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MoEF News

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1. 15th pre-COP meeting of the Parties to the UNFCCC was held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 16th-17th November, 2009.
2. Union Minister of Finance, Shri Pranab Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of the new building – 'Indira Paryavaran Bhawan' for the Ministry of Environment and Forests and released a book titled '*Indira Gandhi on Environment & Forests*' on 19th November, 2009.
3. 6th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8j and related provisions & 8th meeting of the 'Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing' under the CBD was held in Montreal, Canada from 2nd- 6th November, 2009 and 9th – 15th November, 2009, respectively.
4. 60th Governing Council meeting and 19th Annual General meeting of SACON were held on 23rd November, 2009.
5. Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra Awards ceremony was held on 19th November, 2009.
6. A discussion paper on the State of Himalayan Glaciers was released on 9th November, 2009 by the MEF. The Paper presents a detailed historical review of the research to date spanning more than 50 years, and includes a perspective on the impact of climate change on the glaciers.
7. Ministerial Consultation Meeting of Brazil-South Africa-India-China on Climate Change issues was held in Hong Kong from 27th-28th November, 2009.
8. A Consultation Meeting on the proposed National Environment Protection Authority was held in Vigyan Bhawan on 26th November, 2009.
9. The India State of Forest Report 2009 was released on November 30, 2009 by the MEF, Chairman, 11th Finance Commission and Member (Environment) Planning Commission.

Transfers and postings:

1. **Shri M F Farooqui, IAS (TN: 78) has been appointed as Additional Secretary in the Ministry.**
2. **Renu C. Despande has joined as new Controller of Accounts in the Ministry.**
3. **Dr. P A Azeez, Scientist, has been appointed as Director, SACON, Coimbatore.**

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