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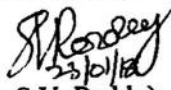
Dear All,

As per the list attached.

Enclosed is the D.O. letter No. J-22012/35/2014-CS (W) from Ms. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary in the Ministry regarding World Wetlands Day being celebrated every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is self-explanatory.

You are requested to kindly arrange different activities as detailed in the said letter and send requisite reports and documents on the celebrations made by E-mail: [rofcccl@gmail.com](mailto:rofcccl@gmail.com) to this office and Ms. Manju Pandey E-mail: [manju.pandey@nic.in](mailto:manju.pandey@nic.in); and thereafter by Speed Post.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. S.V. Reddy)  
Scientist 'G'

Encl: As above.

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Manju Pandey



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Joint Secretary  
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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

D.O. No.J-22012/35/2014-CS (W)

Dear all,

As you are aware, the World Wetlands Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to commemorate the signing of international treaty 'Ramsar Convention on Wetlands' in 1971 for conservation of wetlands at the global level. India is also a party to the Convention since 1982 and has so far identified 26 wetlands as Ramsar sites covering 15 states. The Ministry of Environments, Forest & Climate Change is the nodal Ministry and proactively involved in conservation and management of these Ramsar sites and other wetlands.

The theme for World Wetlands Day, 2018 is "Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future". The key message is Urban wetlands make cities liveable by providing multiple benefits such as; flood control, water supply, waste treatment, green space and livelihoods. Urban wetlands should be integrated into a city's sustainable future planning and development; not viewed as wasteland. Cities should adopt policies and actions which help conserve and promote urban wetlands.

I would like to seek your support for celebration of this mega event in a befitting manner in your State by spreading awareness among the stakeholders and the general public. I would urge you to mobilize the school children in a big way so that they get sensitized at a young age. For your help and facilitation, all the relevant materials like the poster, flier, Concept Note on Wetlands, a film on the Chilika wetland which won an award at Ramsar and some photographs of wetlands have been uploaded on the NRCD website, the link to which is available on the MoEF&CC website.

It is requested that different activities like painting/ poster competition/ quiz/ screening of films on wetlands etc. may be organised in a big way and the uploaded awareness material may be given a wide circulation so that the message of conservation of wetlands reaches everyone.

I shall be grateful if this Ministry is apprised of the initiatives taken on this event. A report along with pictures on the celebrations may be documented and sent to this Ministry for dissemination and onward transmission to Ramsar Secretariat.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Manju Pandey)

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As per list



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