



Toxics Link & IIC present Environmental Film Festival “Quotes from the Earth”

December 1, 2022; New Delhi: ‘Quotes from the Earth’, an Environmental film festival organized by Toxics Link and India International Centre (IIC) opened today in the capital city of Delhi. The festival, supported by the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation and Friends Foundation International, was inaugurated by Shri Rahul Ram, a celebrated bass guitarist and lead vocalist for the rock-fusion band Indian Ocean, who is also known for his work as an environmentalist and social activist. The two-day festival will stimulate a dialogue on environmental struggles and concerns through films and panel discussion.

The festival aims to sensitize people on a healthier and cleaner tomorrow using the medium of films. This year, 26 films will be screened, including critically acclaimed films such as Sherni, directed by Amit V. Masurkar, and The Last Seed, directed by Andrea Gemma. The films being screened in the festival are on different themes, spanning across ecological justice, water, conservation, and sustainable living to understand and empathize with the world’s most critical environmental issues. The film festival is an opportunity for people of NCR to experience films from Russia, Ukraine, Greece, Canada, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Venezuela, Indonesia, Nepal, and many other nations, and also see thought-provoking films by renowned Indian environmental filmmakers.

The film festival opened with a cultural programme which included an invocation dance by the students of Shri Ram School - Aravali campus, and a group song on five elements by students from the Shriram Millennium School, Gurugram. The cultural programme also included a



thought-provoking dance performance by The Creation Dance Group, a contemporary dance troupe which showcased the issue of Ganga pollution.

Ravi Agarwal, Director, Toxics Link, in his welcome address mentioned about the major problems of environment which are interwoven with human intervention. He harped on conservation of human beings as well as non-human and emphasized on creating a sustainable environment

for every being. He stated “people who make the films can never be forgotten.”

Rahul Ram, the Chief Guest, in his introductory remark shared his experiential narratives of Sunderlal Bahugana Ashram at the age of 17 years at Garhwal highlighting the dire conditions of women and children there. He enthralled the full house at the auditorium with snippets from his famous song, 'Ma Rewa', a native folk song on river Narmada.



The film festival, now in 9th edition, organised by environmental group Toxics Link is on at the **India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, on December 1st & 2nd, 2022 from 9.45 a.m. onwards. Entry to the film festival is free.**

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About Toxics Link:

Toxics Link is an Indian environmental research and advocacy organisation set up in 1996, engaged in disseminating information to help strengthen the campaign against toxics pollution, provide cleaner alternatives and bring together groups and people affected by this problem.

Toxics Link's Mission Statement – "Working together for environmental justice and freedom from toxins."

About Quotes from the Earth:

In 2004, Toxics Link, and the India International Centre, with the support of the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, launched "Quotes from the Earth," an environmental film festival in the Indian Capital. The film festival uses a discursive platform to highlight environmental challenges at the national and international levels through films, which are one of the most prominent mediums of communication.

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