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We never cross the country borders without permission, but we always cross the borders of forests to experience the wild-life and leave its ecosystem destroyed.

Protect the wildlife and nurture it !!”

Dr. Vinitaa Apte

Founder President, TERRE



NATIONAL
WILDLIFE
WEEK



2nd October to 8th October is celebrated as Wildlife Week by Government of India. Even on International level, animals and their habitat have great importance.

While working in the environment field, I always think “Do animals have souls?” The answer is Yess!! The entire animal kingdom, irrespective of their sizes and habits possess souls. Like humans, they are also beings (bhutas), who are subject to the Laws of Nature and the cycle of birth and death. We may consider them ignorant, but

they have their own language and intelligence. They also perform an important duty in creation and occupy chief place in the manifestation and evolution of life.

Ancient Indian culture, especially Hinduism and Buddhism give high importance to animals. They are frequently mentioned in Hindu mythologies and legends, and enjoy a place of their own in Hindu pantheon as vehicles of many gods and goddesses. All over the world, people use various kinds of animals for domestic, military, commercial,

recreational or medicinal purposes. Hindu scriptures mention the use of cows, sheep, oxen, buffaloes, rhinoceros, camels, asses, elephants, birds, boars, pigs, dogs, snakes, fish, tigers, lions and many mythical creatures. Animals were used in trade and commerce, hunting, animal fights, gambling, defense, transportation, sacrificial ceremonies, medicines and as gifts and food. Snakes or snake poison were used to kill enemies or even kings.

I believe Human and Animals co-exist and are dependent on each other. Therefore, every human being needs to acknowledge, respect and animals through out the year and not only during the Wildlife Week.

- Dr. Vinitaa Apte





A large group of students in school uniforms are standing in rows in a hall, facing towards the front. Several teachers are standing in front of the students, observing them. The students are wearing white shirts and dark skirts or trousers. The hall has wooden walls and a polished floor.



Interaction with Corporators of Pune Municipal Corporation at TERRE office



On World Ozone day, Founder President, Dr. Vinitaa Apte and Chairman, Rajendra Shende of TERRE Policy centre invited the chief corporators of Pune for a round table discussion. The sole objective of the discussion was to instil strong attempt of making the city more environmentally conscious and active through the corporators and experts, who have lot of capacity in going beyond the common practices of Municipal Corporation. The programme started with an introduction of TERRE Policy Centre and the highlights of its various environment projects, followed by the self-composed music video called as, 'Vasundhara geet'.

Rajendra Shende, Chairman at TERRE and Former Director at UNEP (United Nations Environment Protection) briefly explained the importance of ozone layer to help in the understanding of its cause and preventive measures. He shared his experience and contributions in ozone protection and said, "With the consistent efforts in science and research, we have been able to safeguard the further depletion of ozone, and by 2050-2060 we can achieve lot more in having ozone layer like how it was back in earlier times. For that we must understand and act as faithful stewards of our planet."



The honorary presence of Corporator, Madhuri Sahasrabudhe was an effective lead, as she is one of the influential and active members. She addressed the attendees with the initiatives that she has been successfully carrying out in schools. She added, "It is very important for all of us to understand the global activities that we can adopt locally to make sure that implementation is done at an efficient manner". The discussion also included Manjushree Khardekar, Veena Godbole, Kritika Deshmukh, Deepak Pote, Jayant Bhawe, Madhavi Keskar, Sushil Mengde and Varsha Bidhe. Manjushree Khardekar explained how the biomedical van started by them has been helping them in proper collection, management and disposal of such wastes in their wards. She strongly believes that all the wards should adopt the same to achieve similar management that is effective and easy.

The discussion concluded with the Ozzy Ozone video and on that note, Dr. Vinitaa Apte proposed that 'Clean Climate Development' (CCD) forum could be formed, where all the eco-friendly solutions could be shared by everyone. The forum would have lot of ideas to be implemented in making the Pune city eco-friendly ward-by-ward.





25th & 26th Sept, 2017: **Volunteering activity by TATA Motors in Mhalunge (Urban forestry site)**

On 23rd September, TERRE Policy Centre undertook an interactive session on 'Devrai (Sacred Grove) – current status and conservation' by Dr. Manik Phatak. She is a member of Maharashtra Vruksh Samvardhini, Pune and Mission Devrai. Starting from where we can find the sacred groves to its importance, she shared many of the experiences with the audience. Further she showed few slides of the flora from Devrai and explained the special characteristics of them. Also she presented videos of fauna in Devrai and described its endemism. She added, "Not only in

Rendezvous : A talk on Devrai



India but in whole Asia continent, the evidence of worshiping sacred grove has been found."

