

# CMS VATAVARAN HIGHLIGHTS

January – December 2017



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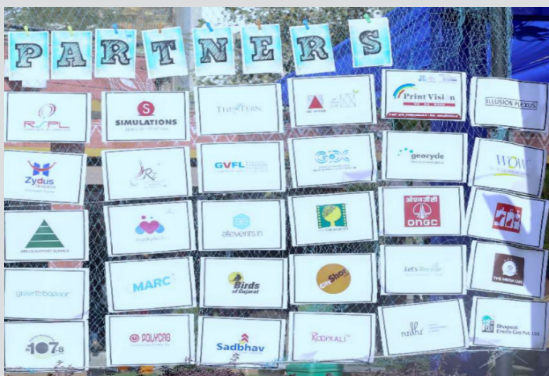


## Hosted and Co-Hosted Events:

The following festivals and events were organized/co-hosted by CMS VATAVARAN Team during the calendar year Jan-Dec 2017:-

CMS VATAVARAN partnered with **Ranthambore Festival** held on 27–29 January 2017 in Nahargarh Palace, Ranthambore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Smt Vasundhara Raje** inaugurated the festival which screened 10 select CMS VATAVARAN films in two days (06 six hours per day). These films were seen by large number of nature and wildlife lovers attending the festival.



CMS VATAVARAN was a Film Screening Partner of 1st edition of India Environmental Festival (IEF), a three days long celebration hosted in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 24-26 February, 2017 on the theme of **“BEING Waste Positive”**.

CMS VATAVARAN created a package of 10 films relevant to the festival theme and were screened between 06.00 pm to 09.00 pm on all three days. This festival witnessed a heartwarming footfall of 7000 environmental lovers over the three days.



CMS VATAVARAN team attended the **World Wildlife Day**, organised by CMS ENVIS in collaboration with of **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)**, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India with the help of other NGOs and UN agencies at National Zoological Park, Delhi on March 3, 2017. The theme for the year was **“Listen to the young voices”**.

**CMS ENVIS** mobilised approximately 500 students and participants from different **schools** and **NGOs**, who actively took part in **clay modelling, T-Shirt painting, slogan writing, poster making** etc.



On World Environment Day – 2017, **CMS VATAVARAN** partnered with **Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun** to screen select Films on Environment conservation.

The two day festival was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat and saw a participation of a large number of officials and experts, including Shri Siddhant Das (D G Forests, Government of India), Dr. Amita Prasad (Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC), Govt. of India,

Dr. Suresh Gairola (DG ICFRE), Dr. Savita (Director, FRI) many more officials, environment activists, forest officers, faculties and students of FRI and the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE).



**CMS VATAVARAN & CMS Envis Delhi** organized special program for children on the eve of **World Environment Day** on 4th June 2017. On this occasion **Naresh Yadav MLA**, Mehrauli Assembly also participated in the program. Around **60 children** participated were from various **PVR Nest Centres** and **NGOs**.

**Nomination Jury** - The 9th Competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN Nomination Jury Meet was held from July 5–7, 2017, at Amity University, Noida.

The Jury was chaired by **Prof (Col) R K Dargan**, Prof & Advisor, Amity School of Communication. The panel comprised of **33 members** (26 eminent professionals including **environmentalists, journalists, academia** from film and communication background and 7 Student Jury members from Amity School of Communication).





**Award Jury** - The 9th Competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN Award Jury Meet was held from August 28-30, 2017 at Residency Resorts Private Limited, New Delhi. An illustrious group of 12 personalities from cinema, film festivals, media, environment and wildlife sector was part of this award jury and selected awardees for the prestigious CMS VATAVARAN awards from the 113 nominated environment and wildlife films. The Jury was chaired by the eminent filmmaker, Mr. Govind Nihalani.



An interactive session with **Mr Ramesh Sharma**, a multiple national and international award winning filmmaker and director of the acclaimed movie '**New Delhi Times**', was organized at CMS office premises on 2nd September 2017.



CMS VATAVARAN celebrated **World Ozone Day** in collaboration with **Amity University** on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Bhoj Shodh Sanasthan** organized (12, 13 & 14 November 2017) children film festival in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. CMS Vatavaran has provided a special package of films to this festival. Around **800 students** watched these film during these 3 days. Students also actively participated in quiz and discussion after watching the films.



ShivalikEco-cluborganised “**CMSVATAVARAN**” Environment Film Festival on December 21-24, 2017, Moginand (Nahan), Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. CMS VATAVARAN provided a package of 30 films on various environmental conservation issues for the three day festival and approximate 900 school students watched these films from Moginand and surrounding areas of Nahaan (HP).

