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BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Great Himalayan National Park
Shamshi, Kullu (H.P)

PROCEEDING OF

22nd
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING

DATE: 15-05-2026

Venue: Secretariat HP Shimla

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 22nd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY (BiodCS) OF GREAT HIMALAYAN NATIONAL PARK.

The 22nd meeting of the Executive Committee of Biodiversity Conservation Society (BiodCS) was held on 15th May 2026 in the Committee Room Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat Shimla under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Panth, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

At the outset, Member Secretary- cum- Conservator of Forests, GHNP Circle welcomed the Chairperson and other members of the society. The Member Secretary apprised the house about the objectives, constitution, composition of the Governing Body and Executive Committee. The committee also deliberated about the powers of the Executive Committee and activities done under this Society.

The following agenda items were placed before the house for perusal, discussion and approval.

Agenda item No.1: - Confirmation of 21st EC Meeting proceedings of BiodCS.

The proceedings of the 21st meeting of Executive Committee of BiodCS that was held on 9th June-2025 in the Committee Room Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat Shimla were confirmed.

Agenda item No.2: - Balance Sheet and Audit report of BiodCS for the year 2025-26.

The balance sheet and audit report of BiodCS for the year 2025-26 was placed before the house for approval. After deliberations, the same was approved by the house.

Agenda item No.3 Action taken report on 21st Executive Committee Meeting.

Agenda item No.1: Action taken report of 19th E.C meeting held on 20.6.2023			
Sr. No.	**Issues**	**Action Taken**	**Decision Taken**
1.	**(ii) Expansion of GHNP area.**	With reference to the proposal for the "Feasibility Study of Potential Expansion of the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNPCA)", it is submitted that the Government has recently decided that	The matter was discussed in detail and the Member Secretary apprised the House that the Government has recently decided that the Wildlife Sanctuaries of Sainj

		the Wildlife Sanctuaries of Sainj and Tirthan shall not be merged into the Great Himalayan National Park. In view of this decision, the proposal for the feasibility study is required to be revised accordingly and obtained afresh proposal from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII). A request in this regard is being submitted to WII. The updated status will be presented in the next meeting	and Tirthan shall not be merged with the Great Himalayan National Park. In view of this decision, the proposal for the feasibility study is required to be revised accordingly and a fresh approval from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is to be obtained. After detailed deliberation, the House decided to drop the agenda.
	Agenda item no. 2: Agenda items of 20th EC Meeting held on 08.07.2024		
2.	**Agenda No. 7:-** Preparation of Business Plan for BTCA	The preparation of Business Plan for BTCA under process which will be completed very shortly	It was informed that there is need to overhaul the structure of BTCA and more self help groups are required to be identified. After the revamping of BTCA, a bussiness plan shall be prepared. Hence agenda item is dropped.
	Agenda item no. 3: Agenda items of 21st EC Meeting held on 09.06.2025		
3.	**Agenda item No.1:-** Income during the year 2024-25.	No action required. Agenda may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
4.	**Agenda Item No. 2 :-**The approval of Proposed APO for the year 2025-26	The agenda may be dropped. As the works proposed for the year 2025-26 have been carried out. The division wise detail of expenditure incurred for the year	The agenda item was dropped

		2025-26 is annexed as **Annexure-A & B**.	
5.	**Agenda item No.3:** Extension of services of Eco-Tourism Facilitator at Sai Ropa complex.	Decision complied with, no action is required, hence the agenda item may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
6.	**Agenda item no.4:** \ Extension of award Ticket counter at Learning Center Sai Ropa	It was decided that the extension for three months on pro-rata basis i.e. from July to September.	The agenda item was dropped.
7.	**Agenda item No.5:** Auctioning of ticket counters of Nature Learning Centre Park at Sai Ropa.	Executive Officer (BiodCS)-cum- DFO, GHNP Shamshi has auctioned the ticket counter to the highest bidder. The work has been awarded Rs. 1,03,000/- for one year. The agenda may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
8.	**Agenda item no.6:** Proposal for fixing the Rent of Igloo Tent in Camping site Matikochar	As per the decision of the Executive Committee, Rs 1000 /- is being charged for igloo tents installed at Matikocher. Agenda item may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
9.	**Agenda item no.7:** Addition of rolling water ball activity in Siyal Bihal Nature Park, Manali and its outsourcing.	No action is required. Agenda was dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.

