## I. Focus Area 1: Ensure Ecological Security for Sustainability

What does it stands for – Managing challenges due to Climate Change for faster and equitable growth, providing for schemes and facilitating efforts for maintaining ecological stress due to over exploitation and developmental imperatives, cleaner air to breathe in, minimization of waste, safeguarding flows of resource and services at the national scale, formulation of sustainable development strategies, mapping and conserving ecosystems and eco-sensitive areas.

| Name of the Scheme                | Targets/Activities  | New Initiatives in the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan  |
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| 1.Environmental Monitoring and    | The scheme encompasses functions  | The following strategic goals as part of a long term plan have  |
| Governanc                         | and deliverables such as Operation of air and water quality monitoring  | been developed and dealt with extensively in the plan:  |
|                                   | stations, Environmental Impact<br>Assessment, mapping eco-sensitive<br>areas etc  | 1. The Plan proposes epidemiological studies to assess improvement in health status due to better management of environment and ecology.  |
| 2.Pollution Abatement             | Promoting cleaner technology and<br>waste minimization strategies,<br>Management of Hazardous<br>Substances, Rehabilitation of polluted<br>sites, Financial assistance to Common  | 2.Promotion and adoption of cleaner technology,<br>strengthening and initiation of reforms in regulations, policy<br>making and enforcement institutions for environmental<br>governance has also been planned.   |
|                                   | Effluent Treatment Plants etc.  | 3. The Plan proposes to move towards a system of cumulative   |
| 3.Climate Change Action Programme | The scheme deals with facilitation of India's participation in various  | and strategic EIA .   |
|                                   | international negotiations under the<br>NFCCC and Kyoto Protocol. This<br>enabling activity includes scientific<br>analysis of various climate change<br>related issues for formalizing India's<br>stand on various international fora. | 4.Ensuring ecological flows in all rivers by regulating<br>abstractions so as to allow conservation of riverine<br>ecosystems through developing a legal framework and<br>management strategy for conservation of river basins has<br>been identified as an important strategic goal. |

| 4.National Coastal Management<br>Programme | Mapping, delineation and<br>demarcation of hazard lines,<br>Delineation for coastal sediment cells<br>for entire coast of India etc.   | 5.Promotion of recycling and reuse of treated sewage in urban projects such as sanitation, landscaping, central air conditioning and so on has also been proposed.   |
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| 5.National River Conservation<br>Programme | To provide secretarial support to sub<br>schemes of river conservation ,<br>Creation of 107.05 MLD of Sewage<br>Treatment Capacity specifically for<br>centres across the Ganga stretch.<br>Creation of 188 MLD of Sewage<br>Treatment Capacity for all other<br>plants. | <ul> <li>6.Maintaining acceptable water quality and quantity through pollution control of water resources.</li> <li>7.Restoration of wet lands and lakes, and Management of waste water discharge from industrial and commercial establishments into major water bodies.</li> <li>8.Promotion of continuous 24 × 7 online air quality monitoring which includes Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) and Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS).</li> </ul> |

## II. Focus Area 2: <u>Facilitate people's participation and provide equity in access and for conservation and</u> development natural resources

What does it stand for – Improving forest productivity, production and sustainable management of biodiversity (equity in access to benefit sharing with local people). Restoration and intensification of forest-rangelands/ grazing-land management and establish community grazing land around forest fringe villages. Building capacity of Village Forest Committees/Joint Forestry Management Committees for management of forest resources to ensure enhanced livelihood options for people living in forest fringe areas.

| Name of the Scheme                                    | Targets/Activities   | New Initiatives in the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan   |
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| 1.Afforestation and Forest                            | New plantations for each bio-  | The following strategic goals as part of a long term plan have   |
| Management  | geographic region, increase<br>forest/tree cover, improve quality of   | been developed and dealt with extensively in the plan:   |
|   | forest cover, enhance annual CO2 sequestration, modernize forestry   | 1.Increase forest and non-forest based livelihood of about 3 million households living in and around forests.  |
| 2.Conservation of Natural Resources<br>and Ecosystems | administration by supporting<br>strengthening of infrastructure.<br>Biodiversity Conservation and Rural<br>Livelihood Improvement thereby<br>promoting participatory conservation<br>activities , Designating sites as<br>biosphere reserves, Conservation of<br>corals and mangroves, Conservation<br>of Aquatic Ecosystems | <ul> <li>2.Greening 5 million ha under Green India Mission including</li> <li>1.5 million ha of degraded lands, afforestation and ecorestoration of 0.9 million ha of ecologically sensitive areas.</li> <li>3.Engagement of Village Green Guards/Community Foresters</li> </ul> |
|   |  | for every Joint Forest Management (JFM) village by 2016.   |
|   |  | 4.Establish forestry seed bank in forest circles and Model<br>Nursery in every district with information on public portal by<br>2014.  |
|   |  | 5.Develop national targets and indicators related to<br>biodiversity and support actions to strengthen<br>implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (creation   |

 and empowerment of local Biodiversity Management Committees) and ensure bio-safety for economic and social development of local communities.
 6.The 12<sup>th</sup> Plan , most importantly seeks to make NTFPs profitable (Non Timber Forest Produce) for primary gatherers by determining a commercially viable Minimum Support Price.
 7.Technology-based monitoring of forest cover, biodiversity and growing stock including change-monitoring on periodical basis through dedicated satellite by 2017 and establishment of open web-based National Forestry and Environmental Information system for research and public accessibility by 2015.

