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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(EE Division)



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New Delhi 110 003

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To,

All SNAs

**Subject: Awareness on Eco-friendly idol immersion in Rivers –regarding**

Sir/ Madam,

This refers to the 2nd meeting of the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to MoEF&CC held on 04.8.2017 in Parliament House wherein one of the suggestions given was to create awareness for Eco-friendly idol immersion in rivers needs to be spread amongst the general public.

Following are the steps to have eco-friendly idol immersion:

1. Use clay for idol making.
2. Use natural colours for decoration.
3. Use natural colours for rangoli. Like make use of henna, turmeric and rice powder.
4. Don't use thermocol or plastic. Use cloth, paper, wood and other organic material.
5. Buy religious idols made of biodegradable material.
6. Use of artificial immersion tank for immersion of idols and thereafter disperse the water in a safe area and not in a water body.

It is also informed that Ministry has prepared "**Green Good Deeds**" (enclosed) which may also be circulated among students for its implementation. You are requested to widely disseminate the information in schools and colleges under the National Green Corps programme for creating mass-awareness through rallies, campaigns, nuked nataks etc. Also this information may kindly be uploaded on your respective websites. A consolidated report with photographs may kindly be sent to Ministry which can be shared in the next meeting of the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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