൈവവൈവിധ്യ ബോർഡ്
KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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KSBB–District Level Technical Support Group 2026- Reconstituted - Orders issued

KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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Ref: 1) Rule 20 (6) of the Kerala State Biodiversity Rules 2008.

2) G.O.(Rt) No.1551/2025/LSGD. dated: 23/06/2025

3) Minutes of the 66th Meeting of Kerala State Biodiversity Board (Agenda no-16)

4) Notification of even no. dated :24/12/2025

5) Re-notification of even no. dated: 22/01/2026

6) Expert Committee screening minutes. dated: 06/03/2026

ORDER

As per the Rule 20 (6) of the Kerala State Biodiversity Rules (Ref.1) a Technical Support Group (TSG) comprising of experts in the field of biodiversity drawn from Government agencies, NGOs, academic field, community and individuals shall be established by the State Biodiversity Board. Accordingly, the Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) has to constitute the District-Level Technical Support Groups (TSGs) to support the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) functioning under Local Self Government Institutions across the State.

As per Ref.2 each District-level TSGs shall consists of not more than 10 members representing diverse areas of expertise. The TSGs shall include experts drawn from Government departments, academic and research institutions, NGOs, community representatives, citizen scientists, and individuals with proven expertise in the disciplines related to Biodiversity such as Climate Change, Agro-biodiversity, Wild Flora and Fauna (Forest & Wildlife), Aquatic and Marine Biodiversity, Biological Invasion and Exotic Species, Geology, Taxonomy, Ecology & Environmental Science, Environmental Pollution, Environmental Laws & Policy, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Sociology, and other related fields.

As per the Ref (3), the 66 th meeting of the Board had decided to issue an open notification inviting expression of interest from the experts for constituting new TSGs, following the completion of term of the existing TSG members. Accordingly, a notification inviting consent from the experts was issued (Ref.4). But due to the limited number of applications received, the notification was re-issued inviting application for the same (Ref.5). An Expert Committee was constituted to scrutinize the application received and to

select the new TSG members from the applicants. As per the Ref. (6), the Expert committee has selected the TSG members for each district (Annexure I). **Accordingly, orders are hereby issued for the reconstitution of District level Technical Support Group (TSG).**

The guideline explaining the roles and responsibilities of the TSG members are enclosed as Annexure (II). The term of office of the Technical Support Group shall be **three** years. KSBB reserves the right to alter the list of TSG members during the tenure based on the request or due to inability of members to perform their duties for various reasons.

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(Enclosure: Annexure I & II)

To,

All the members of TSG
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ANNEXURE I



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ANNEXURE II**KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD****Guidelines for the District Level Technical Support Group**

The key mandate of the Technical Support Group at the district level will be to ensure conservation, utilization and equitable sharing of benefits from the biodiversity through the following activities.

Responsibilities of the TSGs

1. Provide technical support for the implementation of the provisions of the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023, the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, ABS Regulations, 2025, the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008, and various Government Orders and directions issued by the KSBB and BMCs.
2. Assist in handling enquiries related to the provisions of the Act and support BMCs in carrying out their mandated functions like updation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR), preparation of e-PBR and biodiversity/environment related issues, identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS), strengthening of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs), implementing KSBB projects etc. As per the G.O.(Rt) No.1551/2025/LSGD dated 23/06/2025, BMC is bound to provide Honorarium for TSG members.
3. Monitor the implementation of Kerala State Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (K-SBSAP) 2025-2035 through the Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (LBSAPs).
4. Support the BMCs in the Local Self Government bodies, for giving active support to the updation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR), preparation of e-PBR, identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS), Local Biodiversity Heritage Sites (LBHS), strengthening of BMCs, implementing KSBB projects etc.
5. Provide technical support to BMCs in documentation, conservation and sustainable utilization of traditional knowledge in their jurisdiction.
6. Provide technical support to BMCs for implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in their jurisdiction through preparation of register of tradable bioresources in their jurisdiction, Levy collection fees for the bioresources, providing Access to bioresources as per requests etc.
7. Technical support to BMCs to function as environmental watch group (as per Order G.O (P) No: 04/13/ Env. Dated 13.05.2013) through conducting site visit, preparation of technical report/investigation reports along with BMC members,

Range Forest Officers (RFOs) and KSBB District Coordinators.

The Board is expecting the service of TSG in preparing reports on issues related to biodiversity/environment as and when required. The term of office of the Technical Support Group shall be three years.

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To,

All the members of TSG
District Coordinators
Concurrent Auditor
C.A to Chairman
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