



CMS Staff enjoyed a Holi Celebration on March 13, 2017 at CMS Office.



CMS VATAVARAN and CMS Envis Centre in collaboration with Childscapes of PVR Nest celebrated World Environment Day on 4th June, 2017 at CMS Office, Saket.

Events Attended



- Ms Annu Anand, Head Advocacy, participated in a panel discussion in **DD Kisan Channel** on the issue of the status of women during three years of BJP government. The Union minister for state for Women and Child Development, Ms. Krishana Raj, Scientist, Ms. Dr. Ravinder Kaur and Prof. Rubal Sharma also participated in the discussion.

- Mr Alok Srivastava was one of the panellists in a discussion on **RTI Act on DD News**, May 2017

- Mr Alok Srivastava was amongst the panellists in a discussion on **Corruption in Public Services** on **Lok Sabha TV**, May 2017



- Ms. Annu Anand, Head Advocacy, met the **Noble Peace Laureate Sh. Kailash Satyarthi**, in his office. She briefed him about the latest activities and projects of the CMS. Mr. Satyarthi talked about the Global campaign of children

Exposure trip

to Chandigarh and Ludhiana by Advocacy team

- Ms. Annu Anand, Head, CMS Advocacy and Ms. Ileana Roy, Research Executive, visited **Chandigarh** and **Ludhiana** in April and interacted with the experts to get an overall understanding and impact of Climate Change in Punjab. In a meeting with Dr. Satnam Singh Ladhar, Additional Director (Environment), Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (PSCST), various initiatives of the department related to climate change were discussed. Issues related to climate changing trends in context of Punjab were also discussed with Mr. Surender Paul, Scientist-in-charge, IMD, Chandigarh. Dr L K Dhaliwal, Director, School of Climate Change and Agricultural Meteorology, PAU expressed that such media workshops should be organised more often so that environmental news reaches out to the masses regularly.

Recce visit

at Meghalaya by Advocacy team

- Ms. Annu Anand, Head, CMS Advocacy and Ms. Ritika Kapoor, Executive, visited **Shillong, Meghalaya** in the last week of May. They interacted with the local media persons and the experts, to get an understanding about overall impact of Climate Change in the Himalayan state of Meghalaya. In a meeting with Dr. Subhash Ashutosh, Nodal Officer, Meghalaya Climate Change Centre (MCCC), various initiatives of the department related to climate change were briefly discussed. Issues related to Climate Change reporting were discussed with Mr. Partho Chakraborty, DD, Shillong. They stressed that such media workshops should be organised more often so that environmental news reaches out to the masses on a regular basis.

New /Ongoing Studies & Projects

- Pahel Baseline Study among PRI Representatives, **Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3)**
- Third Party Quality Assessment in **Bihar-Adoption Physical Verification Round, Digital Green**

Book/ Paper/ Article Published

- CMS announced **DST-SDC Media Fellowship** for Reporting on Climate Change impact and Adaption in the Indian Himalayan Region
- CMS in collaboration with WHO invited applications from journalists for 2017 Media Programme on **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**

Congratulations

Ms. Annu Anand, Head Advocacy, was elected as an Executive Committee member of **Indian Women Press Corps (IWPC)**. The elections to the Managing Committee of the Indian Women's Press Corps 2017-18 were held on April 1, 2017. A team of 6 Office Bearers and 21 Executive Committee members of the Indian Women's Press Corps were elected in a nail biting contest. A record 300 plus votes were cast which broke past records.

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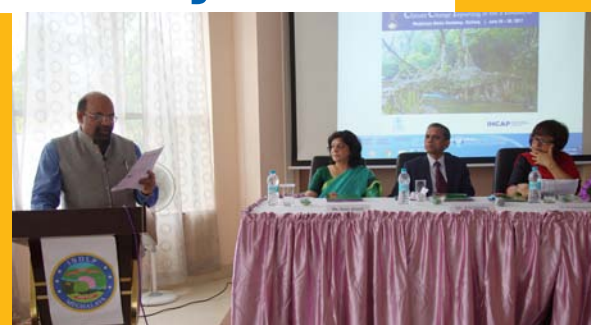
Ms. Kirti Arora - Executive - Advocacy in March 2017
Dr. Deya Roy (Consultant) - Environment in April 2017

Goodbye

Ms. Joselyn Joseph - Senior Executive - KM
Mr. Vijay Singh - Assitant Manager - KM & Library
Ms. Kirti Arora - Executive - Advocacy

Events Organized by CMS

- The CMS Advocacy in collaboration with **IHCAP** organised a State level Media Workshop on Climate Change in **Shillong, Meghalaya** on June 28-30, 2017.



Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister of Information Technology, Government of Meghalaya inaugurated the workshop and Honourable Governor of the state, Sh. Banwarilal Purohit, delivered the valedictory address. The workshop brought together climate change experts, the policy makers and media professionals with the objective of improving reporting skill on the subject of climate change, environment and sustainable development in Meghalaya. A total of 60 participants representing **media, multi-lateral agencies, scientists, NGOs** attended the programme.



- Swachhta Pakhwada** for implementation of **Swachh Bharat Mission** organized cleanliness drive with active participation of Delhi based ENVIS members at India Gate on June 17, 2017. The drive was followed by group discussion.

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- CMS VATAVARAN film screenings were organized at the **India Habitat Centre** on 29th & 30th March, 26th & 27th April, 10th & 11th May and 28th & 29th June 2017.

- 11th **CMS India Corruption Report 2017** was released at **IIC** on 27 April 2017 - This national report covers corruption that citizens encounter in their availing key basic public services. This report also presents an overview of petty corruption since 2005.



- Technical Advisory Group** meeting was held on 20th April 2017 which was attended by the CMS VATAVARAN Team.



- CMS Advocacy in collaboration with GIZ organized its first **State Media Workshop on Climate Change in Hyderabad** on 11th & 12th April, 2017. **Mr. Jogu Ramana**, state Environment Minister said "We are already witnessing impacts of climate change in the form

of extreme weather events like heat waves, intense rainfall episodes, droughts and hailstorms. We need to prepare our communities to face this challenge."

The day long deliberations had a series of interactions with **experts, scientists, policy makers** and with **media professionals**. Farmers present, shared their viewpoints and senior thematic experts presented data about different aspects of climate change in the state. Media experts discussed challenges of communicating climate change related issues to the public through media.



- The CMS Advocacy in collaboration with **IHCAP** organized a **State level Media Workshop on Climate Change in Gangtok, Sikkim** from March 25 – March 27, 2017. This media workshop was the third in its series of **12 workshops** planned to be organized across the

Indian Himalayan Region over a period of three years. It brought together climate change experts, policy makers and media professionals with the objective of improving reporting skills with regard to climate change, environment and sustainable development in Sikkim. A total of 60 participants representing media, multi-lateral agencies, scientists, NGOs etc. attended the workshop.

- Ms. Janine Kuriger**, Head Swiss Cooperation Office and Counsellor; Dr. Surajit Baruah, State Project Manager, Strengthening State Strategies for Climate Actions, Department of Science Technology and Climate Change; Mr. Dinesh C Sharma, Senior science journalist and Ms. Annu Anand, Head, CMS Advocacy were some of the key speakers in the **inaugural ceremony**.



Eminent scientists; Dr. Surajit Baruah, State Project Manager, Strengthening State Strategies for Climate Actions, Department of Science Technology and Climate Change, Dr. Gopi Nath Raha, Director, State Meteorological Centre, Gangtok, Dr. G C Khanal, Additional Director, Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), Gangtok, and Ms. Sarika Pradhan, Additional Secretary, Rural Management and Development Department were some of the speakers in the technical session. They gave presentations on different scientific aspects of climate change to the media in simple terms.

For the field visit the participants were taken to one of the **'dharavikas' spring shed** management sites to interact with the scientists as well as the community members. On the third day of the **workshop, a media roundtable session** was organized with the objective of bridging the existing knowledge gap between the scientists, journalists, policy makers and the civil societies. In this session, Honorable Member of the Parliament, **Shri P D Rai**, Mr. Pema Wangchuk Dorjee, Consulting Editor, Summit Times, Dr. Silajit Guha, Associate Professor, Head, Department of Mass Communication, Sikkim University, Mr. Nirmal Manger, journalist, Sikkim Express and Mr. Dinesh C Sharma, Senior Science Journalist came together to understand the challenges in reporting and discussed the way forward in order to achieve effective climate change reporting in the Indian Himalayan Region.