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MoEF News

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1. 18th session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development was held in New York on May 09-14, 2010
2. Second meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Members of Parliament attached to the Ministry of Environment and Forests was held on May 10, 2010 and discussed issues relating to Convention on Biological Diversity
3. Second Regional Meeting with Experts by the Chairman, Expert Group set up by the Ministry to look into scientific and technical functions of the Ministry, was held on May 14, 2010 at the Indian Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad under the chairmanship of Dr. K Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission
4. A National Workshop of the Indian Network for Climate Change Assessment (INCCA) was held on May, 11, 2010. A Report on 'India's GHG Emissions 2007' was released by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. India has become the first developing country to publish such updated numbers
5. The 30th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation supported by the Ministry was held in Goa on May 1st 2010
6. 14th meeting of SBSTTA and 3rd meeting of Ad hoc open ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity were held on 10th-28th May 2010 at Nairobi, Kenya
7. A Meeting to review the progress of India "Chiller Energy Efficiency Project" was held at Mumbai on May 19th, 2010

8. Meeting of 4th Global Environment Facility was held at Uruguay on May 21-28, 2010

9. The Ministry will celebrate World Environment Day on June 05th, 2010 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. His Excellency, the Ex-President of India, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest. On this occasion to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity, the Ministry will release a postal stamp on Biodiversity

10. Oslo Climate and Forest Conference was held on May 27, 2010

11. The scientists of the Ministry will henceforth be designated as Scientists 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' in place of Deputy Director, Joint Director, Additional Director, Director and Advisers, respectively.

12. The Ministry released a draft Mission document for the 'National Mission for a Green India', one of the eight missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change, on May 24, 2010

13. The Ministry has uploaded the draft 'Regulatory Framework for Conservation of Wetlands' on its website for inviting comments of the stakeholders again till June 21, 2010

14. 22nd Session of the International Coordination Council of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO is being held at Paris from May 31 to June 01, 2010

15. 3rd Ad-Hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder meeting on Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) will be held at Busan, Republic of Korea from 07-11 June, 2010

16. The 32nd sessions of the UNECCC Convention subsidiary bodies will take place from 31 May to 9 June 2010. The 12th session of the AWG-KP and 10th session of the AWG-LCA will take place from 1 June to 11 June 2010 at Bonn, Germany
17. The Ministry notified the Ganges River Dolphin as the “National Aquatic Animal” on May 18, 2010

Transfers and postings

1. Mrs. Gauri Kumar IAS (GJ : 79) has joined as Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry on May 21, 2010
2. Shri B K Singh IFS (JK: 89) AIGF (Forest Conservation) and Shri Debasis Jana IFS (TN: 92), AIGF (NAEB) have completed their deputation tenures in the Ministry
3. Shri Sunder Ramanathan, has joined as Scientist ‘C’ in NRCD on May 19, 2010

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