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MoEF News

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1. World Wetlands Day was celebrated at Surinsar-Mansar in Jammu on February 02, 2010.
2. Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of Parties to Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and 11th Special Session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum were held in Bali, Indonesia from February 23-26, 2010.
3. The MEF announced a series of measures on February 04, 2010 to strengthen the scientific base underlying the activities of the Ministry including a global advisory network, a fellowship programme, an action plan for forestry sciences, a committee to revamp the scientific capacity in the Ministry, and a research programme on climate.
4. The 'Tree Growers' Mela was inaugurated by the Minister at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore on 18th & 19th February, 2010.
5. Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala was declared as the 39th Tiger Reserve on February 18, 2010.
6. The Ministry has decided to impose a moratorium on environmental release of Bt Brinjal until all concerns of stakeholders, NGOs, Scientists, and state government are addressed adequately.
7. Brazil is organising a three days expert – cum – Ministerial level meeting of LMMCs on Access and Benefit Sharing on 9th – 12th March, 2010.
8. The 15th meeting of COP of CITES will be held in Doha from 11th – 25th March, 2010.

Transfers and postings

1. Shri Arun Prasad T, Indian Economic Service, has joined the Ministry as Assistant Director on February 08, 2010
2. Shri S S Badhawan, IFS, (JHK: 1986) has joined as Director on February 25, 2010
3. Shri D K Sharma, IFS (MT: 1985) has joined as DIGF, NAEB
4. Shri N. Muruganandam, Director will also look after the work of Policy and Law
5. Ms. Saheli Ghosh Ray, Deputy Secretary will look after the work of IC&SD-I and Commission on Sustainable Development
6. The work related to Botanical Garden of India Republic will be looked after Dr. J.R. Bhatt, Director
7. Shri Kamal Kishore, Under Secretary will look after the work of Animal Welfare Division
8. Shri O P Joshi, Under Secretary will look after the work of IFS-I
9. Shri Mohammad Muazzam, Deputy Secretary has been assigned the work of IPVM awards, Gram Van Yojana and Eco-Task Forces
10. Dr. Sunita V. Auluck, Director, superannuates from the Government service on the afternoon of February 28, 2010

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February 27, 2010