



PRESS RELEASE: TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS) Hosts Inspiring Session of Green Film Fete as Part of the 'Delhi Wetlands for LiFE' & '12th CMS VATAVARAN' Film Festival '

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The 12th CMS VATAVARAN International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife continued its impactful journey today with a special session at TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS), engaging around 100 students from BSc Environmental Studies, BSc Data Science, BBA, MSc Environmental Studies and Resource Management, MSc Climate Science and Policy in the critical discourse of wetland conservation. This session is a key part of the *Green Film Fete*, an outreach event leading up to the main *Delhi Wetlands for LiFE Film Festival and Forum*, scheduled from October 3-5, 2024.

Inspiring Film Screenings:

Students were treated to a powerful line-up of environmental films, including *Duty of Care - The Climate Trials* by Nic Balthazar and *Invading Waves, Rising Sea Level* by Anoop Khajuria. The presence of Anoop Khajuria, an award-winning filmmaker, who engaged in a Q&A session, was a significant highlight. These films, aligning with the festival's theme "*Wetlands for LiFE*," emphasized the vital role of wetlands in our ecosystem and the pressing need for their conservation.

Creative Expression Through Art:

A vibrant painting competition allowed students to creatively express their understanding of wetland conservation. The top ten paintings from today's event are set to be showcased during the festival's grand finale at Ganga Auditorium, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan.

Engaging Discussions:

Led by experts, discussions on environmental issues such as Wetlands, Water Conservation, and Climate Change fostered insightful dialogues among students, encouraging them to take proactive steps toward environmental stewardship.

As the day concluded, participants reaffirmed their commitment to eco-friendly practices and the spread of wetland conservation awareness.

"The enthusiasm and engagement at TERI SAS today reaffirm our commitment to nurturing future leaders who are ready to take on environmental challenges," stated Dr. P N Vasanti, Director General of CMS. *"These outreach sessions are crucial for mobilizing community action and driving the sustainability agenda forward."*

The success of today's *Green Film Fete* at TERI SAS further bolsters the mission of the CMS VATAVARAN Festival to inspire and cultivate a movement towards a sustainable future.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India, The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is the nodal agency in the administrative structure of the Central Government for the planning, promotion, co-ordination and overseeing the implementation of India's environmental and forestry policies and programmes.

Website: <https://moef.gov.in>

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Website: <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/368.html>

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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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