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I am writing this letter to indicate the major highlights of the achievements and activities that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) have performed during the month of **June 2020**.

During the month, the Global Environment Facility Council meeting was held on 2nd and 3rd June 2020 in Washington D.C. USA. India was represented by the Executive Director, World Bank and also Council Member for South Asia Constituency.

The European Unity Public Diplomacy project in association with the EU-Resource Efficiency Initiative (EU-REI) and the support of EU delegation in India organized an EU-India Webinar on "Resource Efficiency for Greening of Recovery and fostering Sustainable Economic Growth in a resource constrained world" on the occasion of World Environment Day(5th June 2020).

The first meeting of the Index Monitoring Cell was organized on 30th June 2020 via video conferencing to discuss the findings of recently released Environment Performance index 2020 and the work plan of the Index Monitoring Cell, under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (IC) in this Ministry.

The virtual G20 Workshop on the Synergy between Adaptation and Mitigation under Climate Stewardship Working Group (CSWG) was held on June 20, 2020. Immediate approvals for carrying out essential plantation and other activities amounting to Rs. 2965.26 crore were granted to 17 states as per their Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) in the first instance.

During the month, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized a pan India online summer vacation programme 2020. E-certificates will be issued on completion of the programme. A YouTube channel of NMNH was created where educational and activity based videos by the museum are posted.

On the occasion of World Day to Combat Desertification on 17 June 2020, the Desertification Cell and NMNH organised an online poster making competition for students from Class X to final year graduation.

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The virtual celebration of World Environment Day 2020 was held on 5th June 2020 in the Ministry. The theme selected for the day was Nagar Van/Urban Forest. During the event, Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC announced implementation of Nagar Van Scheme to develop 200 Nagar Vans across the country with a renewed focus on people's participation and collaboration between forest and other departments of the State Governments, Municipal Bodies etc.

Two virtual meetings of the Search cum selection committee constituted for appointment of Expert members in National Green Tribunal (NGT) were held on 16th and 25th June 2020 respectively.

A Gazette Notification (Extraordinary) No. S.O. 1850 (E) was published on 11th June 2020 regarding appointment of five Non-official members in the National Biodiversity Authority.

Annual Plans of Operations (APOs) of 25 States/Uts amounting to Rs 6073.07 crore have been approved by the National Authority.

Scientists of Botanical Survey of India (BSI) reported 2 novel plant species new to science, one from the Western Ghats and other from the Indian Desert Region. During the month, BSI also prepared 'Plant Discoveries 2019', which enumerated 253 novel species that were discovered during 2019.

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) conducted surveys of locust swarming in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra to assess its population, maturity status etc.

International Day of Yoga was observed by the Officers and Staff members of the Ministry on 21st June 2020 from their respective homes.

During the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in June 2020, a total of 133 projects pertaining to different sectors were appraised. During the month, 23 projects were accorded environmental clearance and 18 projects were prescribed ToRs. Thus, a total of 41 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month is at Annexure-I. (**Number of projects appraised and number of projects cleared during the month are not correlated as the appraisal and grant of clearance of a project may not necessarily occur during the same month.*)

During the month, 425.60 ha of forestland in 88 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for non-forest purposes. 189.47 ha of non-forest land and 574.34 ha of degraded forestland were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

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An expenditure of Rs 399.48 Crores (Provisional) has been incurred by the Ministry until 30th June 2020 against the Net budget estimate of Rs 3209.78 crores for FY 2020-21.

Out of 662 Protected Areas (PAs) in the country, the Ministry has issued ESZ Notifications for 546 PAs, including Draft Notifications for 161 PAs and Final Notifications for 385 PAs. Further, ESZ notifications for 18 PAs have been approved and are under process for publications.

During the month 567 Public Grievances were redressed and 78 Grievances were pending.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of June, 2020

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining(Coal)		Mining(Non-Coal)		Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ		New Construction Projects and Industrial Estates		Total	
	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR
No. of projects at beginning of the month	24	28	92	6	5	3	10	17	12	10	42	42	48	16	12	8	245	130
Projects received during the month/ respond	8	11	54	21	0	0	1	1	2	3	6	12	10	6	7	2	88	56
Projects cleared during the month	2	2	10	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	9	4	0	1	23	18
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
Projects exempted during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project rejected during the month (on merit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	8	4
Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	2	2	12	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3	2	0	0	21	8
EDS raised during the month *	7	1	13	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	6	0	4	0	33	18
Pending at PP due to Additional details sought *	2	2	33	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	7	7	10	1	1	0	57	10
Projects pending at the end of the month *	22	25	97	12	4	1	11	17	11	10	44	40	44	9	18	7	251	121

* 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.