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MoEF News

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1. 6th EU-India Joint Working Group meeting on Environment was held in Brussels, Belgium on 4th December, 2009
2. 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 7th - 18th, 2009
3. The Ministry has decided to hold national consultations with the various stakeholders (during January/ February 2010) before decision is taken on environmental release of Bt brinjal, a genetically modified crop
4. To celebrate International Year of Biodiversity 2010 (IYB), a special session on **'Biodiversity'** is being organised on 7th January in the 97th session of the Indian Science Congress being held at Thiruvanthapuram from 3rd-7th January, 2010
5. The Ministry will release a brochure on **'Achieving 2010 Biodiversity Target: India's Contributions'** during January 2010 to celebrate the IYB
6. The Ministry has constituted a Committee to examine the issues relating to the grant of environment clearance to the projects
7. The Ministry has drawn up detailed programmes for celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010
8. Mr. Robert Zoellick, World Bank President paid a visit to the Ministry and discussed various issues concerning forestry, wildlife and environment

9. Meeting of the ICFRE Society was held on December 22, 2009 chaired by the MEF
10. The Ministry has invited nominations for the Amrita Devi Bishnoi Wildlife Protection Award 2009

Transfers and postings:

1. Shri R H Khwaja, IAS (AP: 76), Additional Secretary has been appointed as Special Secretary in the Ministry
2. M F Farooqui, IAS (TN: 78), has joined the Ministry as Additional Secretary on December 07, 2009

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Wishing you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2010!