

6. Biodiversity Finance & International Cooperation

- i. Biodiversity Finance Initiative Phase III was launched by MoEFCC in association with NBA and UNDP, which mobilises innovative financing to support India's NBSAP and NBTs across five states, i.e Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ii. The MoEFCC, NBA and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit jointly signed an Implementation Agreement for a Technical Cooperation project titled "Development of a National Framework for the Electronic People's Biodiversity Register (e-PBR) in India for 14 states. The project aims to operationalise the national e-PBR framework through SBBs and BMCs.
- iii. The MoEFCC and the NBA launched a five-year project (2025–2030) titled "Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Securing Biodiversity Conservation Commitments", with grant support of USD 4.88 million aimed at strengthening biodiversity governance and implementation capacities in the state of Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya.

7. Digital Outreach, Information & Communication

- i. The revamped website of NBA was launched on 05th June, 2026 during the celebration of World Environment Day.
- ii. Frequently Asked Questions have been revised as per the amended Act / Rules/ Regulations, which is available in the NBA website.



About

National Biodiversity Authority

The National Biodiversity Authority was established in 2003 as a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as per Section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. NBA facilitates and coordinates the implementation of the Act in association with State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs)/ Union territory Biodiversity Councils, Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and other stakeholders.

Core Mandates of NBA

1. Regulate access to biological resources and associated knowledge and grant approvals or reject under Sections 3, 4 and 6.
2. Ensure fair and equitable benefit sharing arising from the utilisation of biological resources and associated knowledge.
3. Advise the Central Government on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
4. Advise State Governments on the identification and management of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
5. Advise State Biodiversity Boards on matters relating to implementation of the Act.
6. Take measures to oppose wrongful grant of intellectual property rights outside India relating to biological resources and associated traditional knowledge.



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One year NBA Achievements

Sep 2025 - Aug 2026





1. Policy, Legal & Regulatory Framework

- i. Biological Diversity (Amendment) Rules, 2025 came into force on 1st November 2025.
- ii. Standard Operating Procedures for notification of threatened species by the State Government were issued.
- iii. Guidelines for processing of ABS applications by SBBs/UTBCs were issued.
- iv. NBA issued an advisory on levy of collection fees by BMCs to all SBBs/UTBCs.

2. Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS) Implementation

- i. NBA received an ABS amount of Rs. 12.93 crore from the users of bioresources and released an ABS amount of Rs. 132.00 crore to the beneficiaries, taking the overall ABS disbursal to Rs. 200 crores.
- ii. An integrated end-to-end Access and Benefit Sharing Portal encompassing the entire ABS process has been developed. Phase-I of the Portal, enabling issuance of Certificates of Origin for cultivated medicinal plants by BMCs, was launched on 4th November, 2025. To date, 14 Certificates of Origin have been issued.
- iii. Phase-II of the ABS end-to-end Portal was inaugurated on 22nd May, 2026 by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



iv. Progress made by NBA in disposal of ABS applications

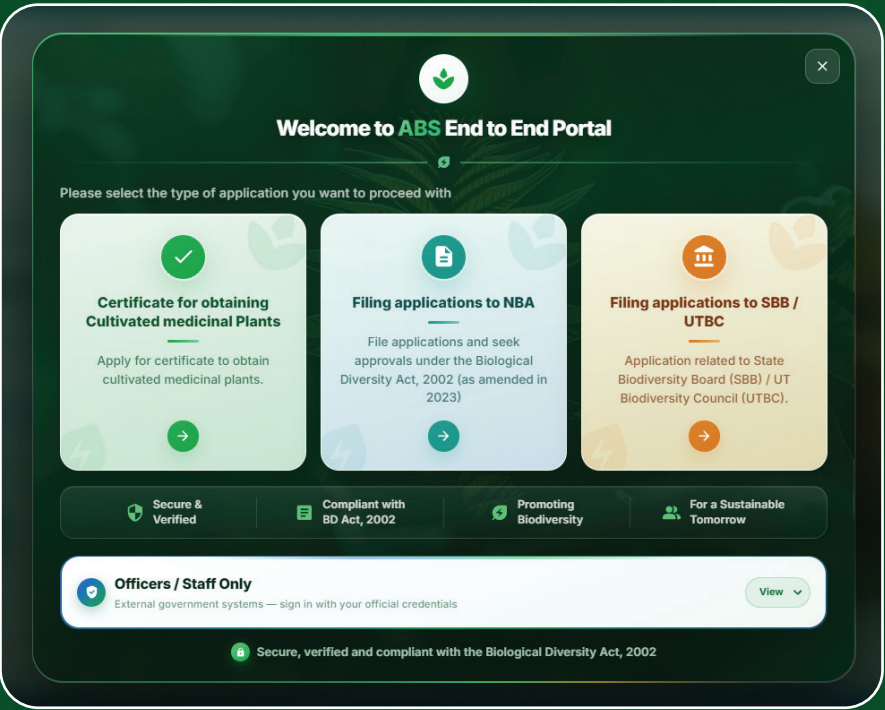
Category	Number of Applications	
	In the Last One Year	Total Since 2004
Applications Received	1,407	12,248
Agreements Signed	206	6,059
Draft agreement sent to applicant for execution	163	6,626
Certificates of Registration	1,841	2,408

3. Biodiversity Conservation & Institutional Mechanisms

- i. Four (4) new Biodiversity Heritage Sites were notified by the State Government taking the national total to 57 BHS across 19 States.
- ii. Three (3) institutions were designated as repositories by MoEFCC for the safe custody of voucher specimens of biological resources, taking the total number of designated repositories to 21.

4. International Commitments & National Reporting

- i. The 7th National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was submitted to the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism in February 2026, and the knowledge product on NR7 was also released.



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- ii. The 1st National Report to the Nagoya Protocol was submitted through the Online Reporting Tool portal in February 2026, and the knowledge product on NR1 was also released.

5. Capacity Building, Certification & Human Resource Development

- i. The Voluntary Certification Scheme for Incentivization of Access and Benefit Sharing (VCS-I-ABS) was developed by MoEFCC in collaboration with the NBA, Quality Council of India (QCI) and UNDP India and launched in June 2026.
- ii. IICA Certificate Programme on Business & Biodiversity Conservation, launched in 2025 by MoEFCC, IICA, NBA and UNDP.
- iii. The sixth cycle of the Biodiversity Samrakshan Internship Programme (BSIP-VI) was launched by the NBA and engaged 24 interns. The young minds are involved in and trained in the critical field of biodiversity conservation and natural resource management in India.
- iv. NBA, with the support of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj organised capacity-building activities for the BMC and trained more than 600 BMC members on the provisions of the BD Act, 2002.
- v. 4,500+ Peoples trained on BD Act / Rules / Regulations through training & capacity building programmes.
- v. NBA launched a Short-Term Internship Programme in Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resource Management for undergraduate and postgraduate students, providing hands-on, project-based learning opportunities for up to three months.

