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Dear Smt. Manju Pandey,

In reference 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, 2021.

Department: Botanical Survey of India

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

   Scientists of BSI reported six taxa of plants as new additions to India viz. Gastrochilus yei (Orchidaceae), Eriochloa meyeriana (Poaceae), Cloniophora plumosa (Cloniophoraceae) and three wild mushrooms i.e. Lactarius ambiguus, L. hirtipes and L. kesiyae from Arunachal Pradesh. Besides, they also reported five taxa as new additions to the states of Telangana and West Bengal i.e. Urochloa trichopus, Schizachyrium brevifolium, Iphigenia magnifica from Telangana and Ischium ciliaris (Poaceae), a new record for the flora of Telangana State and Leucophanes as a new generic record to West Bengal. Besides, BSI released its e-archival data base of Types i.e. herbarium specimens on official website on 24th August, 2021 for public reference.

   Important events / programmes organized / attended:
   
   • Dr. A.A. Mao, Director, BSI and Dr. S.S. Dash, Scientist E, BSI visited BGIR, Noida and attended meetings in the Ministry on 4th and 5th August, 2021 regarding development plans in BGIR, Noida.
   
   • Dr. S.S. Dash, Scientist E, BSI attended as a nominated member of the committee of the Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board, Raipur from 16th – 18th August, 2021.
   
   • Dr. A.A Mao, Director visited BSI, AZRC, Jodhpur for inspection of office and gardens and interaction with the scientific staff of the regional centre from 28th August to 2nd September, 2021.
   
   • Dr. A.A. Mao, Director organized two virtual meetings with the Scientists of various regional centres of BSI for discussion on revision of Users’ charges in BSI, and review on the Flora of India.
   
   • BSI and all its regional centres observed Independence Day and Azadí Ka Amrit Mahotsav and conducted various awareness programmes during this month.

   Important scientific publications:

   During this month, 17 research publications have been published by BSI scientists in various international and national journals (Annexure 1).

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: PFMS, CPGRAMS, e-Publications, GEM Portal of Nelumbo etc. have already been implemented.

7. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: NIL

8. Status of Public grievances:

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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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