

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)**

Recent - National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) launched a new short-term Internship Programme for graduates and postgraduates focusing on biodiversity conservation.

NBA is an autonomous statutory body established in 2003 under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Mandate: It implements the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as updated by the Amendment Act, 2023).

Key Functions: It operationalises Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), supports compliance with the Nagoya Protocol, combats biopiracy, and advises States on Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

Composition: NBA is led by a Central Government-appointed Chairperson, includes ex officio ministry members and non-official biodiversity experts.

Key Initiatives: It has formed an Expert Committee on Invasive Alien Species and expanded conservation capacity through the Biodiversity Samrakshan Internship Programme (BSIP).