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I am writing this letter indicating the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the **month of November 2021**:

2. The 26th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP-26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Glasgow, United Kingdom from 31st October, 2021 to 13th November 2021.

3. The National Statement in the World Leaders Summit was delivered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at COP-26, which *inter-alia* include the following announcements:

- India's non-fossil energy capacity to reach 500 GW by 2030.
- India will meet 50 per cent of its energy requirements with renewable energy by 2030.
- India will reduce its total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now to 2030.
- India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by 45 per cent by 2030, over 2005 levels.
- By 2070, India will achieve the target of net zero emissions.

4. Hon'ble Prime Minister also highlighted that the transfer of climate finance and low-cost climate technologies have become more important for implementation of climate actions by the developing countries. The ambitions on climate finance by developed countries cannot remain the same as they were at the time of Paris Agreement in 2015.

5. The Inter- Ministerial Delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change attended the COP 26 multilateral negotiations.

6. The Glasgow Climate Conference adopted decisions, which *inter-alia*, include adoption of an overarching decision titled "Glasgow Climate Pact" that stresses the urgency of enhancing ambition and action in relation to mitigation, adaptation and finance in this critical decade to address the gaps in the implementation of the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Glasgow Climate Pact also noted with deep regret that the goal of developed country Parties to mobilize jointly USD 100 billion per year by 2020 has not yet been met. The COP 26 outcome also include completion of work

related to rules, procedures, and guidelines for the implementation of the Paris Agreement including that for cooperative approaches, mechanisms and non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, enhanced transparency framework, and common timeframes for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

7. On the side-lines of COP 26, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change held bilateral meetings with Ministers and Representatives from United Kingdom, Scotland, South Korea, Australia, BASIC countries, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, France, Canada, Brazil, USA, UAE, Germany, Norway, Singapore, Jamaica, Sweden, and Japan. Hon'ble Minister also held meetings with the Ministers of Like Minded Developing Countries and also with representatives from United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and Green Climate Fund.
8. Hon'ble Minister also participated in side events on the side-lines of COP 26 which include South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme, International Solar Alliance, CDRI, Leadership Group for Industry Transition and *Namami Gange*.
9. Secretary (EFCC) held meeting with German delegation led by Dr. Claudia Warming, DG, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on 25th November, 2021.
10. 2nd meeting of Apex Committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA) held on 30th November, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (EF&CC).
11. **World GIS Day** is celebrated on 17th November, 2021 that is dedicated to showing, teaching and inspiring others. This day help to create enthusiasm among people to learn how to use GIS for themselves in their work, in their school, where they volunteer or even for their hobbies and interest. In this regard, an event named "Locate your Biodiversity" was conducted where the geofoms was used in order to showcase the power of location enabled data powered by our geospatial enterprise solutions. In this regard, this day celebrated by various ENVIS Hubs and RPs across the country like DoE, Haryana, WWF etc.
12. **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Scheme (EBSB)** was celebrated during November, 2021. As one of the mandate of the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) is to disseminate information on different environment related thematic areas and generate awareness among the stakeholders by ENVIS Hubs and Resource Partners which are hosted in the Environment/ Forest Department of State Governments/ UT Administrations and environment-related governmental and non-governmental organizations/institutes of professional excellence. The components of the EBSB programme of Ministry of Education would, therefore, be included in the ENVIS awareness and outreach programmes. In this regard, EBSB celebrated by various ENVIS Hubs and RPs across the country like GBPNIHE, CPCB etc.
13. **World Fisheries Day:** Every year, November 21st is celebrated as International Fisheries Day to look at the fishing industry's sustainability factors. It also focuses on the surrounding circles like maintaining the balance in ecosystem

and surroundings etc. The World Fisheries Day helps in highlighting the critical importance to human lives, of water and the lives it sustains, both in and out of water. Water forms a continuum, whether contained in rivers, lakes, and ocean. The first World Fisheries Day was celebrated on November 21, 2015, during the opening of the International Fishermen's organisation in New Delhi. Each year, it is celebrated with a unique theme that focuses on the overall development of the fishing industry, environment, and biodiversity. In this regard, this day celebrated by various ENVIS Hubs and RPs across the country like KSCST, SACON etc.

14. **Constitution Day:** was celebrated on 26th November, 2021 with an aim to promote constitutional values among citizens. This day was celebrated by various ENVIS Hubs and RPs across the country.

15. **ENVIS Review Meeting** was held under the Chairmanship of Sr. Economic Adviser and physical visit to ENVIS Hubs/RPs were made by the officers of Economic Division from 23th to 27th November, 2021, to evaluate the ongoing activities carried out by GEC, GCPC, Gandhinagar, NIOH and CERC, Ahmedabad ENVIS Hub/Resource Partner. The officers of the Economic Division visited ENVIS Hub/RP at GEC, GCPC, NIOH and CERC, Gujarat.

