



ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN ASSOCIATION WITH
KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD
2018- 2021

Year	Date	Activities
2018	1st June	Drafted for KBB an Approval Letter aka Agreement for Access to Biological Resource for Commercial Utilization
	6th June	Drafted for KBB an Approval Letter aka Agreement for Access to Biological Resource for Commercial Utilization
	29th June	Drafted for KBB the format for Performance of Bank Guarantee
	26th July	KBB Office order No. KBB/GEF/07/ABS-EC/14-15 makes provision for a committee called as Legal Advisory Group (LAG), headed by Justice N Kumar, Former Judge, NHRC Chair Professor of Law, NLSIU, constituted under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, (BD Act, 2002) and the Karnataka Biodiversity Rules, 2005 (KB Rules, 2005) along with the Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations 2014 (ABS Regulations, 2014). Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law and Coordinator of CEERA, NLSIU, among others, is appointed as the member of LAG.
	2nd August	Drafted for KBB the format for Declaration for Payment of Benefit Sharing in favour of KBB
		Appointment of Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law and Coordinator of CEERA, NLSIU, as a Member of the National Biodiversity Authority-Access and Benefit Sharing Committee
2019	13th February	1 st meeting of LAG held at NLSIU. The members resent during the meeting discussed on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action to be taken against the entities not having executed the ABS agreement, thereupon decided that a show-cause notice be issued to such entities for the same • Objections raised by industries against the submission of ABS • Operations Guidelines to the SBB for

		Processing of Applications for ABS received under Section 7 of the BD Act, 2002, thereupon decided that the edited draft is to be presented in the next meeting of LAG for final recommendations and subsequent adaptation by KBB.
	9th July	Provided Legal Opinion to KBB on the proposal to integrate Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) with Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department for ease of functioning
	15th July	Provided Legal Opinion to KBB on constitution and implications of establishment of BMC at Panchayat Level in Karnataka
2020		Drafted the Guidelines on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be Implemented for Directions Issued Under Section 49(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
		Appointment of Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law and Coordinator of CEERA, NLSIU, as a Member of the Expert Committee for the implementation of the ABS provisions under the BD Act, 2002 along with KB Rules, 2005 and ABS Regulations, 2014, for the State of Karnataka
		Empanelment of Mr. Raghav Parthasarathy, Teaching Associate, CEERA-NLSIU and Mr. Rohith Kamath, Consultant, CEERA-NLSIU, to represent KBB
	30th September	Provided Legal Opinion to KBB on the applicability of ABS fee on transfer of license rights to manufacture of bio-pesticides by Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR) to various Indian entities
2021	4th May	Issued Legal Notices to various Indian entities on non-compliance of various provisions of BD Act, 2002, KB Rules, 2005, and ABS Regulations 2014.
	2nd July	Provided Legal Opinion to KBB on the Draft Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Biodiversity Management Committee) Rules, 2021, published on 19 th May 2021. The Draft Rules pertains to the constitution, functions and functioning of BMCs
		Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law and Coordinator of CEERA, NLSIU, is currently a serving member of the ABS Committee