Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: India Biodiversity Awards 2020 - Extension of deadline for applications - reg.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in association with UNDP India had initiated the India Biodiversity Awards in 2012 during India's Presidency of the Eleventh Meeting of Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to encourage the splendid efforts of individuals, communities, organizations and institutions in the areas of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit sharing and biodiversity governance. The second and third round of Awards were successfully conducted in partnership with the National Biodiversity Authority of India in 2014 and 2016. The National Biodiversity Authority hosted the Fourth India Biodiversity Awards, 2018, having UNDP India onboard as the knowledge.

The fifth round of India Biodiversity Awards was launched by the Hon'ble Vice President of India on May 22, 2019 on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity. The nomination forms have been uploaded on the website of National Biodiversity Authority (http://nbaindia.org/). Applications are being solicited under 4 categories:

i. Conservation

a. Conservation of wild species

b. Conservation of domesticated species

ii. Sustainable Use of Biological Resources

iii. Replicable Mechanisms for Access and Benefit Sharing

iv. Best Biodiversity Management Committees

The Award comprises of a memento, a certificate and cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs each for individuals and Rs 5 lakhs each for institutions under each category which will be presented to the wifners at the India Biodiversity Awards ceremony to be held on 22 May, 2020.

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The last date for submission of applications has now been extended to 30 November 2019. Thus, I request you to encourage suitable applicants including individuals, institutions and enterprising BMC of your State to submit their applications at bdawards@nbaindia.in latest by midnight on November 30, 2019. I also request you to share this message through your networks including offices, centres and departments under you for wider dissemination.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

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