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Dear Sir,

As you may be aware that on 26th December 2004, Indian Ocean tsunami hit the coasts of several countries of South and Southeast Asia including the southern part of India. The tsunami and its aftermath was responsible for largescale destruction of coastal infrastructure and loss of over 10,000 life of coastal communities.

It is well established fact that the coastal ecosystems such as mangroves, coral reefs, sandunes, mud flats, coastal forests, beaches etc play a major role in minimising the impact of such waves including cyclones. In this regard, MoEF&CC has taken several initiatives in protection and conservation of coastal ecosystem as they protect the coastal communities from such natural disasters.

With a view to create awareness on the importance of coastal ecosystems, this Ministry proposes to organise Tsunami Commemoration Day on 26.12.2017. This event will be held for one week upto 31.12.2017. As part of the environmental awareness programme under National Green Corps programme, you are requested to create awareness during this week about the various natural hazards arising from ocean and importance and conservation of coastal ecosystem in minimising the impact of such disasters. Please find attached some of the related information which includes literature material, posters etc. You may widely circulate this information to various schools and other educational institutions. One minute silence may be observed in memory of lost lives.

A consolidated report with photographs may kindly be sent to MoEF&CC by first week of Jan 2018. The above communication may also be forwarded to other concerned agencies / institutions for wider publicity.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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