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YASH CENTER FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14.06.2025

Date: 14th June, 2025

Time: 12.30 pm to 01.30 pm

The establishment of **Yash Center for Biodiversity Conservation** under the School of Sciences was approved by the Board of Management (BOM) resolution no. 200.4.4, dated 28th March 2025. The second meeting of the Center was held on 14th June 2025 at 12.30 pm. The meeting was held at the BOM hall, Main Building, YCMOU.

01	Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane	Chairperson and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
02	Prof. Chetana Kamlaskar	Member and Director, School of Sciences
03	Prof. K. N. Dumal	Subject Expert (Tree Plantation and Biodiversity)
04	Dr. V. B. Gaikwad	Subject Expert (Carbon Credit and Biodiversity)
05	Dr. Anil Mali	Subject Expert (Pakshimitra and Biodiversity)
06	Dr. Anand Bora	Subject Expert (Pakshimitra and Biodiversity)
07	Mr. Datta Patil	Invitee (Center for Fine Arts)
08	Dr. Nitin Thoke	Invitee (Head, Krushi Vigyan Kendra)
09	Mr. Hemraj Rajput	Invitee (Krushi Vigyan Kendra)
10	Dr. D.S. Khandbahale	Invitee (Team Member)
11	Dr. S.A. Gurule	Invitee (Team Member)
12	Dr. R.B. Andhale	Invitee (Team Member)
13	Dr. S. S. Kamble	Invitee (Team Member)
14	Dr. Shrinath Kavade	Invitee
15	Dr. Jagruti Chavan	Invitee (School of Sciences)
16	Mr. Ravindra Bharsat	Invitee (School of Sciences)
17	Dr. Dnyaneshwar Bhusanur	Invitee (School of Sciences)
18	Ms. Tejaswi Kadam	Invitee (School of Sciences)
19	Mr. Somnath Dubey	Invitee (School of Sciences)
20	Mr. Amit Dawange	Invitee (School of Sciences)

21	Miss. Harshada Godse	Invitee (School of Sciences)
22	Ms. Minakshi Kadel	Invitee (School of Sciences)
23	Miss. Sharayu Kudal	Invitee (School of Sciences)

Dr. Chetana Kamlaskar, Member and Director of the School of Sciences, first welcomed all respected members and introduced the members about the purpose of the meeting. The meeting was held to discuss in detail the further action plans of the agenda items discussed during the first meeting held on 06th May 2025. During the meeting following agenda items were discussed.

SN	Details of Items	Resolution
1	Agenda 1: Identification, Naming and Labelling of existing flora through QR code in YCMOU campus.	The members unanimously confirmed that Dr. V. B. Gaikwad sir and his respective team, who were present for the meeting, will start the task of identification, naming and labelling of existing flora as well as identification and naming of existing fauna. The already collected data related to the given agenda will be provided by Dr. Niteen Thoke, Head, Krushi Vigyan Kendra whenever required. The students enrolled in OJT/FP courses under the PG programmes will be a valuable helping hand for the task. For the QR coding activity, a webpage will be designed by the School of Sciences team under the YCMOU website to enter the data of identified flora on the YCMOU campus, and accordingly, the QR code can be generated.
2	Agenda 2: To calculate the carbon sequestration rate of the green cover in the YCMOU campus and apply for registration of carbon credits to reliable agency.	The members unanimously decided that Dr. V. B. Gaikwad sir and his team, will complete the procedure of calculating the carbon emission and carbon storage rate of the YCMOU campus. For more details related to registration of carbon credit, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane sir suggested to contact Mr. Sunil Khairnar of Indigram Pvt. Ltd.
3	Agenda 3: Introduction of commercial medicinal plants and enrichment of existing gardens	The members unanimously gave their consent for the cultivation and commercialization of various medicinal plants on the YCMOU campus. Prof. K.N. Dhumal sir suggested to cultivate few variety of medicinal plants that will be sold to the companies producing various Ayurvedic health supplements. Mr. Hemraj Rajput, from Krushi Vigyan Kendra will assist in the process of cultivation and selling of such medicinal plants.
4	Agenda 4: To conduct the process of deforestation of Eucalyptus trees from the area covered by forest within the YCMOU campus. (The area is registered under Maharashtra forest division).	The members unanimously gave their consent for the deforestation of the Eucalyptus trees from the YCMOU campus. Since the species is found to be non-commercial, according to Prof. K. N. Dhumal sir's discussion with the Nashik division forest officer, the activity of deforestation cannot be conducted till October 2025. However, after the month of October, the activity will be carried out with prior permission of Maharashtra forest division.

		The documentation and communication of the same will be completed by Mr. Kailas More, Head, Centre for Collaborations and Special Initiatives, and Dr. Niteen Thoke, Head, Krushi Vigyan Kendra.
5	Agenda 5: To develop a polyhouse in YCMOU campus that include commercial and medicinal plants with hydroponic technology.	The members unanimously confirmed that the Polyhouse setup installed under the School of Sciences is solely for conducting the practicals for the students enrolled for UG and PG programmes at YCMOU. So, activities should be performed accordingly.
6	Agenda 6: To develop bird observation towers, artificial nests or bird shelters and boards representing the animal diversity at YCMOU campus.	The members unanimously gave their consent for developing 01 bird observation tower on YCMOU campus. The task of constructing bird observation tower will be performed with the help of construction department of this University. Additionally, 05 artificial nests or bird shelters will be placed at the identified location by Mr. Anand Bora and Mr. Datta Patil.

Thank You



(Dr. Chetana Kamlaskar)

Director, School of Sciences.

Coordinator, Centre for Biodiversity Conservation