

CMS VATAVARAN ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL @ CONVENTION CENTRE, OPP JANTAR MANTAR, JAI SINGH ROAD

Nature lovers can watch some popular environment and wildlife films at this festival. Entry free. For details: www.cmsvatavaran.org



The Pack-5 Episodes (English), Dec 7, 10.30 am; Director: Senani Hegde; Asiatic wild dogs, also known as dhole, are one of the most fascinating pack-living predators in Indian forests. Until a few decades ago, they were branded as bloody killers. Hegde, a wildlife filmmaker and naturalist, tracks the dhole in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve for over 15 years, and dispels many misconceptions.



Amazon Alive: Hidden Secrets (English), Dec 7, noon; Director: Christian Baumeister; The Amazon has long been hailed as a biological treasure trove, but today we are realising

that this is only part of its remarkable story.

Blood and Iron (English), Dec 7, 3 pm; Director: Paranjoy Guha Thakurta; This film highlights the political, economic and ecological consequences of iron ore mining in and around the Bellary district of Karnataka and Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh.



Anna Data— Food for Thought (Hindi), Dec 8, 11 am; Director: Umesh Aggarwal; Taking a look at the concept of food security in India, the film tries to reveal the truth about the public distribution system, and other government schemes, which contradicts what the ground situation is.

Kosi: Injustice with Millions of Villagers and Revolt by Kosi River, Dec 8, 6 pm; Director: Vishal Nityanand; The film tells the story of the River Kosi and the issues associated with it.

Cotton for My Shroud (Hindi and Marathi), Dec 9, 11 am; Directors: Nandan Saxena, Kavita Bahi; Once known for its fine cotton, the Vidarbha belt is now termed as the 'graveyard of farmers' by statisticians. What is driving cotton farmers in India to despair?



Water and A City (Kannada and English), Dec 9, 2 pm; Director: Swati Dandekar; Set in Bangalore, the film traces the journey of water into and out of urban homes. Along this journey, it looks at how cities and city dwellers across social and economic strata interact with water.

A Pestering Journey (Malayalam, English, Punjabi, Hindi and Tulu), Dec 10, 11.30 am; Director: K R Manoj; A voyage through two pesticide tragedies in post-Independent India, this film is an attempt to interrogate the legitimate forms and technologies of killing available in a so-called cultural society.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Organised by CMS Vatavaran, this animation festival is a treat for kids of all age groups @ National Science Centre, near Pragati Maidan, Bhairon Marg, Entry free

Dec 6, 9.30 am, My Home is Green (silent), Director: Sajan Sindhu; A lonely ant, which lost his entire tribe in a pesticide mishap meets a baby caterpillar. A relationship develops between the two.



Dec 6, 11.30 am: The Last Tiger (silent), Director: Raghunath K and Shri Ramwar; An old man and his grandson visit a zoo and find that the tiger's enclosure is empty. At the zoo's museum, they find the tiger's skeleton...A film on tiger conservation.

Dec 7, 9.30 am; Vikalpa: A Film on Effective Waste Management (English), Director: Ujjwal Utakarsh; Young Raju likes to play cricket. On being asked to dispose garbage on his way to school, he throws it on the playground. The garbage pile grows, his cricket ball gets lost in it and Raju gets late for school.



Dec 7, 12 noon, Light of the River (Japanese with English subtitles), Director: Tetsuo Hirakawa; Two young black rats — Tarta and Chichi — set out on a long journey in search of a safe haven. Every time they are in trouble, other charming animals help them out. A moving tale about bonding.

Dec 7, 1.30 pm; Save Water Save Life, Director: Supriya Sakamuri; This public service advertisement focuses on the importance of water in our life.

Dec 8, 2 pm, The Jungle Gang: Meets the Rhino (English); This film on wildlife exposes kids to the diverse wild flora and fauna of India.

Dec 8, 9.30 am; Woody Tale (silent), Director: Kishore Kumar Singh; A woodcutter goes to the forest to cut trees but has to run for his life when the entire jungle comes



alive and tries to catch him.

Dec 9, 9.30 am; Roads (silent), Director: Shankar S; The horrors of deforestation, and



the plight of 'Heaven', when it is unwittingly destroyed by a little boy.

Dec 9, 1.30 pm; Bunty's Tree (silent); Director: Jasraj Singh Bhatti; This animation is a touching story of the bond that exists between a little boy, living in a picturesque valley and a tree that grows in the courtyard of his house.