

## Biodiversity Film Festival in the city on the occasion of World Environment Day 2011 (June 1-4, 2011)

- Organised by Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), GOI and CMS Environment as part of UNEP World Environment Day 2011 celebrations
- Film screenings at PVR Plaza, National Science Centre, Tihar jail, Airforce auditorium Subroto Park and ITBP camp at Tughlaqabad
- Premier of Naresh Bedi's film "Project Tiger: Ensuring Survival" during the inauguration of the film festival on June 2 at PVR Plaza

**May 26, New Delhi:** A four-day Biodiversity film festival, showcasing some of the award winning green films, will be organised from June 1-4 in the city at multiple venues. The festival is being organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), GOI and CMS Environment, a Delhi based think tank, on the occasion of World Environment Day 2011. India is the global host country of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) World Environment Day 2011.

The Biodiversity film festival will be inaugurated on June 2 at PVR Plaza, Connaught Place at 05:30 pm. Eminent filmmaker Naresh Bedi's film "Project Tiger: Ensuring Survival" will be premiered during the inaugural function, followed by an interactive session with the director. In addition, UNEP Report on the Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles – "Vision for Change" will also be released. The film festival is aimed towards creating awareness on the importance of biodiversity, its relationship with people and the planet we share.

### **Biodiversity Film Festival: Schedule of Programmes**

- **June 1 (09:30 am-2:00 pm):** Film screenings for underprivileged children at National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan
- **June 2 (05:30 pm-07:30 pm):** Inauguration of the film festival at PVR Plaza, Connaught Place
- **June 3 (03:00 pm-05:00 pm):** Special screening for Tihar inmates at Tihar jail complex
- **June 4 (04:00 pm-06:00 pm):** Screening for IAF officials and their families at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park

- **June 5 (04:00 pm-06:00 pm):** Screening for ITBP officials and their families at Tigri Camp, Tughlaqabad

### Highlights of films to be screened

The Biodiversity Film Festival will showcase a dozen films on biodiversity made by eminent wildlife filmmakers of the country. The films to be screened include Trunk Call by Geeta Singh, Ladakh-The Forbidden Wilderness by Naresh Bedi, Wild Dog Diaries by Senani Hegde, Save our Sholas by Shekar Dattatri, Tiger Queen by Nallamuthu and others.

**Premier of Naresh Bedi's film "Project Tiger: Ensuring Survival" in the inaugural ceremony on June 2 at PVR Plaza:** A comprehensive film it looks at the prestigious Project Tiger which was launched in 1973 to protect tigers from extinction. Filmed over several years across India the film for the first time covers splendid aerials of diverse tiger habitat and has rare and lively footage of tiger behavior.

### India global host of World Environment Day 2011

India has been chosen as the global host of World Environment Day 2011 (WED). This global recognition for India has come for the first time since the celebrations began in 1972. The theme of WED 2011 is 'Forest: Nature at your service'. Through WED, the UN Environment Programme is able to emphasise the most pressing environmental issues and enable everyone to realise not only their responsibility, but also their power to become agents for change in support of sustainable and equitable development. ([www.moef.nic.in](http://www.moef.nic.in))

### About CMS Environment

CMS Environment is a Delhi based multidisciplinary think tank involved in policy research and programmes evaluation aimed at creating sustainable solutions for environment protection and improving the quality of the environment. Creating capacities, undertaking outreach and advocacy and formulating strategies are its strengths. ([www.cmsindia.org](http://www.cmsindia.org))

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