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“Prakriti Khoj” - Environment Quiz Qualifying Round, 25th September 2017 to 8th Oct 2017

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched an environment awareness initiative named as “**Prakriti Khoj – online Environment Quiz**” on 5th September 2017 with an aim to reach out to young aspiring minds of school students through a fun filled interactive learning mode for triggering a sense of awareness towards environment protection and conservation.

In this phase, this quiz is open to only students of Ecoclubs (NGC programme of MoEF&CC). The students who are members of Ecoclubs are required to send their names for registration through State Nodal Agency. User id and password are provided to the registered students through email on their email ids.

The quiz will be conducted online through multiple choice questions. Thematic areas like Climate change, Biodiversity, Forest and Wildlife, Pollution, Waste Management, Rivers and lakes, Natural History, International Conventions such as Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Framework - Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora etc. have been chosen for the quiz.

A separate webportal www.pkeq.nic.in containing information on the quiz has been developed by Ministry. Dates of the quiz will be updated on the Prakriti Khoj portal as well as Ministry's website.

So far 12,986 students have been registered from 15 states. The first round has begun on 25th September 2017, by paying tribute to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on his birth anniversary. This round will continue upto 8th October 2017. Till date **13 states** have participated covering around **1300 participants**.

The second, third, fourth and fifth rounds will be held subsequently thereafter as per the schedule given below:-

- Second Round: 30th October to 3rd November 2017
- Third round: 20-24, November 2017
- Fourth round: 4-6, December 2017
- Fifth round: 18-20, December 2017