

Events attended

Mr Amrendra Kumar Pathak and Dr Yamini Verma attended meeting to Develop MIS and M & E system under 'Healthy Future Grant Project' organised by Bal Vikas Dhara- Plan India on January 13, 2014 at Hotel Venus, Mahipalpur, New Delhi.

Mr Alok Srivastava participated in **Coalition against Corruption (CoCo) conference** in Bengaluru organized by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy on January 14-15, 2014.

Ms P N Vasanti attended the **5th CII CEOs Roundtable on Broadcast**: 24 Jan 2014, New Delhi

Ms Kirti and Mr Debananda coordinated the events in two lawns- UNDP-GIZ lawn and CMS lawn respectively during **7th CMS Vatavaran held in IGNCALawns** between January 30-February 3, 2014.

Mr Alok Srivastava and Mr Ashwani Sinha attended "**International Conference on Human Trafficking**" on February 3, 2014, New Delhi.

Ms P N Vasanti attended the launch of the book "**Transforming Our Cities: Postcards of Change**", published by Harper Collins India by Finance Minister, Shri P Chidambaram on February 10, 2014.

Dr N Bhaskara Rao – **lecture at IAS officers training programme- Public Policy & Management** on topic "**Impact of Media on Public Policy**" at IILM Institute for Higher Education, New Delhi on February 11, 2014.

Mr Alok Srivastava attended a roundtable discussion on '**Defining and Measuring Women Empowerment: The South Asia Context**' organized by CLEAR South Asia in collaboration with CoE South Asia and UN Women at IIC on February 13, 2014.

Ms P N Vasanti, given a **lecture for the IAS in service training** at IILM on Friday, the 14th February, 2014.

Ms P N Vasanti, address the Inaugural session of "**Information & Communication Flow in the Third World**" on 21st February 2014.

Events organized by CMS



7th CMS VATAVARAN - Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum held at the IGNCALawns, New Delhi, India from (Thursday – Monday) Jan 30 - Feb 03, 2014 featured around 112 films and more than 100 eminent speakers in 70 thematic sessions and expert discussions in six specially curated lawns.

The 2014 CMS VATAVARAN theme was mainstreaming biodiversity conservation at different levels to promote living in harmony with nature. More than 10,000 participants representing organisations, students, academics and individuals from all sections participated in this festival across five days. Several exhibitions, games, film booth, food court, green haat, music festival, open stage, interesting decor and art installation were on display for promoting diversity in nature.

Inaugural Ceremony of 7th CMS VATAVARAN

The inaugural ceremony was held on Jan 30, 2014 and was attended by Mr K S Rao Union Minister for Textiles; Dr Karan Singh, MP and President, ICCSR and Ms Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India. Mr V B Mathur, Senior Professor & Dean, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Mr A S Panneerselvan, Executive Director, PANOS South Asia were among the special invitees.

7th CMS VATAVARAN Awards to Filmmakers

CMS VATAVARAN announced 33 awards in 11 categories (Indian and International) on Feb 02, 2014. The award ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr K S Rao, Minister of Textile, GoI; Shri Amol Palekar, Actor, Director and Producer & Chairperson, 2014 Indian Jury. Shri Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, MoEF, GoI; Ambassador of Norway to India, H E Elvind S Homme; Country Director GIZ, Mr Stephen Helming; Shri Chandni Prasad Bhatt, Environmentalist, Dasholi Gram Swarajya Mandal, Uttarakhand; Sunita Narain, Director, CSE; Vivek Menon, CEO, WTI; Dr Anil Prakash Joshi, Founder Member, Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation, Uttarakhand were also present. Best of the Festival awards were presented to The Last Lions by Dereck and Beverly Joubert and Char...The No Man's Island by Sourav Sarangi.

Specially Created Six Lawns



UNDP and GIZ Lawn: The lawn with the theme of Coastal and Marine Biodiversity held screenings and sessions on the issues such as conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate change, livelihood issues, institutional and financial mechanism, etc. UNDP, GIZ – Indo German Biodiversity Programme and International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) were the partners.

JAPAN LAWN: With the thematic focus on biodiversity of forest, mountain and inland waters & wetland, important issues on Forest Right Act, tourism in tiger reserves, protected areas, traditional knowledge, human wildlife conflict, Himalayan biodiversity, and policy issues were discussed. COJWE Japan, UNDP, Pragya and Zoo Outreach were knowledge partners.



