

Indian Organizations

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

- It is the nodal agency in the administrative structure of the Central Government, for the planning, promotion, co-ordination and overseeing the implementation of Environmental and Forestry programmes.
- It is also the **Nodal agency in the country for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.
- The principal activities undertaken by it consists of:
 - ▶ Conservation & survey of flora, fauna, forests, and Wildlife,
 - ▶ Prevention & control of pollution,
 - ▶ Afforestation & regeneration of degraded areas,
 - ▶ Protection of the environment in the framework of legislation,
 - ▶ The welfare of animals.
- The main tools utilized for this include Environmental surveys, impact assessment, control of pollution, regeneration programmes, support to organizations, research to solve solutions and training to augment the requisite manpower, collection, and dissemination of environmental information and creation of environmental awareness among all sectors of the country's population.
- MoEFCC recently constituted a high-level inter-ministerial Apex Committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA) Its purpose is to ensure that India is on track towards meeting its obligations under the Paris Agreement including its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)

Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)

- It is a **statutory advisory body** created under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.
- It was **setup in 1962** to advice on animal welfare laws and policymaking.
- **Headquarters** - Chennai.
- Board has 28 members with a **three-year term** but can be renewed.
- The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) scheme relates to the provision of assistance for the following type of activities:
 - ▶ **Financial assistance to animal welfare organizations** for maintaining the stray animals in distress and for their treatment.
 - ▶ **Human education programmes for the welfare of animals are implemented by the AWBI.**
 - ▶ Expenditure on a variety of other animal welfare activities such as the rescue of cattle from illegal smuggling and transportation, rehabilitation of rescued circus animals, lab animals, inspections, legal expenses in connection with court cases about animal welfare, mobile clinics are also incurred.

Central Zoo Authority (CZA)

- It is an affiliate member of the **World Association of Zoos and Aquariums**.
- It has been constituted under the **Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972**.