TERRE President Dr. Vinitaa Apte concluded the programme with the vote of thanks.

TERRE Olympiad journey so far...

No.	Registrations	BUD Category	Flower Category	Total
1.	Schools Registered	-	-	1492
2.	Students Registered	61,760	62,409	124169
3.	Attempted exams	56011	56191	112202

The first round result will be declared soon.

For more information, please the website below:

www.terregreenolympiad.com





**28th Sept, 2017: Meeting with Finance Minister,
Hon. Sudhir Mungantiwar to increase green cover in Maharashtra**

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Ardeotis Kori



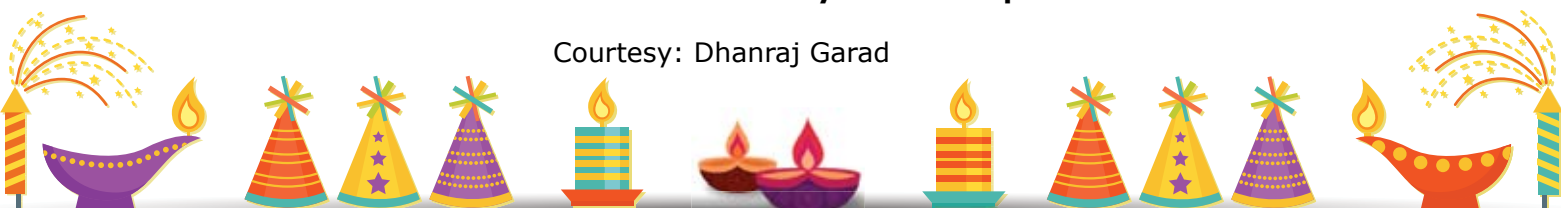
In breeding season, one will find male's Courtship display at regularly used sites. Each male has several display areas. These displays usually take place in the mornings and evenings. The courtship displays of the males are very impressive and elaborate. I was lucky enough to see one at Nannaj Solapur.

P.C. Milind Halbe



"With Diwali and firecrackers coming again, we must keep our ears covered! Only we can help ourselves."

Courtesy: Dhanraj Garad



Introducing TERRE's brand new initiative "Prakashache Bet"



There are few individuals and communities around Maharashtra, who struggle hard in grass-root level to conserve and sustain the natural ecosystem. Solely on the basis of their knowledge and skills, they rather do applaudable contribution

for environment. TERRE has therefore, launched its new initiative to identify and award the work that miss out on getting the exposure that they deserve. The initiative is called 'Prakashache Bet', which symbolises 'A Ray of Hope'.

The honorary jury members would be:

1. **Dr. Vinitaa Apte**
President,
TERRE Policy Centre
2. **Mr. Sunil Limaye**
CCF, Maharashtra state
3. **Mrs. Chaitrali Chandorkar**
Editor, Maharashtra Times
4. **Ms. Meenakshi Gurav**
Journalist, Sakal

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Which is the first National Park of India?

1. Jim Corbett National Park
2. Bandipur National Park
3. Tadoba National Park
4. Kanha National Park

If you know the answer, send in your entry to us at

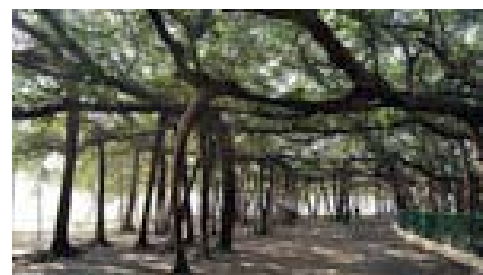
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WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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(anilewad@gmail.com)