## Water Festivals in Schools and Colleges:

As a prelude to the 9th CMS VATAVARAN, a number of film screenings and water festivals were organized across NCR region from September 15 to October 25, 2017. These schools hosted film **screenings, competitions** around the **theme of water**. They also participated in the 9th CMS VATAVARAN held from November 2 to 6, 2017 in various programmes.

The following **schools** participated in these activities:

SI No	Date	Name of Host School	Details of Event	No. of Participants	Chief Guest
1	15 Sep, 2017	<b>The Heritage School,</b> Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	Film Screening, poster making competition on water issue.	170	School Principal
2	06 Oct, 2017	<b>Sanskar World School,</b> Meerut Road (UP)	Film Screening	200	School Principal
3	16 Oct, 2017	<b>Gyan Mandir Public School,</b> Naraina Vihar, New Delhi	Film Screening, poster Making on conservation4water and rally on Cracker-less Diwali	150	Delhi Environment Minister Imran Hussain
4	17 Oct, 2017	<b>Venkateshwar International School,</b> Dwarka, New Delhi	Film Screening	200	School Principal
5	23 Oct, 2017	<b>Maharaja Agarsain Public School,</b> Ashok Vihar, Delhi	Film Screening	300	School Principal



The following **institutions** participated in these activities:

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1	25 Sept, 2017	<b>Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences,</b> <b>Amity University,</b> Noida (UP)	Film Screening and poster making competition on Ozone and Environmental Health	250	Dr. Ashok Chauhan, Founder, Amity University
2	13 Oct, 2017	<b>Miranda House College,</b> Delhi University	Film Screening	90	College Vice Principal
3	13 Oct, 2017	<b>Sharda University,</b> Greater Noida (UP)	Film Screening, Poster making competition and play on water conservation issue.	350	College Principal
4	16 Oct, 2017	<b>Acharya Narendra Dev College,</b> Delhi University	Film Screening and Matka Painting competition on water	200	College Principal
5	24 Oct, 2017	<b>Lingaya's University</b>	Film Screening and poster Making Competition on water	150	Vice Chancellor





The 9th CMS VATAVARAN International Film Festival and Forum on Environment & Wildlife, was organised from 2 - 6 November 2017 at the Gandhi Smriti Darshan and Samiti, Rajghat, New Delhi, India. The beautiful and reverent venue gave this festival a special benediction.

This year, the festival saw enthusiastic participation of nominated filmmakers from many countries including Switzerland, Iran, Germany, and from various Indian states. Several eminent conservation experts and nature enthusiasts, participated in this festival, including Padma awardee Shri Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Country Director UNDP Ms. Marina Walter, Ms. Marylaure Crettaz, Head Swiss Cooperation Office and Counsellor, Secretary MOEFCC Mr C K Mishra, Grammy Awardee Ricky Kej, Noted film maker Neela Madhab Panda, Mr Soumitra Dasgupta, IG Wildlife, and Mr. Abhisar Sharma, ABP News. Close to 5,000 participants were part of this five-day film festival and forum. The festival also attracted a lot of younger audience with a rise in attendees from college students studying environment, science and media & journalism studies.



Each day consisted of screening of the nominated films of the 9<sup>th</sup> competitive edition of CMS VATVARAN in two halls simultaneously, seminars, one regular slot for a Green Film Making/ Nature Photography Workshop, Green Haat and competitions for various participating school & college students. The five-day festival had a total of 9 Seminars, 4 workshops, 4 Green Film Making workshops and several other events. These seminars addressed Resources Conservation, Water, Climate Change, Wildlife and Livelihood.

On the festival theme 'Conservation 4 Water', special programs were organised, including workshops, seminars on Conservation through Films, People participation in combatting Wildlife Crime, Sustainable Livelihoods and role of Gandhian Self-governance in conservation.

Filmmaking workshops conducted by Mr. Jalal-ud-Din Baba (award winning Documentary Filmmaker), Mr. Gautam Pandey (Director, *Riverbank Studios*), Mr. Sanjib Parashar (IDPA Golden Award Winner) and Ms. Harsimran Kaur Anand (2017 *Golden Beaver Awardee*) and a Photography Workshop by Dr. Anish Andheria (President, WCT), also turned out to be a huge success with full-packed, enthusiastic participants.

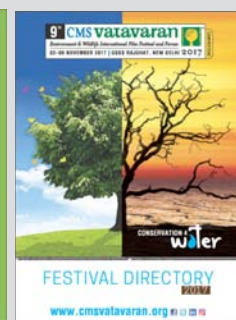
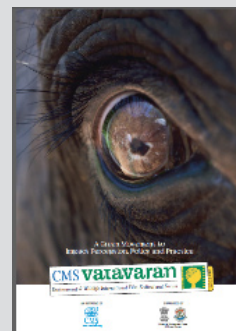
Other special programmes that were part of the 9<sup>th</sup> edition was the National Media Workshop on Climate Change, organised with support of IHCAP, Swiss Development Agency and Department of Science and Technology, GOI. It brought together around 40 environment and wildlife journalists from across the country and had eminent speakers from the Ministry, Swiss Embassy and several conservation experts.

