



**PRESS RELEASE: Green Film Fete Inspires Environmental Stewardship at Manav Rachna
International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad**

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The *Delhi Wetlands for LiFE* and the *12th CMS VATAVARAN International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife* continued its remarkable journey today at the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad. This event, part of the ongoing *Green Film Fete* series, drew over 200 students, educators, and environmental enthusiasts, focusing on the critical theme of wetland conservation.

Event Highlights:

Inspiring Film Screenings:

Participants viewed a series of impactful environmental films such as 'Guardians of Wetlands: Women as Stewards of Wetland Conservation' and 'Green Renuka Ji Fair - A Collective Endeavour at Renuka Lake'. These films are part of the festival's *Wetlands for LiFE* theme, emphasizing the vital role that wetlands play in maintaining our ecological balance and the urgent need to preserve them.

Creative Expression Through Art:

The event featured a vibrant painting competition, with numerous students expressing their visions of wetland conservation. The top ten artworks will be displayed at the *Delhi Wetlands for LiFE* and the *12th CMS VATAVARAN Film Festival's* grand finale, to be held at the Ganga Auditorium, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, from October 3-5, 2024.

Engaging Discussions:

Expert-led discussions on Wetlands, Water Conservation, and Climate Change sparked insightful conversations among attendees, motivating them to embrace environmental stewardship in their daily lives.

Commitment to Sustainability:

The day concluded with participants pledging to adopt eco-friendly practices and to spread awareness about the importance of wetland conservation in their communities.

"Today's engagement and interaction with the youth and educators reaffirm our belief in the power of community and knowledge in driving change," stated Dr. P N Vasanti, Director General of CMS.

The *Green Film Fete* is a series of outreach events designed to extend the reach and impact of the *Delhi Wetlands for LiFE* and the *12th CMS VATAVARAN Film Festival*, highlighting the festival's commitment to environmental issues and sustainable practices.

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CMS VATAVARAN (www.cmsvatavaran.org) is an outcome of CMS's core commitment to go "beyond research." The rich experience of CMS in environmental issues & developmental communication and the urge for "Beyond Research" – a commitment to perform the role of a practitioner of its own research, sowed the seeds of CMS VATAVARAN – India's only International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum.

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