**MoEF to host green film screenings in the city**

*Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change collaborates with Asia’s largest green film festival, CMS VATAVARAN for weekly film screenings, starting April 24th, 2015*

**New Delhi, April 24th, 2015:** With an aim of bringing it’s environmental and wildlife conservation efforts to the masses, the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hosted a film screening at the Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh on April 24th, 2015**. The film screening is part of a film festival that will be organized every Friday at the MoEF building **in collaboration with CMS VATAVARAN, Asia’s largest film festival on environment and wildlife.**

**Ladakh’s Artificial Glaciers** an eighteen minute film in English by Rajendra Srivathsa Kondapalli was screened. It was **awarded in the Climate Change & Sustainable Technologies** category at the 7th CMS VATAVARAN, 2014 held at New Delhi. The film is about Chewang Norphel, Ladakh's glacier man and how his artificial glaciers have transformed Ladakh's farms from drought-ridden to high yielding ones.

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)

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