**Documentary films on environment to be screened at India Habitat Centre**

*The India Habitat Centre collaborates with Asia’s largest green film festival, CMS VATAVARAN.*

**New Delhi, July 02, 2015:** Delhi nature and film enthusiasts can now view award winning environment and wildlife films. India Habitat Centre in collaboration with CMS VATAVARAN will be hosting free film screenings at Gulmohar starting today. Films that highlight crucial environmental issues such as Kosi: Injustice with Millions of Villagers and Revolt by Kosi River and We are in the Field - Adventures of a Third World Environmental Activist are the two films that will shown at IHC over two days on July 2nd and 3rd from 7:00 pm onwards.

The film Kosi: Injustice with Millions of Villagers and Revolt by Kosi River tells the story of the River Kosi and the issues associated with it. The history of the Kosi barrage and its embankments is the history of the problems associated with the Kosi. The premise is a proposal made in 1953 which stipulated that embankments would be made on both sides of the Kosi - the Indian and the Nepal region. The canals exist. But the embankments resulted in restricting the flow of water in a smaller area as compared to a wider area earlier. Around 15 lakh people (from the Indian side and Nepal region) live within the embankments. Fifty five families were promised relief land. They say none have been given. When the river is in flood, the people must bear its wrath.

While We are in the Field - Adventures of a Third World Environmental Activist, is a film about a 26-year-old Manoj Gautam, a modern day, third world hero on a passionate quest to protect animals and wildlife from cruelty and extinction. Inspired by the work of his mentor, Dr Jane Goodall, with minimal resources and no formal training he is creating a network of allies across the country, busting animal smugglers, protecting fragile ecosystems, rescuing abused animals, and galvanizing an environmental movement.

This collaboration between India Habitat Centre and CMS VATAVARAN is in its second year. In 2014, similar screenings were organised with the aim of reaching out to people on important environmental and wildlife issues through such award winning documentary films.

About CMS VATAVARAN - CMS VATAVARAN International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum is India’s only International Film Festival. Using films as a window to delve into nature, the festival showcases the best of Indian and International films and documentaries, presenting nature stories from all over the world, stories on critical ecological and developmental challenges faced today, some of the most compelling practices as well as enchanting snippets on the diversity of our planet. 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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