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From the Editor's Desk...

Environment education and awareness programs have been on the anvil of Indradhanushya Environment And Citizenship Centre, which is quite evident from the series of programs conducted in the first half of the financial year 2013. Just after the monsoons there is a boost in festival season where festivals of all kinds start and welcome the winter season with open arms. The team at Indradhanushya has taken up this opportunity to inculcate the message of nature, green and environment through some of the induction programs as well as celebrating environmental days occurring during the season. The biodiversity photo exhibition brought out an excellent collection of photographs from the environmental shutter bugs of Maharashtra and around. The importance of living a chemical free life in daily rigmarole of city life was stressed upon in the workshops of *Olakh Paryavanachi* where in natural alternatives to FMCG products were shown to the participants

It gives me immense pleasure to present the news letter which is volume no. 4 in series of newsletters since inception in 2011.

Shri Ashok Ghorpade
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

School Visits At Indradhanushya Centre:



**Physically Challenged Students From Chainchawad Vidhyalaya Nigadi
visited on 29th May 2013 at *Indradhanushya Centre***



Future Pathshala:

A week program for age group of 14 to 24 yrs students was organized at *Indradhanushya centre*. Career development such as personality development, stage fear and environment related topics were covered for these students. In this program *Indradhanushya centre* was introduced to them & documentary on *shekaru* was shown.

Action For Right Of The Child:

It is network of NGOs in Pune working on children's issues. A full day film festival was organized for underprivileged children from communities in Pune. These movies were about social and environmental issues. The children were from slum area visited the *Indradhanushya centre*. The centre was explained and then documentaries were shown to students on environment.

Training Program On Centre For Earth Architect And Sustainable:

Centre for Earth Architecture & Sustainable Integrated Development (CEASID) founded in July 2010 by Ar. Shubha Mishra, is a private organization; which aims to promote Earth Architecture & Sustainable Integrated Development'; through conducting training programs, workshops, researches, writings, architectural journalism, architectural & livelihood projects & service for humanity & nature with a holistic approach. CEASID Architecture students from various parts of India are coming to attend the Seminars & Design studios on various Topics of Sustainable & Organic Architecture given by Ar. Shubha Mishra, Founder-Director CEASID. The topics covered in these workshops were Sustainability, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Planning & Sustainable Architecture, Sustainable Integrated Design Approach for Architectural & Planning Projects Sustainable Site, Water, Energy & Waste management, Sustainable Human Resource management and Organic architecture

Eco club :

Pune Municipal Corporation's Indradhanushya Environment & Citizenship Centre has started *Indradhanu Eco-club* for students of std. 7th and above with an aim to spread the message of Environment and impacts of urbanization on nature.

Indradhanu Eco-club is an effort of Pune Municipal Corporation to provide students a platform to perform and recognize their calibre and potential in terms of knowledge and awareness for environment, acknowledge it and encourage students for conservation of nature.

It is a practical approach towards better understanding of syllabus taught to the students in their regular curriculum. We strive to provide students with information about environmental issues in the city as well as at national level. As a part of Eco-club activities, your institute can visit Indradhanushya Environment & Citizenship Centre which has a permanent exhibit of 2D/3D displays about Pune city and its environment. We also arrange expert lectures and guidance by guest speakers in your premises. The Eco-club is a completely social initiative of Pune Municipal Corporation in which all the programs can be conducted free of cost.

To be a part of this initiative we expect that approximately 20 interested student from each school/college can give their details as per the form along with this letter. For additional information, please email us at indradhanushya@punecorporation.org or visit our website www.indradhanushya.doodlekit.com



Eco-friendly Rakhi competition at Sambhaji Udyan



Prize Distribution of Ecofriendly Rakhi competition at Sambhaji Udyan



Ecofriendly Ganapati Decoration workshop at Rathi School



An Audio Recording of eco-club Activity by Student at Vidyavani Radio station



An Audio Recording of eco-club Activity by Student at Vidyavani Radio station

COLLEGE VISITS AT INDRADHANUSHYA CENTRE



Students under Exchange Program Visited Indradhanushya centre

A group of some Swedish students visited Indradhanushya and had a look around the premises and the facilities available in it.

ENVIRONMNET EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CITIZENS

Biodiversity Photo exhibition:



OnWorld Biodiversity day on 22nd May 2013 Indradhanushya Centre in association withMaharashtra Biodiversity board and Forest Department

organized Photography competition. The topic was “Biodiversity in Maharashtra”. Around 500 entries came for competition. The exhibition of this competition was held at Aba Bagul Garden’s art Gallery. The exhibition was held on 22nd and 23rd May 2013. The photography exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Mahesh Pathak, Commissioner of Pune Municipal Corporation.

World Vulture Day Celebration



On World Vulture Day a lecture of Dr. Kazveen Umrigar, retired zoo director of Rajiv Gandhi Zoo was organized by Nature walk and Forest dept, in Pune on 7th Sept.2013. Hon Minister Patangrao Kadam inaugurated the photography exhibition.