CMS Lawn: Sessions, book launches, press briefings and workshops were organised in the CMS Lawn. Some of the issues discussed are India's Draft National Biodiversity Targets, Urban Wetlands, Conservation of Biodiversity Rich Areas

Outside the Protected Area Network. Book Launch of First Food: A Taste of India's Biodiversity was also held here by Ms Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE.

Young Champions Lawn: The Young audiences were treated to film screenings, workshops, painting competitions, sessions, puppetry, etc at the Young Champions Lawn. Not only students, teachers and parents actively participated in various activities organised at the Young Champions Lawn. Some of the interesting sessions were on Environment Education, animal behavior, Western Ghats. WTI, CEE and SACON were the knowledge partners.



ONGC Lawn: All the Indian nominated films were screened followed by open forums with the audience at the ONGC Lawn. Yann Arthus – Bertrand's Retrospective was an important part of the ONGC Lawn. Two films by the filmmaker, 'A Thirsty World' and 'Planet Ocean' were screened. Special film screenings and sessions were also part of the this Lawn where prominent speakers such as Dr Ravi Chellam, Vidya Athreya, Sujay Dahake, Nandan Saxena, Kavita Bahl, Bablu Ganguly, and many more.

International Screen: More than 50 films including nominated film in International categories, and partner films of ONGC, Delhi Metro, UNDP were screened at the International screen for four days. Open forum with some of the nominated International filmmakers were also held.

Exhibitions

More than 12 exhibitors representing artists, organizations, schools, municipal corporation put up their work on display at the festival. Nicholas Chorier, aerial photographer had more than 50 photographs on display. National Biodiversity Authority and State Biodiversity Boards, IUCN, PondyCAN, Ryan International School, CMS Environment, Shimla Municipal Corporation were some of the exhibitors.

Green Haat and Food Court

CMS VATAVARAN for the first time brought together organic farmers, artisans, garment dealers, and others at the Green Haat stalls. 28 stalls displayed and sold organic fruits, vegetables, lentils, cereal, snacks, kirana, cosmetics and bakery items, cereals, pulses, spices, condiments, teas, craft, stationery items, etc. The food court area had 12 food stalls selling street food, Indian, Continental, beverages, juices, salads, etc.



Special Film Screening "**DAM 999**" - was held at CMS on February 14, 2014

Book/ Paper / Article Published

CMS Advocacy recently supported India's prominent daily, Hindustan Times to run a week-long **campaign on road safety** during the **national road safety week from January 11 to 17, 2014**. CMS provided research support to the newspaper. This media engagement resulted in 7 number of five-column articles each, focusing on specific road safety issues and public health issues like drink-driving, speed, helmets, driving by minors, pedestrian safety and public transport. The articles were widely appreciated by WHO and other organizations working on road safety issues. It was shared globally by WHO as an ideal media advocacy campaign on the issue.

Dr. Amit Rahul contributed an article **Disability and Sustainability** in Thumb Print Magazine, February, 2014.

New /Ongoing Studies and Project

Special Monitoring of the Rural Sanitation Programme - the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan in three districts, Nainital, Pithoragarh and Tehri Garhwal of Uttarakhand for Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, GOI.

In 2011, **HSBC-GFC UK** office awarded a project to **CMS** to facilitate their colleagues in Gurgaon office to plant saplings as part of their Corporate Sustainability mandate. It entailed undertaking a plantation

programme in Delhi, Gurgaon and Hyderabad, planting 1400 saplings and their maintenance. Of these, 500 saplings were planted in the Aravali Biodiversity Park (ABP) in Gurgaon. 'I Am Gurgaon', a Gurgaon-based NGO was implementing partner. In the final year of this

project, CMS carried out a review of the saplings planted by HSBC volunteers. It was heartening to see that all the saplings are doing fine and there was 100% survival rate. An interesting conversation that we noticed between colleagues of the implementing partner was some reference to **CMS Hill**. On asking them about the CMS Hill, they told us that one of the hillocks where the plantation was carried out by HSBC volunteers through CMS facilitation is referred by them as CMS Hill. This hill is situated just near the entrance of the Park.

B for Change 2014 - 15

The one year programme "B for Change" will work towards facilitating purposive action for the youth of India. As part of this initiative, a web-portal being created which will be a one-stop destination wherein the focus is to get the youth a simple gateway & opportunity to register and volunteer for a range of issues and concerns through Non-Profits/ Civil Societies partners across India. CMS is the national partner to facilitate empanellment and proactive engagement of not-for-profits and civil societies in the "B for Change" programme for enabling purposive action among youth of India.



Goodbye

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Ms. Barkha Soni, Research Executive, MDRA, January 2014