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Dear Sir,

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST
& CLIMATE CHANGE

The following are the main activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change during the month of April 2023:

International Big Cat Alliance:

India celebrated 50 years of Project Tiger in April 2023, and an international event to recognise this milestone was organised in Mysuru from 9th to 11th April. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) for conservation of seven big cats namely Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma, that inhabit the Earth. Environment/Foreign Ministers/representatives from 15 countries participated in the event, in which the Tiger census numbers were also released. From 1411 tigers in 2010, the minimum estimated population is 3167 tigers in 2022. It is noteworthy, that India achieved its objective of doubling the tiger population in 2018 itself, much ahead of the target date of 2022.

India's Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Presidency:

The Meeting of the Heads of Ministries and Department of SCO Member States Responsible for Environment Protection was held virtually on 18th April. The meeting was attended by high-level delegations from the SCO Member States led by Ministers/Deputy Ministers from the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The adoption of the Joint communiqué on cooperation in the field of environment protection was a significant outcome. India succeeded in embedding the core precepts of Mission LiFE, namely, transition to sustainable lifestyles, and sustainable consumption and production patterns in the communiqué.

National Climate Conclave:

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Uttar Pradesh organized a two-day "National Climate Conclave 2023" on 10th and 11th April in Lucknow. The Conclave saw participation of Line Ministries/Departments of Government of India, States/UTs, Green Climate Fund Secretariat, Private Sector, Financial Institutions, Civil Societies/NGOs, Climate Startups and other

relevant stakeholders. This Conclave is part of an ongoing effort to focus on the challenges/issues in the climate arena and explore innovative solutions, along with creating a vibrant network of stakeholders who will continue to engage with each other on cross-cutting themes such as risk governance, and mainstreaming of technologies, as well as mobilising domestic and international climate finance.

Air Quality Management:

A meeting of the CAQM to review the status of air quality in the NCR and deliberate on the further course of action, was held on April 26. The air quality of Delhi has shown significant improvement during the period from January 2023 to April, 2023 as compared to previous years. Delhi witnessed the maximum number of 'Good' to 'Moderate' Air Quality days during the period January – April 2023 as compared to the corresponding period in the last 7 years since 2016. Similarly, the number of 'Poor to Severe' Air Quality Days in Delhi was 108 in 2016 and 68 in 2023. This year has seen the lowest levels of daily average PM10 and PM2.5 concentration with lowest Daily Average AQI in 2023. The mandatory switching to non-coal fuel for industrial activities and the enforcement of the ban on diesel generators are some important measures that have been undertaken.

Mission LiFE:

A meeting of the Committee of Secretaries was convened on April 28 to review the status of activities being undertaken by Ministries/Departments in the run up to World Environment Day, June 5, 2023. A presentation was made by MoEF&CC on actions initiated so far, along with the list of illustrative activities that could be taken up by other Ministries. Thereafter, all Ministries were asked to organise activities with public participation and ensure that these activities are undertaken under the broad theme and logo of Mission LiFE. It was informed that daily reports of all the awareness generation and LiFE events are required to be uploaded on the portal merilife.org. With a view to ensuring all-India outreach, the MoEF&CC was advised to have a meeting with all State Governments/UT Administrations and share the suggested actions with them along with the creatives that have been developed for this purpose.

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Yours sincerely,

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