16. **National Education Day: National Webinar:** As part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – 75 years of Independence", a "National Webinar" was organized to commemorate "National Education Day 2021" by NMNH and RMNH-Mysuru in collaboration with Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu.

17. **Environment Awareness Programme for Children** (18th& 20th November, 2021) **In association with Ministry of Women and Child Development** NMNH organized "Environment Awareness Programme for Children" in association with Ministry of Women and Child Development. The programme was organized to celebrate iconic week of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – 75 years of Independence" at Faridabad and Sonipat.

18. RMNH, Mysuru, organized 2 days online webinar on 24th and 25th November 2021 to celebrate World Heritage Week 2021.

19. Scientists of BSI reported **three new taxa of plants viz.** *Septemeranthus nicobaricus* (Loranthaceae) from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, *Cyanotis deccanensis* (Commelinaceae) from the Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh and *Dendrobium gopalanii* (Orchidaceae) from the Western Ghats. Besides, BSI also reported **nine taxa** as new additions to various states viz. *Digitaria violascens* (Poaceae), *Dimeria bialata* (Poaceae), *Erycibe paniculata* (Convolvulaceae), *Heteropogon polystachyos* (Poaceae), *Phaulopsis imbricata* (Acanthaceae), *Urochloa glumaris* (Poaceae) to the flora of Andhrapradesh and Telangana; *Veronica ciliata* subsp. *cephaloides* (Plantaginaceae) to the flora of Himachal Pradesh; *Lejeunea subolivaceae* (Lejeuneaceae) to the flora of Jharkhand and *Murdannia triquetra* var. *ahuchawlense* (Commelinaceae) to the flora of Assam. Besides, Scientists of BSI incorporated 9 species of *Impatiens* in the database of The IUCN Red List of

Threatened Species.BSI completed metadata of 61,366 herbarium specimens. During the month, 7 field / local tours were conducted and 89 field numbers of plants were collected.

20. **Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of November, 2021 is enclosed as Annexure-I.**

21. **Clearance under Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 is enclosed as Annexure-II.**

22. **Total Expenditure:** An expenditure of **Rs 963.59 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred until 31st November **2021** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 3136.58 crores** for FY 2021-22.

22. **Public Grievances:** During the month **386** Public Grievances were redressed and **173** Grievances were pending.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

Encl: as above.

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ANNEXURE - I

Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of November, 2021

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining(Coal)		Mining(Non-Coal)		Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ		New Construction Projects and Industrial Estates		Industry-(III)		Total	
	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR
No. of projects at beginning of the month	22	16	56	4	2	2	10	9	11	11	37	30	25	6	24	8	20	25	207	111
Projects received during the month/ respond	19	24	45	5	0	4	0	2	2	3	19	9	11	4	8	6	15	10	119	67
Projects cleared during the month	5	18	20	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	3	4	3	0	0	12	10	43	42
Projects converted from EC to TOR due change of scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects exempted during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project rejected during the month (on merit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	9	29	1	1	1	0	3	10	22	44
EDS raised during the month *	11	12	12	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	4	8	35	22
Pending at PP due to Additional details sought *	2	1	12	0	1	0	2	1	3	1	20	14	5	0	10	2	1	3	56	27
Projects pending at the end of the month *	23	10	63	5	2	4	10	10	8	8	48	28	29	5	31	11	17	9	231	90

* The total pending projects does not include the projects which are pending due to EDS. However, the EDS proposals have been included in the projects received during the month.

Annexure-II

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS STATE/UT GOVERNMENTS SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980 DURING THE PERIOD OF 01.11.2021 TO 30.11.2021.

A. STATUS OF GRANT OF STAGE-I APPROVAL BY MoEF&CC, NEW DELHI AND ITS INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICES-

S. No.	Particulars	MoEF&CC, New Delhi		Integrated Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC		Grand Total	
		Number of cases	Area (ha.)	Number of cases	Area (ha.)	Number of cases	Area (ha.)
1	Stage-I approvals accorded during the reporting period	0	0.00	105	1082.43	105	1082.43
2	Rejected on merit	0	0.00	1	3.64	1	3.64
3	Proposals closed for want of essential documents/information	0	0.00	7	14.83	7	14.83
4	Proposals withdrawn / returned to State Govt.	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

B. COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION STIPULATED IN LIEU OF FOREST LAND DIVERTED-

S. No.	Particulars	MoEF&CC, New Delhi		Integrated Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC		Grand Total	
		Non-forest land	Degraded Forest land	Non-forest land	Degraded Forest land	Non-forest land	Degraded Forest land
1.	Number of cases	0	0	20	73	20	73
2.	Area (ha.)	0.00	0.00	263.83	1796.23	263.83	1796.23
Total CA stipulated (Ha.)		2060.06					

* Out of 93 cases of Integrated Regional Offices, CA land (in any of NFL & DFL) is not applicable in 13 cases.

* Out of all the cases of Regional Offices, CA land of both NFL & DFL is applicable in 1 case.

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