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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 **July 2018**:

1 Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

1.1 Administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the tune of Rs 9466.00 Lakhs has been granted for the project of "Pollution abatement of river Rani Chu through Roro Chu in zone-III, Gangtok, Sikkim under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities:

2.1 National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized Plantation Drive and Environmental Awareness Campaign on the occasion of Van Mahotsav Week. The programme was organized at different venues in Delhi-NCR from 3rd to 6th July, 2018 for school children.

2.2 MoEF&CC and Ministry of Environment of Japan jointly organized the 16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia (WGIA16) at New Delhi during July 10 to 13th, 2018 where more than 100 experts from 18 countries participated. It was organized for the first time in India.

2.3 First meeting of the National Wetlands Committee constituted under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 was held on 26th July, 2018.

2.4 A regional workshop on conservation and management of wetlands for imparting training to officials of the States of Eastern region was organized at BSI headquarter in Kolkata during 6-7th July, 2018.

2.5 As part of setting up the National Network of Experts and Resources for Subsurface Investigations and Remediation of Contaminated Sites (NERCS)", IIT Delhi with support from MoEF&CC organized a national workshop on "Contaminated Sites: Subsurface Investigations and Remediation" on July 12th and 13th, 2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

2.6 Harela Festival was celebrated on 6th July, 2018 in the G.B Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD), Kosi- Katarmal, Almora and 500 plants were planted by the staff of GBPNIHESD.

2.7 Concept of drying Kiln quilt was explored for minimizing heat losses by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). The results indicate that the glass wool kiln quilt helped in reducing the heat losses from the solar kiln.

2.8 Alternate tree species was identified as source of wood for making handicraft in arid region, reducing the cost by using unutilized/plantation grown wood and to improve the life of wood by simple chemical/preservative treatments to make handicraft industry sustainable for long term.

2.9 The Panel discussion on Human Tiger Interface on the occasion of Global Tiger Day and Global Ranger Day, chaired by ADG(PT) and MS (NTCA) was held at WWF Secretariat, New Delhi.

2.10 Various Programmes like Quiz Competition, Nukkad Natak, painting competition etc. were organized on the occasion of Global Tiger Day 2018 on 27th July, 2018 at MoEF&CC.

2.11 16 different courses were commenced in the month of July under the Green Skill Development Programme in various offices under MoEF&CC.

2.12 Eco Sensitive Zones: Of a total of **651 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **486 PAs have been issued** by the Ministry. This includes Draft Notifications for **202 PAs** and Final Notifications for **284 PAs**.

2.13 Environmental Clearances: During the month, a total of **191 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **36 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **49 projects were prescribed ToRs**. So, a total of **85 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and ToR of Projects for the month of **July, 2018** is at **Annexure-I**.

2.14 Forest Clearances: During the month, **2662.63 ha of forest land** in **112 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **363.92 ha of non-forest land** and **4697 ha of degraded forest land** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.15 Total Expenditure: An expenditure of **Rs 618.55 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred till **31st July, 2018** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 2683.42 crores** for FY 2018-19.

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3. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-Ministerial consultations: **NIL**

4. **Compliance of CoS decisions:**

Number of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks

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
110161	77923

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
1154	218

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 July, 2018

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		RiverValley & 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	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	ToR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR
No. of projects at the beginning month	26	27	68	30	7	6	16	4	17	12	140	83	117	32	70	15	5	2	466	211
Projects received during the month/ reopened	11	14	49	31	2	2	3	2	3	2	13	30	18	17	13	4	0	0	112	102
Projects cleared during the month	4	5	11	24	1	1	2	0	2	1	4	10	0	2	12	4	0	2	36	49
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)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4	0	0	1	0	3	8
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7
Projects pending at the end of the month	28	26	74	26	7	6	18	6	16	11	139	68	110	34	66	13	4	0	463	190