

LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE



Music, organic food, green haat, film screenings and biodiversity conservation forums — the seventh edition of CMS VATAVARAN International Environment and Wildlife Film Festival and Forum is a mishmash of the serious and the lighthearted. The five-day festival, to be held in the Capital, starts from January 30. The theme this year is maintaining streaming biodiversity at different levels to promote living in harmony with nature.

The biodiversity gala will showcase 150 films along with over 70 speakers in 48 thematic sessions and expert talks. With Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts as its main venue, the festival is an outcome of not-for-profit organisation, Centre for Media Studies' core commitment to go 'beyond research'.

The festival and forum are designed around four sub-themes of the festival — blue agenda, forest biodiversity, mountain biodiversity and inland waters and

wetlands biodiversity. Some speakers at the event include filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan, actor-filmmaker Amol Palekar and conservation biologist Raghawat Chundawat.

The fest will see 1,00,000 participants including policy makers at central and state level, businesses, communities, civil societies, research think tanks — researchers, institutions, scientists, environmentalists, filmmakers and more.

There will also be a dedicated section for children and youngsters. They can indulge in activities such as film screenings for children and workshops on filmmaking and editing. An awards night will be held on February 2.

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