

1. Organisation and Function

Item	Details of disclosure	Remarks/ Reference Points (Fully met/partially met/ not met- Not applicable will be treated as fully met/partially met)
Particulars of its organisation, functions and duties [Section 4(1)(b)(i)]	(i) Name and address of the Organization: G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) (An Autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India), Kosi - Katarmal, Almora - 263643, Uttarakhand, India. Phone: (05962) 241041, 241154, Fax: (05962) 241014, 241150 E-mail: psdir@gbpihed.nic.in, Website: http://gbpihed.gov.in	Fully met
	(ii) Head of the organization: Prof. Sunil Nautiyal Director, NIHE	Fully met
	(iii) Vision: Striving for Ecological Security and Economic Development in Indian Himalayan Region Mission: Preservation of fragile mountain ecosystems, indigenous knowledge systems, sustainable use of natural resources and to ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan Region.	Fully met

	<p>Key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake in-depth research and development studies on environmental problems of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). • Identify and strengthen the local knowledge of the environment and contribute towards strengthening research of regional relevance in the scientific Institutions, Universities/NGOs and Voluntary agencies working in the Himalayan region, through interactive networking. • Evolve and demonstrate suitable technological packages and delivery systems for sustainable development of the region in harmony with local perceptions. 	Fully met
	<p>(iv) Function and duties: The main function and duties of the Institute are to conduct research and development activities for sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan region (IHR). Demonstration and dissemination of R&D-based packages of practices is a strong component of the function and duties of the Institute. The major areas of R&D activities consist of environment & development issues and related policies, planning and management of natural resources, biodiversity conservation, climate change impact assessment, socio-economic development and migration-related issues, biotechnological application, database development, eco-tourism and glacier studies, etc. The development, demonstration and dissemination activities are mainly based on the training of trainers (ToT) on environment-friendly simple rural technologies, income-generating sustainable livelihood packages, conservation and multiplication of high-value crops/ species, medicinal plants, rare endangered & threatened species, soil water conservation through tested and innovative technology packages, etc. and publications of various knowledge products for wider dissemination across a range of stakeholders in the IHR and beyond.</p>	Fully met

The R&D programmes of the Institute have been reoriented into five functional Centres (and supporting Cells) based on stakeholders' needs.

1. Centre for Land and Water Resource Management (CLWRM):

- To work on integrated management and sustainable use of goods and services in a watershed along with the advancement of science-based solutions for conservation and access to resources.
- Focal areas of activities- Land and soil management; Water sustainability; Glacier system and climate; Geo-hazard assessment.

2. Centre for Socio-Economic Development (CSED):

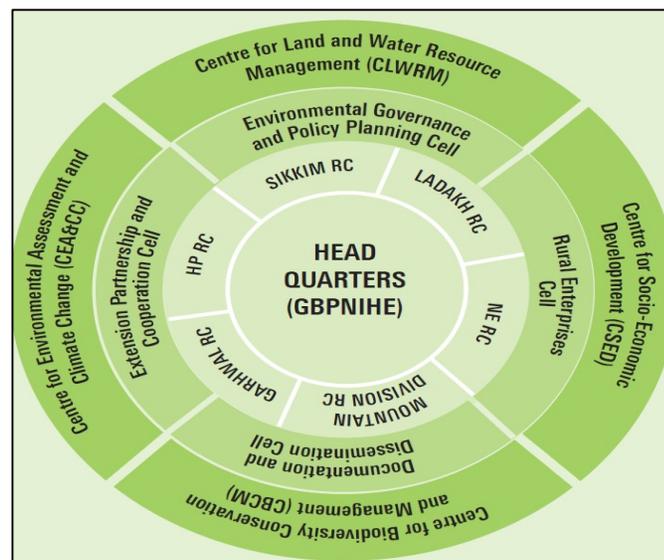
- To promote activities that lead to ecological and economic security, and sustainable development in the IHR.
- Focal areas of activities- Poverty, Out-migration, Natural Resource Management for Sustainable Livelihood, Technology Development and Demonstration.

