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I am writing to you regarding the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of April 2021:

The Hon'ble Minister for Environment Forests & Climate Change (MEFCC) attended the meeting with the Group of Experts on Climate Change issues on 01/04/2021.

A preparatory meeting for visit of Mr. John Kerry was held by Hon'ble MEFCC with Ministers of Finance, Power, New and Renewable Energy etc. on 05/04/2021. Hon'ble MEFCC met Mr. John Kerry, US Special Envoy on 06/04/2021.

Hon'ble MEFCC virtually attended 30th BASIC Ministerial Coordination meeting on Climate Change on 08/04/2021.

Hon'ble MEFCC attended the Panel Discussion on Climate on the 14th April, 2021 at Embassy of France, New Delhi held under the aegis of the Indo-French Year of Environment, 2021-22.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble MEFCC attended the Leader's Summit on Climate at the Invitation of the Hon'ble President of USA on 22/04/2021.

During April, 2021, I also had Meetings with Ambassador of Sweden, Climate Ambassador of France, and Ambassador of the Netherlands.

The Indian Delegation attended the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Energy Transition Working Group and Climate Sustainability Working Group held on 26-27 April, 2021.

The Indian Delegation attended the 2nd Meeting of the Environment Deputies Meeting (EDM) held on 28th April, 2021.

The 1st Dialogue under the aegis of the India-EU Climate Dialogue was held on 28.04.2021.

An Online Exhibition on the theme "Natural World Heritage of India" was organized by the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) on 18.4.2021 to observe the "World Heritage Day".

The NMNH had also conducted the National Level Poster Making Competition for children in connection with "Earth Day 2021" to select the winner for Young Environmentalist of the year Award 2021.



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An online consultation cum workshop was organized to discuss Draft Final Report "Detailed assessment of Medicinal and aromatic plants species including their collection, usage, demand, markets, price, trends and life cycle, focusing on Changthang Landscape, Ladakh UT" funded under Gol-UNDP-GEF SECURE Himalaya Project on 8.4.2021.

Appointment orders for four Judicial Members and three Expert Members of National Green Tribunal were issued on 5.4.2021.

The Central Zoo Authority launched a national level open design competition for designing a zoo interpretation center in India titled as ZOOTOPIA-2021 in collaboration with the MoEF&CC, NITI Ayog, Atal Innovation Mission and the Union Bank of India.

Central Zoo Authority organized expert talks online in coordination with various zoos as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava". During the month of April, 2021, talks were organized on species namely Lion-tailed Macaque, Four-horned Antelope, Malabar Grey Hornbill and Gaur respectively.

Scientists at Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) reported six species as new to science and nine species reported for first time in India.

Scientists at Botanical Survey of India (BSI) reported a new lichen species to science and one taxa as new addition. During the month, 16 publications have been published by BSI Scientists, in various international and national research journals.

Forest Clearances: During the month, 724.92 ha of forestland in 93 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for non-forest purposes. 389.57 ha of non-forest land and 1118.01 ha of degraded forestland were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

Total Expenditure: An expenditure of Rs 104.94 Crores (Provisional) has been incurred until 30th April 2021 against the Net budget estimate of Rs 3136.58 crores for FY 2021-22.

Public Grievances: During the month 260 Public Grievances were redressed and 153 Grievances were pending.

Yours sincerely,
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