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To

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Sub: Launch-cum Sensitization Workshop of NMCG-WII project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation".

You may be aware of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), in which the aquatic wildlife component is being implemented by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. They have been moving downstream as part of this project, and are now going to be starting their work in West Bengal. WII has also taken up another project for Ganga in West Bengal, titled "Development of Conservation Action Plan for River Dolphins".

Forest Department, in collaboration with WII, is organizing a "Stakeholders Workshop" to launch these two projects in West Bengal. This Launch-cum-Sensitization Workshop will be held on **20th December, 2017 at the Conference Hall, Ban Bhawan, AE-391, Salt Lake, Kolkata.** The workshop will be inaugurated by the Minister-in-Charge, Forest Department, Hon'ble Shri Binay Krishna Barman.

You are requested to kindly participate and contribute to the project implementation. (A tentative schedule is attached for your reference).

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WII-NMCG project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation"
Launch-cum Sensitization Workshop

Date: 20th Dec 2017

Venue: BAN BIRAWAN, AE-391, SALT LAKE

Time	Activity	Resource Person
1000 – 1030	Registration	
1030 – 1130	Inauguration, Welcome Address, Address by Dignitaries	
1130 – 1145	Tea Break	
1145 – 1200	Presentation on WII NMCG project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation"	Dr. S.A. Hussain
1200 – 1245	Presentation on CAMPA project "Development of Conservation Action Plan for River Dolphins"	Prof. Qamar Qureshi
1245 – 1330	Community Participation in Ganga River Rejuvenation	Dr. Ruchi Badola
1330 – 1430	Lunch	
1430 – 1440	Introduction to the group activities	WII team
1440 – 1530	A. Sharing Thematic inputs - 2 groups Group 1: Major issues affecting river biodiversity conservation in West Bengal - Impact and mitigation strategies of large infrastructure development, pollution and reduced flow on aquatic umbrella species (Gharial, Gangetic River Dolphin, Otter) and other threatened species - Short term, mid-term and long-term strategies / solutions for high priority problems in river biodiversity conservation	Group Leader: TBD Facilitator: WII Resource person
	Group 2: Existing participatory mechanisms at National and State levels to be used for Biodiversity Conservation in aquatic ecosystems and livelihood security of local communities. Eliciting participation of local people and building their capacities for conservation.	Group Leader: TBD Facilitator: WII Resource person
	B. Exploring Collaborative Engagements Group 3: Role of different organizations/agencies in conservation of aquatic biodiversity. Synergistic partnerships and platforms for collaborations. Preparing future generations for aquatic species conservation and monitoring.	Group Leader: Facilitator: WII Resource person
1530 – 1600	Tea Break	
1600 – 1630	Group Presentations, Concluding Session, Valedictory Chair: TBD Co-chair: TBD	