Wild Shoots :

This is a joint activity organized by Indradhaunshya , Nature Walk Charitable Trust and WWF. Films made on Wildlife are screened in Wild Shoots. People from various walks of life attend the same. The screening is done and is free for all. Wild Shoots was inaugurated by the hands of Famous Film Directors Mr. Girish Kulkarni and Sujay Dahake.



Films screened till date :-

- Ajoba : A new film titled Ajoba 's trailer by Sujay Dahake was screened . The film is based on amazing journey of a collared leopard called Ajoba. (5th June 2013)

- Waghabacha Khatla : A small documentary titled Waghabacha Khatla was screened which throws light on Man-Leopard Conflict. (5th June 2013)
- The Whistling Dogs : A film by Bedi Brothers on Life of Wild Dogs was screened (23rd Aug 2013)
- Rajaji National Park : A film on Rajaji National Park by Praveen Singh was screened . The film throws light on the threats faced by this National Park.
- The Wild Meat Trail : This film throws light on the Illegal Hunting practiced in some of the tribal villages in North East. The film is produced by Rita Banerjee and Shilpa Sharma.

Monthly Workshop “On Olakh Paryavarnachi”:

1ST WORKSHOP:

CHEMICAL FREE LIFE STYLE



The students from graduation came for the eco-friendly Lifestyle workshop. In this workshop Dr.Promod Moghe, retired Scientist from National Chemical Laboratory and Niranjana Upasane from Bluewiss given guidance to students how to live chemical free life style.

2ND WORKSHOP



“Olakh Paryavarnachi” workshop organized by Indradhanushya at Paryavaran Mitra Park.

The workshop was organized for school students of Savitribai Phule vidyalay, bhavani peth. The *Paryavaran Mitra Park* was shown to std 5th students. The student were told how to keep environment clean & Some wildlife clipping and documentary screening was done at *Paryavaran Mitra Park*.

3RD WORKSHOP



Eco-friendly Ganapati decoration workshop was organized for citizens of pune. In this workshop Mr. Dharane guided the citizens how to do decoration ecofriendly by using chart paper and with help of vegetables.

4TH WORKSHOP :

ECO-FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE & PRASBAGETIL VANASAPTICHI LAGVAD



In this workshop how to live ecofriendly lifestyle i.e without using synthetic chemicals was told to participants. This concept was basically taken by Dr. Moghe. The lecture & demonstration was given by Dr Sucheta Karande. The eco friendly tooth paste was made by Peeyush Paranjpe as demonstration. Mr. Umesh Awasarkar explained to participant about useful medicinal plants which can grow at kitchen Garden.

5TH WORKSHOP :COMPOSTING & INDOOR PLANTS



In this workshop demonstration cum lecture was given by Mr.Firdosh. The composting culture was given by *Indradhanushya centre* after the workshop.

He told the participants how to segregate dry and wet waste.

6TH WORKSHOP:ECO-FRIENDLY DIWALI

Indradhanushya conducted a workshop for Eco-friendly Diwali in association with Shashwat Eco Solution Foundation on 29th Oct. 2013. The material for Akash Kandil was given to participants.



Jividha:

Jividha is an organization which is working in environment field. Shri Rajiv Pandit is the chairman of this organization. Hirvai program is for motivation in common people about plantation of native trees organized by Jividha. This was second year of this event conducted on 8,9,&10th august 2013. Last year also they conducted this event at Indradhanushya. Three Lectures were organized such as Plants & Engineering by Prof.S.D.Mahajan, Evolution of plants by Prof. P.K. Ghankar & Flowering Calendar by Dr. Mandar Datar. Also one Cultural Program such as Kathak Dance on Theme Shiva & Natural Resources was performed. Exhibition on Information of Native Plants and Things created from Waste of Plant parts. Free Distribution of Native Plant Sampling were given to participants. Lecture of Dr. Mahesh Shindikar. Topic - Diversity & Ecology of Mangroves

Dr. Mahesh is an Expert & Adviser to State in Mangroves. Lecture on Dragonflies by young Scientist Miss. Aboli Kulkarni. She explained How to

Identify them, Their Habitat, Diversity, threats & Conservation Policies Slide show by

Dr. Prakash Divakar on - Plant Diversity & Tribal Life Of Andaman. Dr. Divakar is Ex. Director of Botanical Survey of India , Pune Div. He lived in Andaman for 4 years & he studied one of the Andamani Tribe Jarva.

Ray Design Studio :

Ray Design Studio works in the field of education and design. They conducted workshop on “Street Photography” to appreciate, and capture the environment and the rich heritage and legacy of our city that is preserved through decades. Indradhanushya is one such platform provided by the PMC, which encourages such educational activities.

Square Foot Gardening:

Workshop on Square Foot Gardening (SFG) was organized at Indradhanushya Centre by Development Support Centre. SFG enables one to grow vegetables, fruits, herbs, etc in small areas like gardens, balconies, terraces, etc. The workshop covered theoretical & practical aspects of SFG. It was conducted by Mr Anil Kapur, an expert in SFG, based in Bangalore.



Swachh Pune Training Program :

Training of volunteers involved in Nirmalya Collection on the ghats during the Ganapati Visarjan in September 2013. The college students from different colleges came for training.

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