



PRESS RELEASE: Caroline Libresco Brings Sundance Expertise to CMS VATAVARAN's Green Film Fete at Sharda University

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As part of the ongoing outreach program series, Green Film Fete, the 12th CMS VATAVARAN International Film Festival and Delhi Wetlands for LiFE Film Festival made a significant impact today at Sharda University, Greater Noida. Students, educators, and environmental enthusiasts came together to engage in meaningful discussions and film screenings, all centered on the urgent need for wetlands conservation and sustainability.

Inspiring Film Screenings:

Attendees were treated to a selection of powerful environmental films covering topics like Wetlands, Water, Wildlife, Climate Change, and Sustainability. These films, aligned with the festival's theme "Wetlands for LiFE," underscored the critical role that wetlands play in preserving our ecosystem, leaving a profound impression on the audience.

Engaging Discussions and Masterclass:

A special highlight of the day was a masterclass conducted by Ms Caroline Libresco, a creative producer and former director of Sundance Women's Initiative, who served as a head programmer at the Sundance Film Festival for 18 years. Her session on "Finding Your Pitch...and Your Film" was well-received by over 200 film students, sparking insightful conversations about storytelling and the art of filmmaking.

Panel Discussion:

Another key event was the panel discussion on 'Inspiring Stories for a Sustainable Future,' moderated by Prof. Sanjeev Sood, filmmaker and professor at Sharda University. The panel featured distinguished participants, including Dr. Nimish Kapoor (Scientist 'E' & Head, Science Films Division), Ms. Shivani Pandey (award-winning photojournalist, writer, filmmaker, and blogger), Ms. Hem Saroya (news anchor at WION), and Mr. Sabyasachi Bharti (Deputy Director, CMS VATAVARAN). The discussion explored how inspiring storytelling can drive awareness and action for a more sustainable world.

The day concluded with participants reaffirming their commitment to eco-friendly practices and wetland conservation in their communities. The event at Sharda University was a resounding success, furthering CMS VATAVARAN's mission to inspire a global movement for a sustainable future.

"It is inspiring to see young minds from Sharda University engage so deeply with the critical issues of wetland conservation and sustainability. With the guidance of industry leaders like Caroline Libresco, we are confident that this generation will drive impactful environmental change through storytelling and innovation." – Ms. P N Vasanti, Director General, CMS

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

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