

Campus Biodiversity Register (CBR)

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Why in News?

Recently, Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF) in collaboration with the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), has launched a nationwide initiative - Campus Biodiversity Registers (CBRs) to document biodiversity.

- **NBA** - It is a statutory body that advises, regulates, and facilitates conservation, sustainable use, and fair benefit-sharing of biological resources.
- **Inspired by** - **People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)**, which documents bio-resources, landscapes, demography, and traditional knowledge at village/town/city level.
- **Campus Biodiversity Registers (CBRs)** - **Students, faculty, and staff in college and university campuses** across India will **collectively document biodiversity on their campuses**.
- **Objective** - Discover, document, and celebrate biodiversity in campuses; strengthen conservation awareness and management.
- **Activities** - Organised biodiversity surveys, campus walks, everyday observations.
- **Documentation Platforms** - Recognised citizen-science tools like iNaturalist, eBird, SeasonWatch.

iNaturalist, eBird, SeasonWatch - Citizen science apps for tracking plants, birds, and tree life cycles globally and locally.

- **Outcome** - CBRs aid global databases, ecosystem management, and building student awareness and scientific skills.

Reference

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