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Dear Smt. Pandey,

I am furnishing herewith the following major achievements of Botanical Survey of India for the month of May, 2020 in reply to OM no. 240111/08/2019 – 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 reported 4 novel plant species new to science viz. Dipcadi coimbatorensis (Asparagaceae), Eugenia sphaerocarpa (Myrtaceae), Memecylon nervosum (Myrtaceae) from the Western Ghats and Ceropogia khasiana (Apocynaceae) from the North East India. They also reported 3 plant species as new additions to the flora of India / state namely Spermacoce alata, Ipomoea sagittifolia and Rhynchosia nummularia for Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh respectively and rediscovered an endangered tree Psydrax ficiformis (Rubiaceae) after a century from the Kodialkana LWS, Tamil Nadu. In addition, BSI completed 11 volumes of *Flora of India* viz. Vols. 10, 19, 21, 25 & 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 & 32.

2. **Important event organized during the month:**

Observed the *International Biodiversity Day* 2020 with the theme “our solutions are in nature.” On this occasion, various online competitions of drawing, poetry etc. were organized by involving school students and making awareness towards biodiversity conservation.

3. **Important publications:**


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:**

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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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