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Asia's largest green film festival and forum to be held in New Delhi

The **10th Competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN** – Asia's largest Film festival and Forum exclusively on Environment and Wildlife is all set to be inaugurated at 10 am on Nov 27, 2019 in Dr Ambedkar International Centre, 15 Janpath New Delhi. The inauguration of the four day green festival will be by **Shri Suresh Prabhu**, MP and Chair of the 2019 Awards Jury of CMS VATAVARAN, **Shri C K Mishra**, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) and **Ms Tamara Mona**, Chargé d'affaires a.i. Embassy of Switzerland in India and **Dr N Bhaskara Rao**, Chairman, Centre for Media Studies (CMS).

The 2019 Festival Directory will also be launched in the Inaugural ceremony. Five Journalists have been selected for the 2019 Environment Journalist Award and will be felicitated in the Inaugural Ceremony. These include **Nidhi Jammwal** - Freelance, **Jayshre Nandi** – Hindustan Times, **Rahul Manav** -Dainik Jagran, **Milan Sharma** – Aajtak TV and **Bhaskar Tripathi** – IndiaSpend.

The **MOEFCC 2019 SHORT Film Competition and Festival on Pollution** is also being held along with this festival, where shortlisted films will be screened. The awards will also be announced and given during the gala ceremony on the last day of the festival (Nov 30, 2019 at 6.30 pm) along with the 10th CMS VATAVARAN awards by Minister for State, **Shri Babul Supriyo**.

Highlights of 10th CMS VATAVARAN – At A Glance

- Screenings of Nominated **National & International Films**
- **Special Screenings** for School Students
- Screening of shortlisted short films on **Pollution**
- Film Premiers of “Wild Karnataka” and “Turtle”
- **Himalayan Summit on Climate Change**
- **Master Classes** by Award Winning Film Makers Anoop Khajuria and Dinesh S Yadav
- Workshop on **'4k Film Making'** by Nandan Saxena and Kavita Behl
- Session on “Music for the Wild” by **Grammy Award Winner Ricky Kej**
- Training session for **Teachers** on ‘Building Conservation Leadership through Education’
- Special session for Students on **“Environment, A Cause and a Career”**
- Panel Discussion on the **“Role of Education & Communication in Conservation”**
- Gala **Awards Ceremony** to announce and give awards for the 10th CMS VATAVARAN and the MOEFCC 2019 SHORT Film Competition and Festival on Pollution

The four days of the festival will showcase all the 78 nominated films (International and National) of the 10th competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN in addition to film premiers of 'Wild Karnataka' by Kalyan varma and 'TURTLE' by Dinesh S Yadav. It will have a series of Master Classes and Workshops by award winning film makers. Interactions with eminent artists like Grammy Award Winner Rikke Kej. Special screenings for school children along with quiz and competitions are being arranged by WWF and NMNH. A session on green careers for students and on environment education for teachers is also being organized by WWF. A panel discussion on role of communication in conservations will also be part of the festival.

This festival is supported by the Indian Himalayan Climate Adaptation Program of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; and the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GOI. Doordarshan, All India Radio, and Down to Earth are the media partners. Award partners are Amity University and Discovery India. Program Partners are WWF, IUCN-CEC & FLEDGE and NMNH.

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CMS VATAVARAN is India's premier environment and wildlife film festival and forum – it 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. The festival reaches out to people from all walks of life including filmmakers, civil society groups, government organizations, environmentalists, researchers, conservationists, policy makers, activists, public and private sector organizations and students of all ages and is recognized as a calendar event amongst filmmakers, environment, wildlife and conservation sector. Its unique twin track approach of organizing competitive and traveling film festivals and environment forum has positioned it as one of the most prestigious film festivals across the globe. Since its inception in 2002, none competitive and 52 travelling festivals in 41 cities of 25 Indian states have been organized. www.cmsvatavaran.org