

AT A GLANCE

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The All India Women's Conference (AIWC) commemorated the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore on September 14, 2011 at Aga Khan Hall, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi. The event saw coming together of women from all walks of life and were welcomed by Bina Jain, president AIWC. In her inaugural address she said: "We have chosen a subject which is close to our hearts for panel discussion i.e. "Gender & Social Issues in the works of Rabindranath Tagore." Distinguished panelists consisting of highly acclaimed educationists threw light on the topic and its relevance even today.

Dr. Girija Vyas, former chairperson NCW and member Lok Sabha was the chief guest. Dr. Girija Vyas in her inaugural speech brought out the correlation between the present status of women to the writings of Tagore. She discussed how successfully Tagore, through his work, instilled the confidence of "I exist" in women of that age.

Renowned singer Jayati Ghosh presented a heart rendering musical performance of Tagore which was appreciated by all those present. This was followed by a ballet presented by the dance troupe from the Song and Drama Division.

The programme ended with a film show on Rabindranath Tagore directed by Satyajit Ray.

NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The much awaited nominations for 2011 CMS VATAVARAN, India's much appreciated environment and wildlife film festival have been announced today. The films have been nominated by a 37-member nomination jury headed by an eminent scholar and diplomat Dr Abid Hussain. The festival received more than 300 entries from 27 countries and 21 Indian states.

A total of 51 films have been nominated for this year's festival from 12 states of the country. Delhi has topped the list with 21 films followed by Kerala (8 films), Maharashtra (5 films) and

Karnataka (4 films). Two films each have been nominated from Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. From Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Punjab one film has been nominated.

CMS VATAVARAN is India's premier festival and forum on environment and wildlife issues. The 6th biennial competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN will be held in New Delhi from December 6-10, 2011. The theme of CMS VATAVARAN 2011 is Biodiversity Conservation and is in sync with India hosting the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 11th Conference of Parties (CoP11) in October 2012. The festival aims to bring to the fore larger environmental concerns through films. It forges a dialogue and generates timely debate on the topical environmental issues involving the public. The festival was initiated in 2002.

POLITICIANS MAKE A FASHION STATEMENT

One seem to be the days when Indian politicians wore crumpled saris and white kurtas clothes, to project the image of being one with the masses. These days, most of them are making fashion statements before a new generation of voters, says Meera Deswal, a fashion designer of Ballabgarh. She claims to be designing clothes for politicians, among others, S.S. Surjewala, BJP leader, Sushma Swaraj, Karnataka governor, Hans Raj Bhardwaj and Haryana chief minister, Bhupinder Singh Hooda. She strongly believes that a leader should be impressively dressed as he/ she represents a society; if they are dressed smartly, half the battle is won.

In terms of fabric, it is mostly silk, linen and synthetics, and in terms of clothes from the basic white starched Kurta-Pyjamas (Khadi/ Silken Dhoti/ sari that go well for most occasions.

Reena Dhaka (of Gurgaon), an associate of Shah Naz Hussain, says that the young breed of politicians is initiating a whole idea of looking smart. You have the example of among others, Hina Khar, the petite foreign minister of Pakistan. Designer Sudhir Diwan supplies clothes to politicians like Omar Abdullah, Farooq Abdulla, Abhay Chautala and Ram Vilas Paswan. Most of them change the dress every day.

Delhi chief minister, Sheila Dixit, though not

so young, can be seen in ethnic Sari every day. The same goes for the Congress supremo, Sonia Gandhi's impressive array of Paithani cotton saris and handloom silks. A former public health minister of Haryana, Parsani Devi is invariably impressively dressed in cotton saris, procured generally, from the Khadi Udyog Bhawan of New Delhi.

WORKSHOP ON FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

A workshop on fashion photography under the tutelage of Jatin Singh, who is ibibo fashion contest winner, was organised on September 4 at

Image Craft Photo-Video Fair. The event was organised by EZPVLA in association with Photography Engine and Vanguard. During the workshop participants were taught about the nuances of the fashion photography and Kajal Sharma, a makeup and hairstylist, also talked about the importance of makeup during the shoot. Prior to this workshop group has conducted a couple of workshops in Delhi and on September 29 next workshop on the same theme will be conducted in Kerala.



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