10.	**Agenda item no.8** :Incentive to staff of the Society.	The agenda was not agreed and the proposal for incentives to the staff was not accepted.	The agenda item was dropped.
11.	**Agenda item No. 9:** One time special permission to allocate funds amounting to Rs. 25,00,000/- Lakh for Interpretation Centre at Bullah in Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary and its further outsourcing .	The instructions have been complied.	The agenda item was dropped.
12.	**Agenda item No. 10:** Mickey Mouse & Trampoline Activity in Van Vihars Manali	The proposal was not accepted. Hence agenda item may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
13.	**Agenda item No.11:** Hiring of Services of account Knowing person on outsource basis for maintenance of Accounts and other related records of BiodCS	Instructions complied; hence agenda item may be dropped.	The agenda item was dropped.
14.	**Agenda item No. 12:** Outsourcing of Cafeteria at Entry gate Rolha	The facility could not be outsourced and same shall be complied with during the current finical year.	The progress on the decision will be apprised in the next EC meeting.
	Item No.14: - Any other items with the permission of Chair.		
15.	i) It was proposed that the constitution of EC and GB of BiodCS shall be re-casted.	The detailed proposal for recasting the Governing Body/ Executive Committee is being sent to very shortly.	This agenda has been included in new agenda. Hence, agenda item deleted from here.

16.	Issue of maintenance of important infrastructure such as construction of bridges in GHNP was raised by DC Kullu. It was highlighted that this bridge falls in GHNP circle and have been damaged in the recent rains. It requires repair for the use of patrolling parties and other stakeholders of the park. Further, DC kullu also stressed upon the need of development of ecotourism destinations/facilities and waste management strategies in the vicinity of ecozone sanctuaries and National Park	Action on different proposals as suggested by DC kullu from time to time have been taken during the financial year upto March 2026.	The agenda item was dropped.

Agenda item No.4:- New Agenda Items for the 22nd EC Meeting

Item No. 4(1): Statement of Income during the year 2025-26.

The abstract and detail of income of the society (Division wise) during the year 2025-26, attached as **annexure-D & annexure-E** was placed before the EC for approval.

Decision taken: After detailed deliberations the income statement is approved by the EC.

Item No.4 (2):- Proposed APO of BiodCS for the year 2026-27

The component wise abstract and detailed APO (division wise) of Biodiversity Conservation Society (BiodCS) for the year 2026-27 amounting to Rs.3,81,98,000/-/-(Rupees: Three Crore Eighty One Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand only) is annexed as **annexure-F & annexure-G** was placed before the EC for perusal & approval.

Decision taken :- After detailed Deliberation the APO for the financial year 2026-27 is approved by the EC.

Agenda item No.4(3):- Auctioning of ticket counters of Nature Learning Centre Park at Sairopa.

The auction for the ticket counter of Nature Learning Center at Sairopa was done through tender process for period of one year i.e. 1.10.2025 to 30.9.2026. The tender period is up to the month of 30th September,2026. Now, the same shall be reauctioned. The proposal is placed for permission to re-auctioning the ticked counter of Nature Learning Center Park Sai Ropa for one year.

Decision taken:- EC approved the agenda with direction to complete the auction process in time bound manner.

Agenda item No.4 (4)-: Hiring of Services of account knowing person on outsource basis for maintenance of Accounts and other related records of BiodCS.

It is brought to the notice of the executive committee that there is acute shortage of staff in GHNP Circle. The same staff is being shared by the DFO GHNP for running his office. There is an urgent need to hire separate staff for maintaining BiodCS accounts and other records. It is requested that permission for hiring account knowing person from outsource agency/retired personal may kindly be considered sympathetically on the emoluments of Rs. 30000/- per month as honorarium, for maintaining account and other related records of accounts.

Decision Taken: - EC approved hiring of services of account knowing person through outsource/tender process to maintain the accounts of records of BiodCS.

Agenda item No. 4(5): Strengthening of Entry Gate.

Engagement of two daily wagers at the entry gate to check the visitor permits issued and to maintain proper records. This will help ensure that the checking and record-keeping work runs smoothly and efficiently.

Decision Taken: - EC approved engagement of two daily wagers through outsourcing agency.

