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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