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Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of **January, 2020**:

1. Amongst the Article 5 parties (developing countries) under the Montreal Protocol, India has been able to achieve the complete phase out of HCFC 141b in the foam manufacturing sector, as part of implementation of HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) Stage II.
2. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) met Ms. Patricia Scotland, Secretary General, Commonwealth on January 16, 2020 in New Delhi. Various issues including implementation of domestic actions in key sectors of Climate Change and Environment were discussed.
3. In the 17th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) Governing Body held on 6.1.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC various important policy related issues on tiger management, strengthening of NTCA, STPF in tiger reserves, and voluntary village relocation of the villages in core areas of tiger reserve were discussed.
4. As a part of voluntary commitment by Member States of United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), India submitted a Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) to UNFF, which has been accepted and uploaded.
5. All States & UT Forest Departments have been requested to establish REDD+ Cell in Forest Department for implementation of REDD+ activities in the country.
6. Final Note for the Cabinet regarding adoption of National Forest Policy, 2020 was submitted to Cabinet Secretariat for approval on 3.1.2020.
7. An advisory dated 1.1.2020 was issued to all the Chief Secretaries of States/UTs towards goal of National Forest Policy and relaxing the regulatory regimes for felling and transit of tree species grown on non-forest/private lands.

8. A Two day capacity building workshop was held on 28-29 January 2020 for forest officials of tiger reserves in the 4 tiger range states at Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh & Telangana at Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
9. 10 New sites from India as sites of international importance for conservation of global biodiversity has been added taking the total number of Ramsar Sites in our country to 37 covering an area of 1,067,939 hectares.
10. A Two day regional workshop on Conservation and Management of wetlands for wetland managers and nodal officers of wetlands of Southern States/UTs were held during 6-7 January 2020 at Cochin, Kerala and for North Eastern States during 23-24 January 2020 at Imphal, Manipur.
11. On the occasion of World Braille Day (4th January 2020), National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) conducted programmes and activities involving specially challenged children to make them aware of environmental issues.
12. Two Guidelines were issued for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the month of January 2020, and regularly updated in Ministry's website – <https://parivesh.nic.in/acts.aspx?id=FC>
13. Guidelines were issued regarding Prior Approval under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for various transmission lines under construction/proposed in the forest areas and also for re-grassing of mining leases after ceasing mining activities were issued.
14. Under the Green Skill Development Programme, 28 courses were started and 10 courses ended during January 2020.
15. On 12 January 2020 on the occasion of World Regional Rose Convention, Director, Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Ms. Henrienne de Briey, President, World Federation of Rose Societies inaugurated the 'Rosarium' having 248 varieties in 16 colors spreading over 26000 sq.ft. in the AJCB Indian Botanical Garden, Howrah.
16. Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands released the coffee table book on Mesmerizing Fauna of Great Nicobar at Raj Niwas, Port Blair on 27 January 2020.
17. **Environmental Clearances: Number of projects appraised:** During the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in **January 2020**, a total of **160 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised.

Number of projects cleared: During the month, **55 projects** were accorded environmental clearance and **58 projects** were prescribed ToRs. Thus, a total of **113 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month is at **Annexure-I**.

**Number of projects appraised and number of projects cleared during the month are not correlated as the appraisal and grant of clearance of a project may not necessarily occur during the same month.*

18. **Forest Clearances:** During the month, **1022.73 ha of forestland in 70 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for non-forest purposes. **163.02 ha of non-forest land and 1870.25 ha of degraded forestland** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).
19. **Total Expenditure:** An expenditure of Rs 2226.59 Crores (Provisional) has been incurred until 31st January 2020 against the Net budget estimate of Rs 3062.72 crores for FY 2019-20.
20. **Eco sensitive Zone:** Out of **662 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, the Ministry has issued **ESZ Notifications for 534 PAs**, including **Draft Notifications for 160 PAs and Final Notifications for 374 PAs**. Further, ESZ notifications for **23 PAs** have been approved and are under process for publications.
21. **Public Grievances:** During the month 377 Public Grievances were redressed and 361 Grievances were pending.

Yours sincerely,

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of January, 2020

	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		Total	
	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	47	44	137	80	4	5	32	28	21	21	75	56	65	19	24	18	405	271
Projects received during the month/ respond	9	15	51	30	0	0	1	0	12	1	13	13	12	10	2	11	100	80
Projects cleared during the month	8	12	29	36	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	10	5	5	0	55	58
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
Projects exempted during the month	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
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
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	8
Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDS raised during the month *	3	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	5	24	7
Projects pending at the end of the month *	44	37	140	71	4	5	34	26	31	19	136	61	64	19	21	22	474	260

* 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.