3. Centre for Biodiversity Conservation and Management (CBCM):

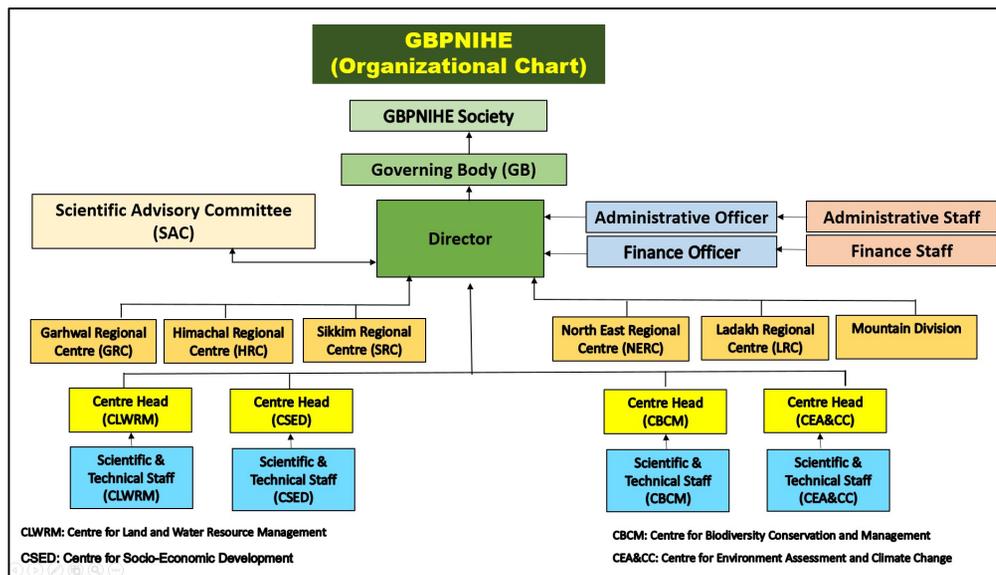
- To assess and monitor biodiversity using state-of-art methodology, and transform data and information into knowledge that supports sustainable management of biodiversity.
- Focal areas of activities- Collaborative and Multidisciplinary Research on Biodiversity (i.e. long-term ecological research sites; database; landscape-level studies), Ecosystem Services, and Biotechnological Applications.

4. Centre for Environmental Assessment and Climate Change (CEA&CC):

- To assess and monitor physical, biological and socio-economic environment attributes of development in IHR, design robust measures for climate change mitigation and secure community and ecosystem resilience with appropriate adaptation strategies to cope up with climate change risks.
- Focal areas of activities- Assessment of environmental parameters, Impact of CC on Resources, Critical Ecosystem, and Development of Knowledge to Combat CC.



(v) Organization Chart



(vi) Any other details of genesis, inception, formation of the department and the HoDs from time to time as well as the committees/ Commissions constituted from time to time have been dealt

Fully met

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) was established in August 1988, at Kosi-Katarmal, Almora (Uttarakhand), as an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India in the birth centenary year of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant near to his birthplace Khunt, Almora (Uttarakhand).

<p>Following eminent academicians headed the NIHE as Director of the Institute:</p> <p>Prof. P.S. Ramakrishnan [01/08/1988 to 31/10/1989]</p> <p>Dr. K.G. Saxena [31/10/1989 to 06/08/1990]</p> <p>Prof. A.N. Purohit [07/08/1990 to 07/08/1995]</p> <p>Dr. L.M.S. Palni [08/08/1995 to 09/12/2001] & [01/05/2008 to 31/05/2013]</p> <p>Dr. Mohinder Pal [Director Incharge; 10/12/2001 to 30/05/2003]</p> <p>Late Dr. Uppendra Dhar [01/06/2003 to 30/04/2008]</p> <p>Dr. P.P. Dhyani [01/06/2013 to 28/09/2017]</p> <p>Er. Kireet Kumar, Director Incharge [29/09/2017 to 20/05/2018]</p> <p>Late Dr. R.S. Rawal [21/05/2018 to 23/04/2021]</p> <p>Er. Kireet Kumar, Director Incharge [07/05/2021 to 30/06/2022]</p> <p>Prof. Sunil Nautiyal, Director [01/07/2022 to Till Date]</p>	
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