Agenda item No. 4 (6): Increase the rate of Ticket Counter at Nature Learning Center at Sai Ropa: -

It was proposed to increase the rate of Ticket Counter at Nature Learning Center Sai Ropa is as under: -

Sr. No.	Particular	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate	Remarks
1.	Children (up 5 year)	-	-	
	Children (5 year to 14 year)	Rs.10/-	-	
2.	Adults	Rs. 20/-	Rs.30/-	

Agenda No.4 (8) - Recasting of the Executive Committee and Governing Body of BiodCS:

The agenda was discussed in the 21st Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Biodiversity Conservation Society (BiodCS) held on 09.06.2025, wherein it was decided that the Member Secretary , BiodCS shall prepare a detailed proposal for the reconstitution of the Executive Committee. The suggestions for the re-composition of the Executive Committee are submitted as under:

Proposed structure of Executive Committee:

Pr.CCF (WL) HP.	Chairperson
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) H.P.	Member
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)	Member
Representative of Secretary Finance,	Member
Deputy Commissioner Kullu	Member
Conservator of Forest, Kullu	Member
Pr. Scientific officer, State Council for Science & Tech. H.P.	Member
DFO Wildlife Kullu.	Member
DFO GHNP Shamshi	Member
Conservator of Forests, GHNP Shamshi	Member Secretary

Proposed Structure of Governing Body:

ACS/ F.C. –cum- Secretary Forests to GoHP	Chairman
ACS/F.C –cum- Secretary Finance to GoHP	Member
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), HP	Member
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), HP	Member
Director, Agriculture	Member
Director, Animal Husbandry	Member
Director, Tourism	Member
Director, Horticulture	Member
Deputy Commissioner, Kullu	Member
Conservator of Forests, Kullu	Member
DFO, GHNP Shamshi	Member
Conservator of Forests, GHNP Shamshi	Member Secretary

Institutional Members:

Director, Wildlife Institute of India

Director, Himalayan Forestry Research Institute, Panthaghati – Shimla

Incharge, GB Pant Institute, Mohal – Kullu

Therefore, as proposed re-composition of Executive Committee and Governing Body members of BiodCS as mentioned above is placed before the Executive Committee for perusal and approval.

Decision Taken: **The matter was deliberated in detail and it was decided that the member secretary BiodCS) for both the committees shall be CCF/CF GHNP. A detailed proposal on a single file for approval shall be submitted to PCCF WL in this regard.**

Agenda No.4 (9) - To levy electricity, washing and service charges @ Rs. 300/- per room per day in addition to the existing base room rent.

It is proposed to impose additional electricity, washing and service charges @ Rs. 300/- per day per room over and above the approved base room rent charges at all FRH's GHNP. The additional charges are being introduced to meet the recurring expenditure incurred towards electricity consumption, washing/housekeeping activities and allied guest services for the maintenance and smooth operation of the FRHs. The revised charges shall be applicable per room per day basis in addition to the existing base room tariff.

Decision Taken: EC approved the agenda item.

Agenda No.4 (10): - Proposal regarding the framing of recruitment and promotion rules and increase in the wages of existing BiodCS workers.

The proposal was discussed in detail and it was observed by the committee that societies are formed to carry out some special targeted works through the workers on outsource basis. The workers cannot be equated with the regular employees of the government. Moreover, the society do not have any allocated posts for different works. In such a scenario, any proposal on formation of recruitment and promotion rules cannot be considered for society.

Decision taken: After thorough deliberation the agenda was dropped.

Agenda No.4 (11): - Permission for Hiring the servicing of Driver on Outsource Basis.

It is hereby informed that the regular driver of this office will retire in December 2026. Due to this, there will be a shortage of driving staff, which may affect the day-to-day official work, field visits, and movement of the staff. In order to ensure that official duties continue smoothly without any disruption, it is requested that permission may kindly be granted to hire a driver on an outsource basis until a regular driver is posted against the vacant position.

Decision Taken: EC approved hiring the service of driver through outsource agency until a regular driver is posted against the vacant position.

