



Press Release

10th Biennial Edition of Environmental Film Festival “Quotes from the Earth” To Begin in New Delhi on December 6

Toxics Link and India International Centre to screen 36 films selected from across the globe on water, waste, climate change, man-animal conflict, conservation, sustainability

New Delhi, November 27, 2024: The tenth biennial edition of one of the country’s oldest environmental film festivals, “Quotes from the Earth”, will be held at the India International Centre (IIC) on December 6-7, 2024. The two-day fest will take you through the fascinating world of wild animals, dwindling and thriving biodiversity, mounting waste management problems, climate emergency and the diligence and oblation of indigenous communities and women climate activists in preserving the beautiful bounty of the Earth.

The festival will be inaugurated by Ambassador of Norway to India May-Elin Stener at 9:45 a.m. on December 6. Before the films are screened, the audience will have the pleasure of watching beautifully crafted short cultural performances on ecological protection by schoolchildren and a professional dance drama group.

At least 36 films on diverse environmental issues like climate change, water, waste management, conservation, sustainable living and environmental justice will be screened during the fest. Between the first film, a documentary on a real-life man-eating tiger “Mustafa” in the jungles of Uttar Pradesh’s Pilibhit and the last show, the feature film “Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga” starring actor Pankaj Tripathy on December 7, audiences will have the glee of watching many more films revelling the beautiful bond between humans, animals and Mother Earth and the story of a tiger widow in the Sundarbans of Bangladesh.

Ravi Agarwal, Founder Director, Toxics Link, says: *“Good cinema informs, educates, inspires, awakens, unites and brings together like-minded people to work towards a common cause. Way back in 2004, when the Cine Fest was started by Toxics Link and India International Centre, the idea was clear: to*

use the medium of motion pictures to create public awareness and increase people's participation in the conversation on environmental conservation. Twenty years later, the festival continues to celebrate good cinema and engage more and more people in the conversation."

From the Amazon forest in Brazil to Sundarbans in India and Bangladesh, from the regal Macaws in the Americas to Marsh Antwren in the tranquil marshlands of Guaratuba, from Italy's Maputo dump district to the remote community of Mapoon in Australia cleaning up plastic waste from their beaches, the festival will see some of the best films carefully and mindfully chosen from across the globe.

Some breathtaking films on the majestic sea turtles in India and Africa, a film on world's largest open-air used cloth market at Alto Hospicio in Chile, a film on young forest defenders in the United Kingdom, films on women climate activists in Latin America and Indonesia, films on lakes and the thriving biodiversity in Turkey and Canada, will be the other attractions during the film festival.

Entry to the festival is completely free!

Besides watching the films, environmental enthusiasts will also have the opportunity to get into a dialogue with the filmmakers present during the event. *Satish Sinha, Associate Director, Toxics Link, says: "During all the previous festivals, it has been a pleasure to see filmmakers, film lovers and environment enthusiasts engaged in intriguing discussions after the screening of a film. This year, we would also love to see people from all walks of life walk in, watch films, and further the conversation around environmental conservation. Discourses with the filmmakers as they share their insights on filmmaking, especially on environmental issues, has always been and will always be a special feature of the fest."*

A panel discussion on "Future of Environmental Filmmaking: Navigating the Challenges", will be organised on the second day of the fest before it culminates with the screening of the feature film "Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga" at 5:30 pm on December 7.

About Toxics Link

Toxics Link is an Indian environmental research and advocacy organisation set up in 1996. The non-profit is engaged in disseminating information to help strengthen the campaign against toxic 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."

More At: www.toxicslink.org

About India International Centre

India International Centre is a non-government institution widely regarded as a place in the national capital New Delhi where statesmen, diplomats, policymakers, intellectuals, scientists, jurists, writers, artists and members of civil society meet to initiate the exchange of new ideas and knowledge in the spirit of international cooperation. Against the frenetic pace of city life, IIC offers an ambience for reflection and leisured conversation.

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