**Screening of environmental films at the MoEF & CC**

*Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change collaborates with Asia’s largest green film festival, CMS VATAVARAN for weekly film screenings at the ministry’s auditorium.*

**New Delhi, April 29th, 2015:** In the run-up to the World Environment Day, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change screened an environmental film The New Environmentalists - From Chicago to the Karoo by John Antonelli; Will Parrinello and Tom Dusenbery. The weekly film screenings are being organized by the ministry in collaboration with CMS VATAVARAN.

The film is an inspiring portrait of six passionate and dedicated activists who share a common goal of safeguarding the Earth’s natural resources from exploitation and pollution.

MoEF as part of its environmental and wildlife awareness campaign have **identified four themes that will be in focus during the years 2015 and 2016, which includes aforestation, waste to wealth, reduce pollution and reduce plastic** and will be using films to promote awareness on these issues. The films will be provided by CMS VATAVARAN, which now has a rich repository of environment and wildlife documentaries, animation and short films.

**The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has been a Principal Partner of CMS VATAVARAN since its inception in 2002**. And this is for the **first time that the Ministry will be hosting film screenings at its premises for its officials.** The film screenings will be held every Friday from 5:30 pm at the MoEF’s state of the art green building-Indira Paryavaran Bhawan. **The film screening is free and open to all.**

**CMS VATAVARAN – India’s premier environment and wildlife film** festival and forum is aimed towards enhancing understanding, appreciation and shift in attitudes towards the natural world and to increase space for environmental issues in mass media and evolve a nationwide environment outreach framework. It has created a strong network of Indian and International filmmakers, policymakers, academicians, research think tanks, environmentalists, journalists, students of all streams, defense & paramilitary forces and nature enthusiasts. **Till date, 44 festivals have been organised in 35 cities of India. The travelling festivals are organised in state capitals and other important towns and cities.** [**www.cmsvatavaran.org**](http://www.cmsvatavaran.org)

**For media inquiries, please contact-**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Mr P J Michael**  Deputy Secretary  *Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change*  New Delhi-100 003  Telefax 011-24695128 | **Ms Indira Akoijam**  Manager – Communication  CMS VATAVARAN  E: [indira@cmsindia.org](mailto:Indira@cmsindia.org), M: 9899979161, P: 011 26864020 / 26851660  CMS, RESEARCH House, Saket Community Centre, New Delhi 110017 |