Agenda item no.4 (12) Utilizing the services the staff of BiodCS in rest houses of Kullu District falling under Kullu Wildlife Division

Kullu WL Division is having 3 inspection huts,1 field hostel,3 transit accommodations, out of these 7 facilities only 3 facilities have class-IV Employees (Chowkidars/Mali cum cooks) whereas rest of 4 facilities are unmanned. Moreover, there is acute shortage of regular class-IV employees under this division. Further as per the decision of EC in its 20th meeting held on dated 08.07.2024 most of the Van Vihar facilities have now been outsourced. The services of 11 workers engaged under BiodCS society for various Van Vihar's of Manali wildlife Range of this Division can be spared and it proposed that their services be allowed to be utilized in I/Huts, rest houses and other facilities of this Division.

Decision Taken: - The matter was deliberated in detail, Chairman approved the agenda and directed that the workers engaged in BioDCS be deployed in the any of the Rest Houses, Inspection Huts, Field Hostel, transit facility falling in District Kullu under Wildlife Division Kullu as per requirement.

Agenda item No. 4 (13):- Approval to transfer the amount of Rs. 10 lakhs from the society account.

During the landslide and cloudburst incidents in Himachal Pradesh in the year 2025, the BiodCS Society provided financial assistance of ₹10 lakh to the Chief Minister Relief Fund and the CM Sukh Aashraya Yojana.

Decision Taken:- EC approved the agenda.

Agenda No.4 (14) - Permission for Hiring of sweeper.

It is submitted that the post of Sweeper in Great Himalayan National Park Division/Circle has remained vacant for the last 5–6 years, due to which cleanliness and sanitation works in the GHNP office is adversely affected and no funds have been allotted under state scheme for the payment of sweeper. Therefore, permission from EC is sought to allow hiring of a sweeper in the GHNP office to ensure proper cleanliness.

Decision Taken:- EC approve the agenda with the direction to hire the sweeping services on a square-foot basis from outsource agency.

Agenda No.4 (15) - Inclusion of all Protected Areas (PAs.) under GHNP Circle.

It is proposed that all the Protected Areas (PAs.) under the jurisdiction of GHNP circle Shamshi may be brought under Biodiversity Conservation Society Great Himalayan National Park Shamshi for better management.

Decision Taken:- **The matter was deliberated and EC observed that the society is constituted for a specific purpose and protected areas of Kullu district so it is not advisable to increase the jurisdiction of the society outside the district boundary. Hence the agenda was dropped.**

Agenda item No.4 (16) Ex-Post facto approval to the tune of Rs. 128600/-

It is submitted that the activity wise APO for the year 2025-26 had been approved for which in two activities expenditure has exceeded due to work cost escalation after preparation of estimates. The details of activities are as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Activity	Amount approved	Expenditure incurred	Deviation
1.	Const. of wire rope wooden foot bridge over Sainj Khad at Bah	200000	232600	32600
2.	Maint. of Electricity fitting in Circle Office	300000	396000	96000
	Total	**500000**	**628600**	**128600**

Decision Taken: - EC approved the deviations.

Agenda item No. 4 (17): - Requirement of funds for disaster.

It is submitted that every year due to disaster many bridges and paths are damaged which limits the movement of the local people as well as patrolling parties. It is therefore, requested that in such cases funds be allowed to be utilized for the repair/ maintenance of such unforeseen damage to infrastructure.

***Decision Taken:** The matter was discussed in detail and the Executive Committee observed that the Society funds should not be linked with disaster-related activities. The Committee further resolved that, in case additional expenditure becomes necessary for emergent works, the same may also be incurred with the approval of the member secretary. However, ex-post facto sanction for such expenditure shall be obtained subsequently from the Executive Committee.*

Agenda item No. 4 (18):- Detail of account under BiodCS as on 31.3.2026.

The detail of saving accounts and FDRs available with society as on 31.3.2025 is placed before the EC for perusal.

