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Inviting Entries for Open Competition on the Occasion of International Day of the Forest

This year the International Day of the Forest will be celebrated on 21/03/2021, with the theme "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being". On an open competition is being organized by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Govt. of India and coordinated by the Wildlife Institute of India. The aim of this competition is to invite innovation ideas and solutions for conservation and development related issues in India.

The topic for this year's competition is '**Invasive Species Management in the wilderness areas of India**'. Since the topic of this competition is of technical nature, it is open for all students of higher education i.e. graduation and above from all streams.

Topic background: Invasive species grow or reproduce at a speed generally faster than indigenous species. Gradually, these invasive species become dominant species and causes severe ecological stress like alteration of eco-system services, soil properties and biodiversity. The invasive alien taxa causing most damage in India include plants, insects and pathogens. There is an urgent need to control and manage invasive species in India's forest landscape.

In order to address the massive impact of invasive species on native flora and fauna; to present innovative ideas for conservation and development of natural habitats, and to celebrate the International Day of Forests (IDF) 2021 on 21st March 2021 (Sunday), the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun in the guidance of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi is inviting entries on '**Invasive species management in the wilderness areas of India**'.

Interested applicants can send their entries as a PDF document (maximum 1000 words with pictures if required) with their name, details of college/institution and a scan of identity card, through email on the following email address (registrarpr@wii.gov.in) with the subject line '**International day of the Forests 2021**' or before 15/03/2021 5:00PM. A panel of experts will be constituted for judging the entries and three most innovative solutions will be selected and awarded on the occasion of IDF 2021.

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