A gala awards night was hosted during the festival to announce and present the prestigious CMS VATAVARAN awards to filmmakers, journalists (Young Environmental Journalism Awards) and conservationists. During this ceremony, more than 20 awards were presented to filmmakers, who were competing in various categories. The Awards were selected from 113 nominated films by an eminent Jury panel, chaired by Mr Govind Nihalani, in 13 categories for Indian films and 5 categories for International films.

The life time achievement awards to conservationist and films makers – Prithvi Bhushan and Prithvi Ratna were also presented on this occasion. The **2017 National Geographic-CMS Prithvi Bhushan Award** was awarded to Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, a Gandhian environmentalist and renowned social activist. The **National Geographic-CMS Prithvi Ratna Award** was conferred to noted filmmaker Ms. Rita Banerji.

A total of 331 films were submitted by filmmakers in 12 categories in the 9th competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN. Consistent with previous festivals, filmmakers from 40 countries entered their films in the international section this year with a total of 158 submissions, while 173 films were entered by filmmakers from 18 Indian states.

The festival was supported and partnered by Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, National Geographic, UNESCO, GSDS, Doordarshan, IHCAP, Down to Earth, National Museum of Natural History, UNDP, CEE, HDFC Bank, NABARD, Wildlife Conservation Trust, CSE, Sony, WWF, WTI, Amity University, TERI University, India Climate Dialogue, The Third Pole and Delhi Greens.



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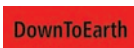
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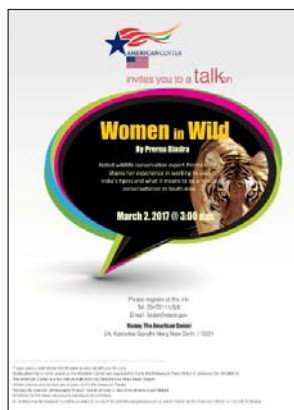






## Events, Seminars & Workshops attended by VATAVARAN Team:

CMS VATAVARAN Team attended the **‘Fourth Annual National Workshop of IHR States under NMSHE’** conference on January 30 & 31, 2017



CMS VATAVARAN Team attended **“Women in Wild”** Talk by conservationist Purna Bindra at American Centre on 2nd March 2017



Dr. Deya Roy was invited as a speaker during the workshop on **The Future of Sustainable Development in the Post-Paris World: The Role of Community Based Organizations**, ABV-Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Gwalior, August 2017



Dr. Deya Roy and Mr. Sabyesachi Bharti were invited to Judge **“Experiential Learning Workshop for school students”**, organised by Hridai in association with Croatia Business Forum in August 2017.



**YES BANK NATURAL CAPITAL AWARDS 2017** was attended by the CMS team on 1st Sep 2017.

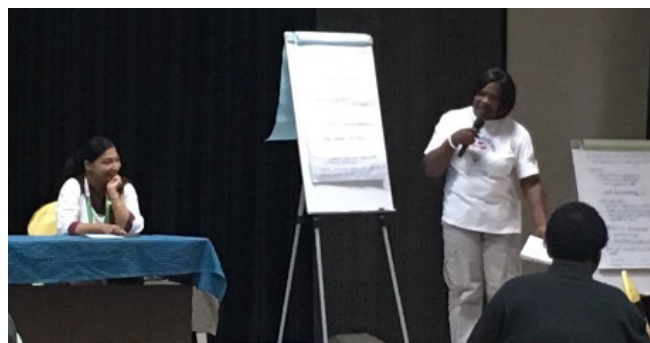


CMS VATAVARAN team attended the launch of **WWF-One Planet Academy** on 11th Sep 2017.

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Dr. Deya Roy acted as a Facilitator and Discussant in Water Conservation Workshop organised by CMS VATAVARAN, hosted by Miranda House Environment Society in October 2017.



Dr. Roy Chaired the Breakout Sessions: Youth and Education /Entrepreneurship and Wildlife-based tourism, in The Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) Conference, New Delhi & Pench National Park in October 2017



Dr. Deya Roy was invited as a discussant for a Roundtable discussion on the topic of air pollution's effects on health, The American Centre, New Delhi on November 16, 2017.



CMS VATAVARAN team attended the XI World Aqua Congress 2017, Silver Oak, Habitat, New Delhi, 9- 10 November 2017.



Dr. Deya Roy was invited as a Judge for evaluation of competitions under Partnerships for Action in Education (PACE), National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India



Ms. PN Vasanti and Mr. Sabyesachi Bharti were invited to be a Part of the National Jury to select the best in-house programmes in Doordarshan for the 11th DD Annual Awards, December 2017

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