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Dear Shri Bajpayee,

In reply to OM no. 24011/08/2019 – GC dtd. 25.03.2019 regarding monthly DO letter from Secretary (MoEF&CC) to the Cabinet Secretary, I am furnishing herewith the following major achievements of Botanical Survey of India for the month of August 2022.

Department: Botanical Survey of India

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

Scientists of BSI reported **two taxa as new to science** from the North Eastern Himalaya viz. *Aspidistra mokochungensis* (Asparagaceae: Nolinoideae) and *Saccogyna darjeelingensis* (Saccogynaceae: Marchantiophyta). BSI also reported **five taxa as new records to India** viz. *Eragrostis barrelieri* Daveau (Poaceae: Chloridoideae), *Utricularia furcellata* (Lentibulariaceae); *Impatiens ecalcarata* Collett & Hemsl. (Balsaminaceae); *Pavetta thwaitesii* (Rubiaceae) and *Saccogyna*, a new generic record for Indian Bryoflora and **22 taxa as new addition to various states flora**, including twenty one taxa to the state of Telengana and one taxon to the state of J & K.

In addition, BSI scientists conducted 7 field/ local tours and collected 211 field nos. of specimens. Towards digitization, completed metadata of 12228 herbarium specimens have been completed. During the month, 3,42,429 visitors visited BSI official websites (124713 visitors referred BSI homepage website, 66629 visitors referred BSI archive, and 151087 visitors visited the Indian Virtual Herbarium). A revenue of Rs. 13,500.00 was generated from various sources.

Important events / programmes organized / attended:

1. The 76th Independence Day was celebrated at the BSI- Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah and all its regional centres and units. The Director, BSI hoisted the National flag. Many awareness programmes, competitions and Tiranga rally were organized and 75 saplings were planted by officials of BSI to mark the 75 years of Independence and as a part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
2. BSI NRC, Dehradun celebrated its 66th foundation day on 1st August, 2022, whereas BSI APRC, Itanagar celebrated its 45th foundation day on 8th August, 2022. On these occasion, drawing competitions was organized, in which students from various local schools participated.
3. The Parliamentary Committee on Rajbhasha inspected the progress of official works in Hindi at BSI, AZRC, Jodhpur during its meeting at Udaipur, Rajasthan on 26.08.2022. Dr. A.A. Mao, Director, BSI; Dr. J.S. Jalal, Sci. E & Hindi Officer, BSI; Dr. S.L. Meena, Sci. E & HoO, AZRC etc. attended the event and received the certificate from Dr. Manoj Rajoria, Hon'ble MP and convener of the committee.
4. BSI-ANRC, Port Blair organised Biodiversity Conservation Awareness Programme (plantation programme of Endemic Plants) in Experimental Garden of BSI on 8th August 2022.

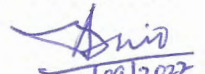
Important scientific publications:

During this month 23 research publications have been published by BSI scientists in various International and National research journals (Annexure 1).

2. Important policy matter held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: NIL
3. No. of cases of 'Sanction for prosecution' pending for more than 3 months: NIL
4. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government: NIL
5. Status of ongoing Swachhta Abhiyaan (Progress under Special Campaign): Under outreach activities, regular cleaning drives and public awareness campaigns are organized in BSI.
6. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous Bodies: NIL
7. Information on the specific steps taken for utilization of the space technology based tools and applications in governance and development: NIL
8. Vacancy position of senior level appointments in the Ministry/ Department, including Autonomous Bodies/ PSUs: Recruitment of 10 posts of scientist 'C' is pending in Ministry. UPSC has declared the result of 13 posts of Botanists in BSI.
9. List of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: NIL

With regards,

Sincerely yours,


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