

# January 2010

## MoEF News

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1. The MEF released a document on 'Achieving 2010 Biodiversity Target: India's Contributions' and a calendar on the theme 'Our Rich Biodiversity', on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 to mark the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) to raise awareness about the underlying threats to and the need for biodiversity conservation.
2. India will be hosting the eleventh COP to the CBD in October 2012 in New Delhi that will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Rio Earth Summit.
3. A special session on Biodiversity Conservation was organised at the 97<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress held at Thiruvananthapuram from 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
4. The National Tiger Conservation Authority in association with TRAFFIC-India has launched an online tiger crime database on 06th January, 2010. The website will also provide a compilation of authentic records on the mortality of tigers and other key wildlife species across India.
5. General Meeting of the International Coral Reefs Initiative was held in Monaco from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
6. The MEF held discussions with the employees of BSI and ZSI on the recommendations of the Gadgil Committee Report at Kolkata on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
7. The MEF chaired public consultations with various stakeholders on environmental release of Bt brinjal held at Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Ahmedabad, Nagpur and Chandigarh on 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
8. The MEF has held public consultations for strengthening the Coastal Zone Regulations on January 16, 2010 at Bhubaneswar.
9. Meeting of UNEP/MoEF Cooperation on Ozone Issues was held in Paris from 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

10. Meeting of the 'Friends of the Co-chairs' of Access and Benefit Sharing Working Group under the Convention on Biological Diversity was held in Montreal from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010
11. Ministers of the four BASIC Group countries - China, Brazil, South Africa and India - met on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at New Delhi and called for an early resumption of the climate negotiations through the two negotiating groups - (AWG-LCA and the AWG-KP). They called for the early flow of the pledged \$10bn by developed countries in 2010. The Ministers agreed to work closely on climate change negotiations and climate change science amongst themselves and with the G-77.

## Transfers and postings

1. Shri Surender Kumar, IFS (KR: 1986), Director has been relieved from the Ministry on January 18, 2010 to join as DIGF, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.
2. Dr. G K Pandey, Adviser and Dr. E V Muley, Director superannuate from the Government service on the afternoon of January 31, 2010
3. The works relating to Impact Assessment and Hazardous Substances, presently handled by Dr. G K Pandey, will be looked after by Dr. Nalini Bhatt, Adviser and Mr. Rajiv Gauba, Joint Secretary, respectively, in addition to their existing duties till further orders.
4. Mr Ajay Lal, IFS (HP: 1987), Director (IFS cadre management) has proceeded on four months training in USA w.e.f January 11, 2010
5. Mr Vivek Saxena IFS (HR: 1992) Director will be looking after the IFS cadre management matters till further orders.

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