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To : All The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, W.B.
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All The Chief Conservator of Forests, W.B. & G.M.s/ WBFDC Ltd.
All Conservator of Forests/F.D.B.T.R. & S.T.R/ Jt. Director, SBR
All Divisional Forest Officer / DCF/ DFD, B.T.R.(E) & B.T.R. (W)
All Divisional Manager, WBFDC.

Sub : Minutes of the meeting on celebration of Ban Mahotsav-2018.

Sir,

Enclosed please find Minutes of the meeting for celebration of Ban Mahotsav-2018 chaired by Hon'ble MIC/Forest Department, was held at Aranya Bhawan on 04.06.2018.

You are requested to take appropriate action in this regard. All the Nodal Officers are requested to call a meeting and finalize the "Ban Mahotsav" programme in their district. The slogan of this year will be communicated to you in due course.

Enclosure : As stated.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
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1. The Principal Secretary, Forest Department.
2. The M.D. WBFDC
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife.
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5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General.
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Minutes of the Meeting held on 04.06.2018 at Aranya Bhawan for celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018.

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal, Sri Binay Krishna Barman. The meeting was also attended by other officers of the Forest Directorate stationed at Kolkata. The list of participants of the meeting is annexed with this Minutes of the Meeting. In the detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken for successfully celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018:

1. **Slogan:** Following slogan will be sent to Hon'ble Chief Minister West Bengal for final selection :

1.	অরণ্য ও বন্যপ্রাণ, সবুজ বাংলার অবদান
2.	সবুজ বাংলা সমৃদ্ধ বাংলা
3.	অরণ্যের জয়গান সবুজশ্রীর অবদান
4.	সবুজ বাংলা, সবার উন্নতি পথ দেখাবে সবুজশ্রী
5.	নবজাতকের সাথে সবুজশ্রীর গাছ সবুজ বাংলার ভবিষ্যৎ আজ

2. **Date of Celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018:**

Ban Mahotsav 2018 will be celebrated on 14th July, 2018 throughout the whole state.

3. **Seedling Distribution:**

Seedling distribution will be done to the general public for 1 (one) week from 14th July to 20th July 2018.

Seedling Distribution in Kolkata — No free seedling will be distributed in Kolkata including Bidhan Nagar, Newtown & Rajarhat area but the same will be distributed upto 5 seedlings per individual @ Rs.2 per seedling. In addition to this, up to 100 seedlings can be given at a subsidized rate of 1 per seedling to any institution on request for supply of seedlings.

Seedling Distribution in other areas of the State — Up to 5 seedlings per individual can be given free of cost and up to 100 seedlings per institution will be given free of cost.

Note: The upper ceiling of 100 seedlings per institution both for Kolkata and any other area of the State can be increased by the concerned DFOs/DCFs/DFDs in consultation with the local Panchayats or Municipalities if required. The record of distribution of seedlings during Ban Mahotsav period must be kept at Divisional-level.

State Level Function:

(A) In the meeting it was discussed that **Ilabazar of Birbhum** and, or **Balurghat of Dakshin Dinajpur** may be two probable sites for state level programme of Ban Mahotsav 2018, or any other suitable place in the state which may be selected by Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister will be requested to attend the State-level function.

For organizing the State-level function, the following Committee was also constituted—

- i) Chairman : Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of selected site.
 - ii) Convenor : Concerned Divisional Forest Officer
 - iii) Members : DFO, Publicity Division
- Local Officers to be decided by the Chairman.

5. Celebration of Ban Mahotsav in all Districts and 2 (two) Sub-Divisions:

2(two) Sub-Divisions where Sub-Division-level programme will be organized are Siliguri & Canning.

There will be 1 (one)-day programme of Ban Mahotsav, which will be celebrated through Tree Planting, Distribution of Seedlings, organizing Sit-n-Draw Competition, Joint Patrolling in Forest with JFMC Members and any other programme as decided by District Committee for Celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018. It is decided to plant 50 Lakhs seedlings throughout the State during Ban-Mahotsav 2018 in plantation locations already identified by Forest Division as well as in areas outside Forest, in secured premises of other Government office, School, Colleges, Hospitals & other locations found suitable by District Level Committee. This will also include 9 cities proposed under Urban greening in this year.

It is also decided that discussion on Wildlife conservation and man-animal conflict should be organized during the Ban-Mahotsav.

The committee of all the forest officers, peoples representatives, Sabhadhipatis & other Panchayat functionaries, different institutions and forest officers stationed in the Districts will be constituted. District administration specially DM & SP Offices to be informed about the celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018.

