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“Focus on Image, Innovation, Initiative and Interaction”: Prakash Javadekar

Conference of Forest, Wildlife Officers

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Mr. Javadekar said, “We must ensure that degraded forest must be converted into moderately dense forest in 10 years and moderately dense forest must be converted into dense forests in 5 years. To that end, water harvesting and changing some species is a must. Forest research institutes must draw up a distinct plan of improving the quality of each forest, taking the existing flora and climate into consideration”.

He laid emphasis on ensuring people’s participation in changing the quality of forests. He also urged the officers to provide solutions to various challenges. The Minister said that a lot of good work is being done and such success stories and initiatives must be highlighted prominently.

The two-day Conference will discuss various issues related to forest and wildlife, such as Forest Conservation Act, Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZs) and minimizing human-wildlife conflict. Seventy-five PCCFs and higher officials representing all the 32 States are participating in the Conference.

Mr. Javadekar released a report “Management effectiveness evaluation of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in India, 2006-2014”. The agreement to establish the world’s first center of World Natural Heritage & Training at the Wildlife Institute of India was signed on the occasion. The Union Cabinet had recently given its approval for signing of agreement between UNESCO and the Government of India and had authorised Director General (Forests) and Special Secretary to Government of India to sign this agreement on behalf of the Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Ashok Lavasa, said that there is a greater need to adhere to the prescribed timelines. He also said that since last year, there has been an increased transparency in the functioning of the Ministry.

Mr. Anil Kumar, Additional Director General (FC) in the Ministry delivered the vote of thanks.

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