South Asia Bonsai Federation- SABF

South Asian Regional Organization of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation- WBFF

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SABF Annual Report for the year January 2024 – March 2025

SABF as the regional organisation of the south Asian region, actively works towards promoting the art of Bonsai and Suiseki in th region. SABF comprises of 55 bonsai clubs from the various states and cities of India. SABF has introduced very novel and unique programmes and concepts, ever since its formation. SABF helped the member clubs to host Bonsai Demonstrations by national and internationally acclaimed masters and artists. SABF promoted Indian bonsai and Suiseki artists into the international arena.

SABF Organization Structure

President: Ravindran Damodaran

Secretary: Sudhir Jadhav

Treasurer: Rajeev Vaidya

International Consultants

1. Madhuri Seksaria
2. Kusuma Akka
3. Syama Balbir
4. Kavita Jhunjhunwala
5. Chanda Agarwal

Bonsai Ambassadors

1. Shalini Jalan
2. Jaya Nair
3. Govindraj
4. Maya Sitaram
5. Renu Prakash
6. Meeta Mehra

SABF runs the Digital Bonsai School – DBS for advance coaching for the art of Bonsai and Suiseki in the region through online weekend classes. There are three arms of the school.

1. DBS - Bonsai school in English Language
2. DBS – Bonsai School in Hindi Language
3. DBS Suiseki School in English Language

So far, eight batches for approximate 6 sessions of 3 hours each have been complete, and more than 600 students benefitted from the school. The curriculum consists of advance topics and techniques about Bonsai and Suiseki art form.

SABF currently runs Book Reading Clubs for Bonsai, Suiseki, Mame Bonsai and Penjing.

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1. In January 2024, The Kerala Bonsai Association conducted its monthly bonsai activity.
2. In February 2024 Mr Ravindran Damodar conducted bonsai demonstrations at The National Bonsai Park, Lodhi Garden, New Delhi for Indian Bonsai Association.
3. The Indian Bonsai Society, Mumbai exhibited its best Bonsai and Suiseki at the annual flower show organised by the Friends of Threes. Members of the club conducted bonsai demonstration and suiseki lecture.
4. The Jyotirmai Club. Kolkata conducted a Pre-Holi Meet and a Bonsai Activity in March 2024.
5. On March 12, 2024, Rajeev Vaidya- Treasurer of SABF released his Bonsai Knowledge eBooks that contains articles written by him.
6. SABF conducted its overall 8th batch of Digital Bonsai School in English language on advanced topics in April 2024.
7. SABF organized a Bonsai Demonstration by Malaysia Bonsai and Suiseki Society on March 23, 2024, through Zoom Session on subject Creative Exploration in Bonsai Design. Master Noryadi Nuruddin and Malaysian Demonstrators conducted a beautiful demonstration.
8. Sudhir Jadhav- Secretary of SABF was invited to conduct a Bonsai demonstration at the First Regional World Bonsai Convention being organized by the PPBI Indonesia at Surabaya from July 1 to 10, 2024. SABF will gave away Best Bonsai and Suiseki of the Show award to best Bonsai and Suiseki. This convention was attended by many delegates from India.
9. Krishi Vigyan Kendra – Jabalpur invited Aditi Shah for bonsai lecture for beginners.
10. The SABF announced The International Bonsai and Suiseki Confluence – BLISS 2025, from March 7 to 9, 2025 at Radisson Blu Resorts at Karjat, Near Mumbai.
11. Nikki Bonsai Garden promoted by the SABF President Ravindran Damodaran, conducted 2 days bonsai workshop for MIT Agri College Trichy March 29 and 30, 2024.
12. In March 2024, International Consultant to the WBFF Ms Madhuri Seksaria under the guidance of former President of SABF Ms Sneh Prasar, organised a huge display of Bonsai at the Phoenix Palladium Mall, Mumbai. Other two Clubs The Indian Bonsai Society and India Bonsai Friendship Federation came together to execute this beautiful display.

13. In April 2024At Kota, Rajasthan, Vivek Shukla and team organised a bonsai display at Umed Bhavan Palace.
14. The Bonsai Study Group of the Indo Japanese Association conducted a National Bonsai and Suiseki Convention in Goa on May 24 and 25, 2024. The President Secretary of SABF were invited to inaugurate the convention along with other dignitaries. Ravindran Damodaran conducted multiple demonstrations, and Sudhir Jadhav – Secretary SABF, delivered a lecture on Indian Suiseki Stones.
15. Jyotirmai Bonsai Clun conducted Literati and Sem- cascade bonsai style workshop by Manju Pansari on June 14, 2024
16. Ravindran Damodar – President SABF and Sudhir Jadhav – Secretary – SABF attended the Annual General Meeting in on July 5, 2024, at Surabaya
17. On August 13, 2024, Mr Ravindran Damodar visited the Mandya Bonsai Club.
18. Bonsai and gardening Study Group Bangalore organised bonsai demonstrations by Hidayat and Adhitya from Indonesia, In November 2024
19. Kolhapur Bonsai Club arranged a two day bonsai workshop by Hidayat and Adhitya from Indonesia, in November 2024. The Mumbai chapter of the Bonsai Study Group of IJA also hosted Hidaya and Adhitya for a bonsai demonstration in November 2024/
20. On November 24, 204 Vivek Shukla and team from Kota organised a bonsai and landscape demo at Umed Bhavan.
21. A meeting of clubs in Mumbai was organised by SABF Executive Team to discuss BLISS 2025 program. The meeting was attended by the members of The Indian Bonsai Society, The Bonsai Study Group of the IJA, India Bonsai Friendship Federation, Bonsai Enthusiasts Club of Thane and Dombivali.
22. On December 7, 2024, Sudhir Jadhav – Secretary SABF visited Jyotirmai Bonsai Club, Kolkata for the promotion of BLISS 2025 and a bonsai demonstration.
23. The Indian Bonsai Association, New Delhi conducted its 44th annual Bonsai Exhibition on March 17, 2025. Lim Chin Poh from Malysia and Anupama Vedachala conducted bonsai demonstrations.

Report Submitted to the Chairman of WBFF - Mr Kim Sae Won

Submitted by:

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