



**Hyderabad CMS VATAVARAN 2006
Environment and Wildlife Travelling Film Festival**



Hyderabad CMS VATAVARAN 2006 - Environment and Wildlife Travelling Film Festival, slated for 7 - 9 December 2006, will be held at Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium, Public Gardens. The festival is jointly organized by CMS, New Delhi and Andhra Pradesh National Green Corps and is partially supported by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Gol.

This traveling film festival, **Hyderabad CMS VATAVARAN 2006** will offer a bouquet of over 30 films. Many of these films have won the coveted CMS VATAVARAN awards. This festival presents an opportunity to view an array of films on topical, Indian environment and wildlife issues.

Besides the screening of the Best of Indian Films on environment and wildlife, **Regional Films** on environment and wildlife from Andhra Pradesh will form a special part of the screenings. A **Wildlife photography exhibition** will also be a part of the 3-day Festival.

To be screened at the film festival will be Shekar Dattatri's **Point Calimere: Little Kingdom by the Coast**, which offers a glimpse into Point Calimere's remarkable ecosystem and its problems. Also to be screened will be the CMS Fellowship film by Prayas, Abhay and Manjushree titled '**Leaving No Trace...Cyclist in the City**', Romulus Whitaker's **Spunky Monkey** on the adaptability of the the Bonnet Macaque, Dhimant Vyas's **Cute Bunny** on keeping the environment clean, Nutan Manmohan's **A Second Hand Life**, on e-waste business will also be screened at the festival.

"CMS VATAVARAN 2006 is a movement. A movement for creating concern and compassion for environment, nature and wildlife in the society. It is a multi-faceted national activity." says Dr. N. Bhaskar Rao, Chairman, CMS.

The festival will felicitate the regional filmmakers to highlight the local environment issues of the region and will reach out to approximately 6000 people including filmmakers, civil society groups, government organizations, environmentalists, researchers, conservationists, policy makers, activists, public and private sector organisations and students of all ages.

The Festival will focus on the Conservation and Restoration of Lakes of Hyderabad. Over more than 500 lakes in Hyderabad are in poor state due to pollution and encroachment. To meet the challenges in the water and urban environment sector, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has passed the A.P. Water, Land and Trees Act 2002 to protect all kinds of water resources. In Hyderabad Metropolitan Area (HMA), there are 169 lakes to store rainwater during monsoon months.

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