And the following DFOs will be the Nodal Officers of the District-level & Sub-Division-level Committees –

Sl. No.	District/Sub-Division	Nodal Officer
1	Kolkata	DCF, URF
2	Bankura	DFO, Bankura (South)
3	Purulia	DFO, Kangsabati (North)
4	Purba Bardhaman	DFO, Burdwan Division
5	Birbhum	DFO, Birbhum
6	Nadia	DFO, Nadia-Murshidabad
7	Murshidabad	DFO, Nadia-Murshidabad
8	Howrah	DFO, Howrah
9	Hooghly	DFO, Howrah
10	24-Parganas (South)	DFO, 24-Parganas (South)
11	24-Parganas (North)	DFO, 24-Parganas (North)
12	Maldah	DFO, Maldah
13	Uttar Dinajpur	DFO, Raiganj
14	Dakshin Dinajpur	DFO, Raiganj
15	Purba Medinipur	DFO, PurbaMedinipur
16	Paschim Medinipur	DFO, Medinipur
17	Coochbehar	DFO, Coochbehar
18	Jalpaiguri	DFO, Jalpaiguri
19	Darjeeling	DFO, Darjeeling
20	Alipurduar	DFD, BTR (West)
21	Jhargram District	DFO, Jhargram
22.	Paschim Bardhaman	DFO Durgapur
23.	Kalimpong	Nodal Officer Kalimpong Forest Corporation division
24.	Siliguri Sub-Division	DFO, Baikunthapur
25.	Canning Sub-Division	DFD, STR

6) **Tree Planting Program at JFMC-Level:**

It was also decided in the meeting that all the territorial DFOs/DCFs/DFDs will organize a tree planting programme in all JFMCs of their Divisions. In such programme, the field-level forest officers namely, Range Officer, Dy. Ranger/Forester, Head Forest Guard, Forest Guard, Ban Mazdoor and Banshramik will be involved.

7) **Planting Program by all Members of Legislative Assembly:**

It was decided in the meeting that each & every MLAs of the State will be provided with 1000 seedlings by the concerned DFOs/DCFs/DFDs during Ban Mahotsav and all MLAs will be requested to organize tree planting programme with the seedlings provided by the Forest Department in their respective Constituencies. However, the DFO/DCF raise the ceiling if required. It was decided in the meeting a separate letter to be sent to Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly for the same purpose. Hon'ble MIC Forest will also send a special note to Hon'ble Speaker of Legislative Assembly in this connection.

8) **Plantation in Defense Estate**

If raised DFO/ DCF/ DFD can provide upto 100 seedlings free of cost, the ceiling, however, can be raised on request.

9) **Rebate on sale of NTFP including selling of ornamental plant:**

During 1 (one)-week period starting from the day of Ban Mahotsav, i.e. 14th July, 2018, to 20th July, 2018, a rebate of 10% will be given during the sale of NTFP and other ornamental plants in the State. The Forest Department will be issuing a Govt. Order regarding this.

10) **Preparation & Printing of Publicity Materials:**

The Publicity Division of the Directorate will prepare the publicity materials like posters, leaflets, Cloth cap and banners etc. as usual and will be distributed in the entire State from the Directorate Headquarters. While getting the publicity materials prepared, the slogan to Ban Mahotsav 2018 with date should be boldly printed in the background of the poster. The background of the poster shall be sent to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, WB for final decision.

11) **Publication & Release of "Banabithi":**

It was decided that a special issue of "Banabithi" will be published and released on the occasion of Ban Mahotsav 2018 by Publicity Division of the Directorate.

12) **Message of Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Forests, through All India Radio & Doordarshan :**

It was decided that the message of Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal, on the occasion of Ban Mahotsav 2018 will be telecasted and broadcasted from Doordarshan and All India Radio.

13) **Budget:**

The following budget was approved for celebration of Ban Mahotsav 2018 :

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| a) For State-level Programme | Rs. 500000.00 |
| b) For District & Sub-Division-level Programme | Rs. 100000.00 each |
| c) Publication of Banabithi and other publicity materials | Rs. 3915000.00 |

14) **Displaying of Publicity Materials in important places in the State:**

The selected posters will be displayed on hoarding in different parts of Kolkata (Preferrably 100Nos.) Districts (25 Nos. each District) through Information & Cultural Affairs Department of the State.

15) **Publicity through Electronic & Print Media:**

It was also decided to send bulk message through SMS for celebration of Ban-Mahatsav-2018 specially where such facilities are available in the District. Audio campaign will also be organized through FM radio channel in Kolkata, Siliguri and Jhargram. Electronic display board of various place will also be explored for display of publicity materials.

16) Best Plantation Award:

It is decided that best plantation award & green JFMC Award to be declared during Ban-Mahatsav-2018. A committee is to be constituted for selection of such plantation & JFMC. The committee will have members from West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project, monitoring Wing & CCF/HQ. to finalize modalities, making field visit & final selection of such plantation & green JFMC best on reporting, recommendation of Divisional Forest Officers. However, Best plantation award to be given to Officer & staff of concerned Beat & respective JFMC in form of Memento or citation, where as green JFMC will receive award at the tune of RS. 1,00,000/- (1st position), 75,000/- (2nd position), 50,000/- (3rd position) respectively in their common fund. MD/WBFDCL has accorded his consent to provide award money for green JFMC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Binay Krishna Barman)
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Government of West Bengal