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The highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of December 2021 are as below:

## **Promoting Conservation & Biodiversity**

- The Centre for Biodiversity Conservation & Management (ČBCM) organized a series
  of six events to mark the celebration of Swachh Bharat fortnight from 1<sup>st</sup> December
  to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. A total of 108 participants including scientists, technicians,
  research scholars and field staff of the centre along with local villagers were present
  in these events.
- A one-day programme on 'Promoting Conservation Education: Birds and Butterflies' was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. A thematic lecture on 'Birds and Butterflies' was delivered followed by on-site demonstration at 'Suryakunj'. A Nature's walk at Suryakunj was also organized on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 with the objective of connecting students with nature and biodiversity.
- A two-day certification and awareness workshop (December 20-21, 2021) was organized by the CBCM in collaboration with Quality Council of India, with the aim of quality improvement of medicinal plants. A total of 25 progressive farmers from different villages (Niyang, Pasti, Sosa) of Chaudas valley, Pithoragarh participated. The discussion section was mainly focused on cultivation of good quality medicinal plants of Valeriana jatamansi, Hedychium spicatum, Picrorhiza kurroa, Angelica glauca etc. by farmers. Two senior representatives of Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) also visited the agricultural land of Valeriana jatamansi in different villages.

#### **Celebration of World Mountain Day 2021**

 Under the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", Ladakh Regional Centre in collaboration with Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council and Department of Tourism, UT Administration of Ladakh celebrated International Mountain Day 2021 '. On this occasion, a Discussion Forum was organized (Virtual Mode) on the topic "Sustainable Tourism in Ladakh: Opportunities and Needs" to bring together the perspectives of all stakeholders of the tourism sector in a synthesized form, for serving as inputs in



policymaking and action plan formulation. As a part of celebration of International Mountain Day-2021, a pre-event webinar titled "Tourism in Western Himalaya: Challenges and opportunities" was organized by G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Himachal Regional Centre (HRC), Mohal, Kullu in collaboration with Ladakh Regional Centre, NIHE Leh, Ladakh UT and Garhwal Regional Centre, NIHE, Srinagar, Uttarakhand on 9th December 2021. A total of 40 participants including scientists, subject experts, academicians, researchers and staff members from different regional centres actively participated in the above webinar.

## **Environmental Appraisal of Projects**

- The status of Environment Clearance for projects during the month of **December 2021** is given at **Annexure-I**.
- Number of projects appraised: In the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in December 2021, a total of 188 projects pertaining to different sectors were appraised.
- Number of projects cleared: During the month, 46 projects were accorded environmental clearance and 35 projects were prescribed TORs. Thus, a total of 81 proposals were cleared during the month.

Yours sincerely, Sd/-( Leena Nandan )

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ANNEXURE - I

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of December, 2021 River Industry-Thermal infrastructure and Valley & Mining(Non-New Construction Projects Industry-Mining(Coal) Industry-(i) Miscellaneous Total Hydro-Coal) and Industrial Estates Projects + CRZ Electric EÇ TOR EC TOR EC TOR EC EC TOR TOR EC TOR EC TOR EC TOR EC TOR ECTOR No. of projects at 10 226 93 beginning of the month Projects received during 11 110 65 the month/ respond Projects cleared during 46 35 the month Projects converted from EC to TOR due change of scope Projects exempted during the month Project rejected during the month (on merit) Project closed during Ω the month (due to nonsubmission of info.) Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate Projects kept in 21 19 abeyance/ delisted EDS raised during the 34 19 month \* Pending at PP due to 71 22 Additional details sought \*

Projects pending at the

end of the month \*

<sup>\*</sup> 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.