**ACTIVITIES OF ATBS SINCE SEPT. 2012 TO JAN. 2014**

1. A 3- day National seminar on ‘ Biodiversity and Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of India’ was organized between **13-15th September, 2012** at R. Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar in collaboration with R. J. College, BNHS, IUCN and Mangrove For the Future (MFF). 156 participants registered for the same. The key- note address was given by Mr. B. C. Choudhary, WII. The other invited speakers were Dr. K. Kathiresan, CAS, Annamalai University, Dr. Balachandran, BNHS, Dr. Prasad Modak, EMC, Dr. V. Somavanshi, FSI, Dr. E. Vivekanandan, CMFRI, Dr. Yogesh Souche, NCCS, Dr. Anil A. C., NIO, Dr. Dharmendra Shah, MS University, Baroda, Dr. Swapna Prabhu, BNHS, Dr. Weneresti Gallardo, AIT, Thailand, Comdt. N.V. Rama Rao, Indian Coast Guard, Dr. Analezza Estaben, MFF, Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, Univ. of Mumbai. The Seminar, apart from Talks from Invited speakers, included oral and poster presentations, the same was printed in the proceedings published with ISSN Number.
2. A one day conference on “Wetlands and Water Management” jointly organised by CHM College, Paryavaran Dakshata Manch, Enviro-Vigil and Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences at CHM College, Ulhasnagar was conducted on the World Wetland Day, **2nd Feb 2013**. This had been an early event of Paryavaran Dakshata Manch’s Clean Creek Movement with an objective of spreading awareness towards the immediate need of conserving wetlands among all stakeholders like researchers, academicians, students, fishermen and industrialists having small scale industries alongside the wetlands.The areas like Freshwater Wetlands, Mangrove ecosystems, Creeks and estuaries and Wetlands and Water management were identified and a competition of oral as well as poster presentation on these was organised. Dr Satya Prakash Mehra and Dr (Mrs) Sarita Mehra, a couple doing a commendable work on environment, wetlands and wildlife conservation in Rajasthan blessed the proceedings by their presence.
3. Issue of certificates to all top students (311) of NSEB selected for the INBO during **Jan- Feb. 2013.**
4. Presentation of Book, Gold Medal and Certificate to the 41 students who participated in the OCSC camp held in **June, 2013** at the Biology Cell, HBCSE.
5. Successful launch of website of ATBS with the address [WWW.atbs.in](http://WWW.atbs.in) by the Editorial Committee under the Chief Editor Dr. B.B. Nath on the occasion of Teachers Day,
**05th Sept., 2013.**
6. A Two- day National Seminar on “Dynamics of Mangrove Ecosystem’ was conducted by R. Jhunjhunwala College, ATBS and Vanashakti at R.Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar between **29th- 30th November, 2013**. Around 67 participants attended the seminar. The Seminar, apart from talks from Invited speakers, included oral and poster presentations, the same was printed in the proceedings published with ISSN Number.
7. Members of ATBS participated in Resource Generation (3) (**8-9 Aug**, **18-19 Dec.**, **Sept –Oct 2013**), OCS (1) ( **May- June 2013**) and PDT (1) (**July 2013**) camps at HBCSE. Dr Rekha Vartak, Dr. Sashikant Acharya, Pravin Nayak as Team Leaders accompanies Indian Team at IBO, Bern, Switzerland during **July 2013**.
8. EC meeting on **28th July** and **15th October, 2013**.