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Dear Smt. Pandey,

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

Department: Botanical Survey of India

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

Scientists of BSI recorded *Aithaloderma viride*, a fungal species from Chandoli National Park, Maharashtra for the first time from India. Besides, scientists of BSI conducted seven botanical explorations in various parts of the country viz. Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat; Neora Valley National Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal; Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary, Telangana and Papikonda National Park, Andhra Pradesh under different Research Projects.

Important meetings attended by Director, BSI during the month:

Director, BSI signed a MoU with SIMPSON & BROWN, Scotland for creation of Roxborough Hub in the AJCBIBG, Howrah on 19.10.2019. Besides, Director, BSI also met Mr. T. Selby Pillay, the Hon'ble High Commissioner, Seychelles on 22.10.2019 and discussed on the gifting of few *coco de mer* (double coconut) palm seedlings from Seychelles for conservation at AJCBIBG, Howrah. Apart from that, Director, along with other officials of BSI, attended a meeting at ZSI Kolkata in connection with National Biodiversity Mission on 14.10.2019 and submitted materials for Detailed Project Report to NBA. Director, BSI also met and briefed the history and achievements of BSI to Mr. Dominic Asquith, the British High Commissioner, who visited the Central National Herbarium, Howrah.

Some important publications:

- Rashmi Dubey 2019. A New record of Fungus *Aithaloderma viride* from Chandoli National Park, Maharashtra, India. *J. Mycol. Pl Pathol* vol.49(1): 107.
- ANANTHA LAKSHMI M., MEHALA DEVI R. AND C. MURUGAN 2019. A note on *Ruellia nudiflora* (Engelm. & Gray) Urb. (Acanthaceae) a naturalized species in Tamil Nadu, India. *Indian J. Forestry*, 42(2) 173-175.
- B. S. ELANGO, T. S. SARAVANAN AND S. KALIAMOORTHY 2019. Notes on taxonomy and distribution of *Vanilla walkeriae* Wight (Orchidaceae) in Eastern Ghats of Tamil Nadu. *Indian J. Forestry* 42(2): 117-118.
- KUMAR, ANAND AND O.N. MAURYA 2019. Notes on the typification of three names in Indian *Ranunculus* (Ranunculaceae). *Plant Science Today* 6(4): 403-406.
- KUMAR, ANAND 2019. *Persea himalayensis* (Lauraceae), a superfluous name for *Machilus odoratissima* and second-step lectotypification of *Machilus odoratissima*. *Phytotaxa* 420(1): 91-94.
- DEY, M. AND S. MAJUMDAR 2019. *Cololejeunea manilaliana* a new synonym of *Cololejeunea nilgiriensis* (Lejeuneaceae: Marchantiophyta). *Phytotaxa* 422 (1): 109-112.

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
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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,

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