

People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)

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What is People's biodiversity register?

- PBR serves as a **comprehensive record of various aspects of biodiversity**, including the conservation of **habitats, preservation of land races, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals, micro-organisms**, and the accumulation of knowledge related to the area's biological diversity.
- So far, 2,67,608 PBRs have been prepared by **Biodiversity Management Committees** in different states.
- There is a plan to set up PBR in every village across the country under **Mission LiFE (lifestyle for environment)** which is conceived to conserve the planet earth through mindful utilisation of natural resources and various other actions at individual and community levels in the country.

Biodiversity Management Committees

- As per the **Biological Diversity Act 2002**, BMCs are created for "promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity" by local bodies across the country.
- BMCs have been **constituted by the local bodies in the States and Union Territories** and are entrusted with preparation of the PBRs in consultation with local communities.

Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

- Led by India, mission LiFE is a global plan of action that aims to save the planet from the disastrous consequences of climate change.
 - **Vision:** This mission envisions replacing the prevalent 'use-and-dispose' economy with a circular economy.
 - **Objective:** To promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle that focuses on 'mindful and deliberate utilisation' instead of 'mindless and wasteful consumption'.
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Q1) What is meant by land races?

Landraces are defined as dynamic populations of a cultivated plant with a historical origin, distinct identity, often genetically diverse and locally adapted, and associated with a set of farmers' practices of seed selection and field management as well as with a farmers' knowledge base

Source: India aims to have People's Biodiversity Register in every village, verification campaign launched in Goa

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