## **III. Focus Area 3 : Greening India in the context of Climate Change**

**What it means**: Respond to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures, which would help: enhance carbon sinks in sustainably managed forests and other ecosystems; support adaptation of vulnerable species/ecosystems to the changing climate; and adaptation of forest dependent local communities in the face of climatic variability.

| What the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan offers   | Key Innovation s in the<br>GIM  | Mission Objectives   |
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| The new scheme <b>Green India</b><br><b>Mission,</b> introduced in the 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Plan, puts the "greening" in the<br>context of climate change<br>adaptation and mitigation, meant<br>to enhance ecosystem services   | 1. Focus on quality of forests - Primary focus on improving density of forest cover   |  |
| like carbon sequestration and<br>storage (in forests and other<br>ecosystems), hydrological services  | 2. Adoption of Landscape-<br>based Approach   | 2. Improved ecosystem convises including biodiversity, bydrological convises   |
| and biodiversity; along with<br>provisioning services like fuel,<br>fodder, small timber and NTFPs.<br>The National Mission for a Green<br>India is one of the eight Missions<br>under the National Action Plan on<br>Climate Change (NAPCC). The<br>Mission (henceforth referred to as | -Interventions at scale<br>(5000-6000 hectares) at a<br>time & Simultaneous<br>treatment of forest and<br>non forest areas while<br>addressing key drivers of<br>degradation. | 2. Improved ecosystem services including biodiversity, hydrological services<br>and carbon sequestration as a result of treatment of 10 m ha. Increased<br>forest-based livelihood income for 3 million forest dependent households. |
| GIM) recognizes that climate<br>change phenomena will seriously<br>affect and alter the distribution,<br>type and quality of natural  | 4. Focus on ecosystem<br>services - Emphasis on<br>biodiversity, water and<br>improved biomass  |  |

| resources of the country and the associated livelihoods of the people. GIM acknowledges the  | -Carbon sequestration as co-benefit   | 3. Enhanced annual CO2 sequestration of 50-60 million tonnes by the year 2020 |
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| influences that the forestry sector<br>has on environmental<br>amelioration through climate<br>mitigation, food security, water<br>security, biodiversity<br>conservation&livelihood security. | Addressing ecosystems<br>like grasslands, wetlands,<br>urban and peri-urban |   |

## IV. Focus Area 4: Conservation of wildlife and biodiversity

What it stands for- Protection of the environment; conservation and survey of flora, fauna, and wildlife for an improved ecological balance.

| Name of the Scheme      | Targets/Activities   | New initiatives in the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan           |
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| 1.Integrated            | Assisting states and UTs in development and                | -Reducing and managing human–wildlife conflict.        |
| Development of Wildlife | management of Protected Areas (PAs) networks,              | -Promotion of ecotourism and participatory eco-        |
| Habitat                 | protection of wildlife inside and outside PAs, Support     | development support livelihood of local population.    |
|                         | Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves,              | -Develop national targets and indicators related to    |
|                         | protection outside PAs, recovery programmes for            | biodiversity and support actions to strengthen         |
|                         | critically endangered species etc                          | implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and   |
| 2.Project Tiger         | To ensure maintenance of a viable population of wild       | ensure bio-safety for economic and social development  |
|                         | tigers in the country for scientific, economic, aesthetic, | of local communities.                                  |
|                         | ecological and cultural values.                            | - Assess coastal biodiversity resources, ensure        |
| 3.Project Elephant      | To assist states having free ranging population of wild    | sustainable management, restoration of mangroves,      |
|                         | elephants to ensure long term survival of identified       | coral reefs and wetlands and support livelihood.       |
|                         | viable population of elephants in their natural habitats   | -Twenty per cent of veterinary professionals in the    |
|                         | and also for welfare of captive elephants.                 | country to be trained in treating wildlife.            |
| 4.Biodiversity          | Strengthening the institutional capacity of National       | -Integrated Ecotourism District Plans covering 10 per  |
| conservation            | Biodiversity Authority, Implementing specific provisions   | cent of all potential Protected Areas (PAs) by 2017.   |
|                         | of the Biodiversity Act and Rules, undertaking capacity    | -Promoting participation of private sector, civil      |
|                         | building activities for biodiversity conservation etc      | societies, NGOs and philanthropists in animal welfare. |
|                         |  | -Restore 0.1 million ha of wetlands/inland lakes/water |
|                         |  | bodies by 2017.  |
|                         |  | -Mapping and preparation of biodiversity management    |
|                         |  | plans for deserts (both cold and arid), coastal areas, |
|                         |  | important coral zones, wetlands, mangroves and so on   |
|                         |  | to be completed by 2017.                               |
|                         |  | -Promote activities to strengthen in-situ conservation |
|                         |  | and sustainable use of biodiversity including below    |

|  | ground to enhance livelihood security, promotion and<br>valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the<br>national planning process including study of the<br>economics of ecosystems and biodiversity (TEEB). |
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