Saving Account no.	Name of Bank	Amount upto 31.3.2026) (in Rs.)	Balance as on date (in Rs.)
50100220419323	HDFC Dhalpur Kullu	11,90,429/-	63,19,672/-
41627657970	SBI Kullu	2,55,334/-	2,55,334/-
100116045121	Indus Bank Bhuntar	4,34,345/-	4,34,345/-
55800201000366	UBI Bhuntar	5,47,482/-	5,47,482/-
34500100006401	Bank of Baroda Kullu	43,744/-	43,744/-
	Total:	**24,71,334/-**	**76,00,577**

FDR's of BiodCS

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	FDR A/C No.	Date of Fixed deposit	Principal Amount (in Rs.)	Period of deposit	Maturity date	Maturity amount (in Rs.)
1.	CANARA Bank Kullu	2420401003018/6	20.01.2026	3,30,048	3 years	20.01.2029	3,97,538
2.	CANARA Bank Kullu	2420401003018/7	20.01.2026	12,13,407	3 years	20.01.2029	14,61,520
3.	CANARA Bank Kullu	2420401003018/8	20.01.2026	13,34,749	3 years	20.01.2029	16,07,680
4.	CANARA Bank Kullu	2420401003018/9	20.01.2026	09,70,726	3 years	20.01.2029	11,69,223
	Total CANARA Bank			**38,48,930**			**43,35,961**
5.	SBI Kullu	41809027826	05.04.2026	10,51,826	3 years	05.04.2029	12,68,779
6.	SBI Kullu	41809118679	05.04.2026	11,68,695	3 years	05.04.2029	14,09,753
7.	SBI Kullu	41809022793	05.04.2026	14,02,435	3 years	05.04.2029	16,91,705
8.	SBI Kullu	41809026708	05.04.2026	15,77,739	3 years	05.04.2029	19,03,168
9.	SBI Kullu	41809027521	05.04.2026	17,53,044	3 years	05.04.2029	21,14,632
		Total SBI Kullu		**69,53,739**			**83,88,037**
10.	U.B.I. Bhuntar	55800303010768	04.02.2026	10,86,199	3 years	04.02.2029	12,98,679
11.	U.B.I. Bhuntar	55800303010769	04.02.2026	13,66,613	3 years	04.02.2029	16,33,944
	Total UBI Bhuntar			**24,52,812**			**29,32,623**
12.	HDFC Kullu	50301323053802	16.03.2026	11,08,510	One year	16,03,2027	11,79,433
13.	HDFC Kullu	50301323051479	16.03.2026	12,31,435	One year	17.03.2027	13,10,147
14.	HDFC Kullu	50301323049347	16.03.2026	12,93,012	One year	16.03.2027	13,75,740
15.	HDFC Kullu	50301323052788	16.03.2026	15,39,594	One year	17.03.2027	16,38,379
	Total HDFC Kullu			**51,72,551**			**55,03,699**

16.	IndulInd Bank Bhuntar	300948210593	20.01.2026	12,49,968	3 years	20.01.2029	15,35,013
17.	IndulInd Bank Bhuntar	300948211040	20.01.2026	17,49,956	3 years	20.01.2029	21,49,019
18.	IndulInd Bank Bhuntar	300957134101	11.04.2026	12,59,210	3 years	11.04.2029	15,46,362
19.	IndulInd Bank Bhuntar	300957135030	11.04.2026	16,99,933	3 years	11.04.2029	20,87,588
20.	IndulInd Bank Bhuntar	300957135856	11.04.2026	11,96,249	3 years	11.04.2029	14,69,043
	Total IndusInd Bank			**71,55,316**			**87,87,025**
21.	Bank of Broda Kullu	3450030000189	28.4.2025	20,00,000	444 days	16.07.2026	21,80,104
	Total Broda Bank Kullu			**20,00,000**			**21,80,104**
			G.Total:	**2,75,83,348**			**3,21,27,449**

Total saving:

Saving Account = Rs. 76,00,577/-

FDRs (Principal Amount) = Rs. 2,75,83,348/-

Total amount = **Rs. 3,51,83,925/-**

At present the income of the society from various sources is deposited into the saving account of Member secretary, i.e. HDFC bank Kullu.

Decision Taken: -   EC approved the detailed account.

Item No.4 (18): - Any other items with the permission of Chair.

(i) Permission for allowing Mickey Mouse & Trampoline activity in Van Vihars.

Decision Taken: - ***EC observed that if any activity is not invasive and harmful to the natural surrounding and can generate additional revenue may be allowed with condition that the aesthetic and natural beauty/serenity of the area is not disturbed. Further, it is observed that activities like mickey mouse installation requires regular pumping of air and electric power back up that create noise in the are such activities shall be avoided.***

Member Secretary BiodCS-cum-
Conservator of Forests, GHNP,
Shamshi, Kullu (HP).