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ब्लॉक एफ, पाँचवां और छठा तल/BLOCK F, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
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Dear Smt. Pandey,

I am sending herewith following major achievements of BSI for the month of May, 2019 in reply to OM no. 24011/08/2019 – GC dtd. 25.03.2019 regarding monthly DO letter from Secretary (E & F) to Cabinet Secretary.

Department: Botanical Survey of India

**1. Important policy decisions taken, major achievements during the month:**

Scientists of BSI discovered a novel species of *Marasmius* sect. *Globulares* (Marasmiaceae - wild mushrooms) from Indian Himalayan region.

**Observance of International Biodiversity Day:**

On the occasion of the International Biological diversity Day a two days Global Conference on Our Biodiversity, Our Food and Our Health (GCBD-2019) was successfully organized on 21-22 May 2019 by Botanical Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, Allahabad in collaboration with Blue Planet Society (BPS) Prayagraj, Global Environmental & Social Association (GESA), New Delhi, Dept. of Zoology, Govt. P.G. College, Saidabad-Prayagraj and International Academy of Science and Research (IASR), Kolkata, W.B. Radio partner was Red FM. During the inaugural session Souvenir and Abstract book comprising 308 Abstract was released along with a book on Botany. About 350 delegates including participants from Nepal and Bangladesh and 15 states of India, from Jammu & Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to Rajasthan attended the conference and presented their work/invited lectures/poster presentation during the conference. The prominent dignitaries graced the occasion include three Vice Chancellors. Dr. G.P. Sinha, Scientist-E and Head of Office delivered a lecture on 'Role of Botanical Survey of India in conservation of plant species'. Other regional centres of BSI have also celebrated the International Biodiversity Day in a befitting manner

**Some important publications:**

- Das, K., Chakraborty, D and Antonin V. 2019. A novel species of *Marasmius* sect. *Globulares* (Marasmiaceae) from Indian Himalaya. *Kew Bulletin* 74: 2 DOI: 10.1007/s12225-019-9805-6
- Majumdar, S. and Dey, M. 2019. Correction of an orthographical error in *Riccia 'indira-gandhiensis'* (Ricciaceae: Marchantiophyta). *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 116: 34. [doi: 10.17087/jbnhs/2019/v116/123638].
- Gupta, R.K. and S.K. Das. 2019. Prof. J.P. Sinha (1921-1994): A Famous Algologist. *Vanaspati Vani*. 27: 82.
- Kamble, M.Y., C.P. Vivek and L. J. Singh. 2019. The Genus *Nymphaea* L. (Family Nymphaeaceae) in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 116: 35 – 37.

**2. Important policy matter is held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultation: NIL****3. Compliance of COS decisions: Nothing pending****4. No. of cases of 'Sanction for prosecution' pending for more than 3 months: NIL****5. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government: NIL****6. Status of implementation of e-governance: MIS module is yet to be introduced in BSI****7. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: NIL****8. Status of Public grievances:**

No. of public grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public grievances pending at the end of month
	0

**9. Information on the specific steps taken by the ministry/department for utilization of the space technology based tools and applications in governance and development: NIL**

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

3/6/2019  
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