

## India has preserved around eight percent of World Bio-diversity: Prakash Javadekar

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Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar today addressed the Virtual Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity in New Delhi. In his address, Mr Javadekar said, India has 2.5 per cent of world's land mass, 16 per cent of Human and 16 per cent of cattle population, but it has still preserved around eight per cent of world's biodiversity as Indian philosophy has always preached about the world as a family and living with the nature.

The Minister expressed happiness that many universities are giving certificate and degrees in Biodiversity. He said, many steps are being taken to preserve biodiversity. He said, government has passed Bio-diversity Act in Parliament and since 2014, every Panchayat maintains Bio-diversity register.

On the occasion, the Minister launched Bio-diversity Samrakshan Internship programme.

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