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**A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public or minutes of such meeting are accessible for public;**

a. A nine-member State Level Expert Committee has been constituted to oversee the incentivization of selected sacred groves in Kerala. The Committee scrutinizes, evaluates, and recommends eligible sacred groves for financial support.

b. A District-Level Committee—comprising the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Chairman), a representative of the District Panchayat, a representative of a research institution, and a representative of a reputed NGO—scrutinizes, evaluates, and selects eligible mangrove areas for support under the incentivisation scheme.

c. A State Level Expert Committee has been constituted for selecting individuals or institutions for the Vanamithra Award from each district, in recognition of their exemplary contributions to biodiversity conservation outside forest areas.