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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

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Dear Sir,

The following are the main activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change during the month of September, 2022:

1.Reintroduction of Cheetah

A historic event that took place during the month was reintroduction of Cheetah in the country. The last Cheetah was killed 75 years ago in one of the erstwhile princely States, in 1947, and the animal was declared extinct in India in 1952. Over the decades, several plans were made for reintroducing the Cheetah by bringing them from other countries where there is a substantial meta population. Finally, after the go-ahead of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2020, detailed deliberations were initiated with Namibia and South Africa where genetic diversity of the Cheetah and similarities of climate and terrain made the project viable.

On September 17 this year, eight Cheetahs captured from the wild in Namibia were brought to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, where they were released into the park by Hon'ble Prime Minister. This is the first ever instance of intercontinental transfer and reintroduction of a Carnivore from wild to wild.

2.National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ekta Nagar, Gujarat:

A National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was organised at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on September 23-24, 2022. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister virtually. The themes of the Conference were - LIFE, Climate Change, Forestry Management, Wildlife Management, Control of Pollution, Plastic & Waste management and PARIVESH portal. Extensive discussions were held on all subjects, particularly with respect to action required from the States for promotion of agro-forestry.

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3. National Expo on Eco-alternatives

A National Expo on Eco-alternatives to banned single use plastic items, alongwith a Startup Conference, was held on September 26, 2022 at Chennai Trade Centre. This was jointly organized by the Ministry and the Government of Tamil Nadu, wherein apart from the exhibition of products, MSMEs' interaction with banks was also facilitated to enable scaling up of their innovations.

4. World Ozone Day

MoEFCC marked the 28th World Ozone Day by organising a Conference in Mumbai on September 16, 2022. During the event, six publications were released including inter alia, a Booklet on Action Plan for Cold Chain; Booklet on Passive & Low Energy Cooling Strategies for Affordable Housing; and a Study report on reduction in GHG emissions through phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances under the Montreal Protocol implementation plan.

5. Environment and Forest Clearance

During September, 2022, the Expert Appraisal Committee appraised a total of 172 projects pertaining to different sectors, while 62 projects were accorded environmental clearances. Further, 513.4450 ha. of forest land in 127 cases was approved (in-principle) for diversion under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 while 15.7773 ha. of non-forest land and 805.5845 ha. of degraded forest land were earmarked and approved for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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