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Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for **November, 2017**:

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

1.1 The Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 has been promulgated on 23.11.2017.

1.2 The Cabinet Note for closure of ANIFPDCL, Port Blair was approved by the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 16.08.2017.

1.3 Advisory dated 30.11.2017 has been issued to all states/UTs for increasing area coverage under agro-forestry and tree plantations on non forest land and for arranging high quality seedlings for plantations in agricultural farms and non forest areas.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

2.1 The Climate Change Conference of Parties (CoP-23) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Bonn, Germany from 6-18 November, 2017. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change. India participated in CoP-23 with a constructive and positive approach with the aim to protect long term interests.

2.2 A bilateral meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC and a delegation from Denmark headed by Hon'ble Mr. Esben Lunde Larsen, Danish Environment Minister on 3rd November, 2017 in IP Bhawan. It was decided to have bilateral activities viz. Joint Working Group between the two countries under the two existing MoUs.

2.3 Mr. S.P.S. Parihar, Chairman, CPCB, participated in the first meeting of the G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue which was held during 27-28 November, 2017 in Berlin. The motive of the event is to profit from good practice examples from the G20 countries.

2.4 The International Workshop on Forest Fire Prevention and Management was organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, with the collaboration with the World Bank from 1st

November, 2017 to 3rd November, 2017 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

2.5 A two days' Workshop for Eco-club teachers of Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu was organized by NMNH in collaboration with Forest Department of Tamil Nadu, Kanyakumari Division on 23-24th November 2017.

2.6 The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun under the project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation" conducted its first National Training Workshop for Spearhead Teams from the Ganga River States on "Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring of Aquatic Species of Ganga River", from 6th to 12th November 2017.

2.7 MoEF&CC in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, National Biodiversity Authority, UNDP and Indian Institute of Management Bangalore organized an international workshop on "Sustainable Production and Consumption and Novel Economic Instruments for Biodiversity Conservation" from 17 to 18 November 2017 at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.

2.8 Exposure visit was organized for the fifty four (54) students and two (2) teachers from Nirmala College, Ranchi Jharkhand on 03.11.2017 at G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD). Dr. S.S. Samant delivered lecture on "Himalayan Environment and Development" and briefly appraised the participants about the Institute infrastructure and R&D activities.

2.9 NMNH in association with Hindustan Times PACE (HT PACE) organized NMNH-HTPACE Essay Writing Competition on 17 November, 2017 at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, MoEF&CC, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi

2.10 As per the decision of the Ministry, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS) has been restructured to focus on forest fire. The EFC meeting on the matter was held on 28.08.2017 and the EFC note has been approved by Ministry of Finance. Operational Guidelines based on the approved EFC note for the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management (FPM) scheme has also been approved and will be circulated shortly to States/UTs for submission of Annual Work Programmes

2.11 An exhibition on Sustainable Development using Waste material and hand made products was organized by NMNH in collaboration with SMS Vatavaran on 2nd Nov, 2017.

2.12 Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in the Ministry from 30.10.2017 to 04.11.2017 with the theme "My vision-Corruption free India". An integrity pledge was administered by Secretary (EF&CC) and Slogan and Essay Writing Competition were organized.

2.13 The Ministry observed Constitution Day on 27.11.2017 and as part of the celebration the Preamble to the Constitution was read out by Secretary, EF&CC in the Atrium of Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

2.14 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **430 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 430 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **156 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **271 PAs**.

2.15 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **120 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **75 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **22 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **97 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of September, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

2.16 Forest Clearances

During the month, **2201.87 ha of forest land in 99 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**. **413.5781 ha of non-forest land and 2795.6061 ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.)**.

2.17 Total Expenditure

An expenditure of **Rs 1582.43 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **30th November, 2017** against the gross budget estimate of **Rs 2931.42 Crores** for FY 2017-18.

- 3.** Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: **NIL**
- 4.** **Compliance of COS decisions:** Cabinet approved the proposal of MoEF&CC for promulgation of Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 to amend the Section 2(7) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 regarding omission of word bamboos from definition of forests along with approval on introduction of the Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2017 for replacement of the said ordinance on 22.11.2017.
- 5.** Number of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: **NIL**

6. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: **NIL**

7. **Status of implementation of e-Governance:**

Total No. of Files	Total No. E-files
1922	708

8. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with:

Sl. No.	Case	Remarks
NIL		

9. **Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
715	505

10. Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development:

Ministry has its own Decision Support System developed by FSI based on combining GIS platform and remotely sensed imagery obtained by Indian Satellite IRS P-6 Liss-III. This system is used for Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Management and decision making related with these issues.

Yours sincerely,
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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of November, 2017

	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		Nuclear, Defence & Others		Total	
	EC	ToR	EC	TO R	EC	TO R	EC	TO R	EC	TO R	EC	ToR	EC	TO R	EC	TO R	EC	TO R	EC	TO R
No. of projects at the beginning of the month	23	21	99	76	5	6	8	3	11	9	72	66	100	26	135	29	9	0	453	236
Projects received during the month/ reopened	8	18	35	39	0	1	2	4	1	1	25	62	17	6	19	13	0	0	107	144
Projects cleared during the month	6	7	20	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	16	0	30	6	0	0	75	22
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
Projects 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
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	1	0	0	12	7
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	4
Projects pending at the end of the month	23	19	85	56	3	7	9	7	10	9	82	94	95	27	98	28	7	0	412	247