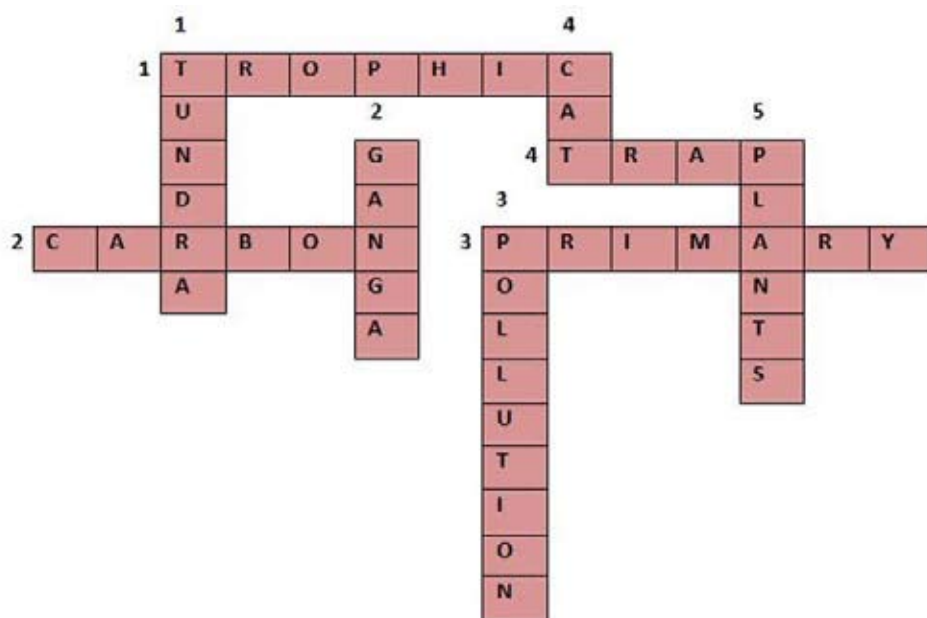
NUMBER OF THE MONTH



255

The oldest citizen of the city, Great Banyan (255 years old) hasn't stopped growing at the Indian Botanic Garden, Shibpur.

Last Crossword Answer



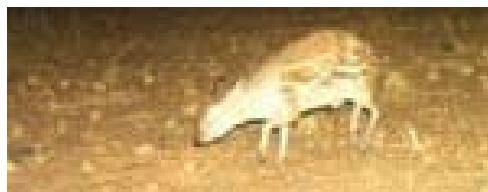
NEWS NETWORK

River conservation: Maharashtra to organize tree plantation conclave for awareness



<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/developmental-issues/maharashtra-to-organize-tree-plantation-conclave-to-conserve-and-protect-rivers/articleshow/60708752.cms>

Indian mouse deer spotted after 112 years in Chhattisgarh



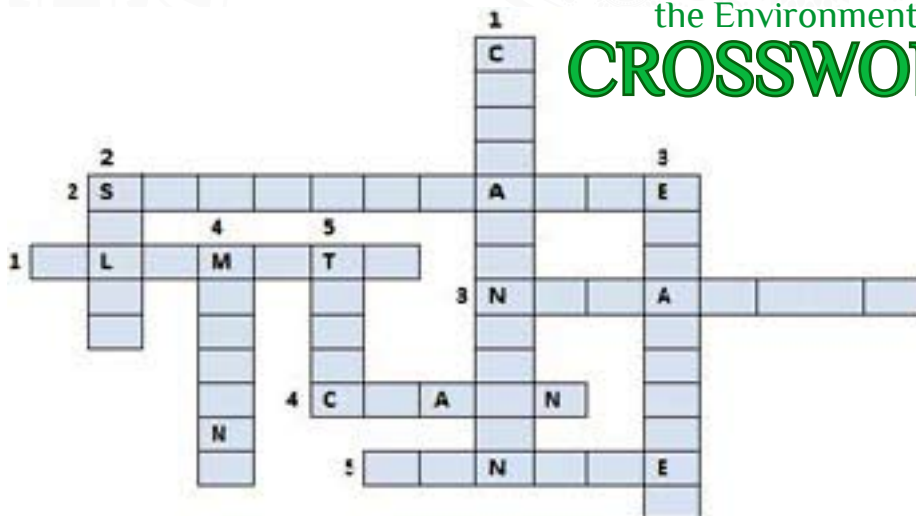
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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/biggest-smallest-animals-at-high-extinction-risk-study/articleshow/60746783.cms>

the Environment CROSSWORD



Increase your IQ and Knowledge by solving this Environmental base

Crossword and send it on

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DOWN:

1. Presence of an unwanted constituent or impurity in a material/environment.
2. A renewable energy harnessed from sun.
3. A species which is at risk of becoming extinct, threatened by changing environment.
4. Biogas is rich in this compound.
5. Many elements like lead, mercury, etc are _

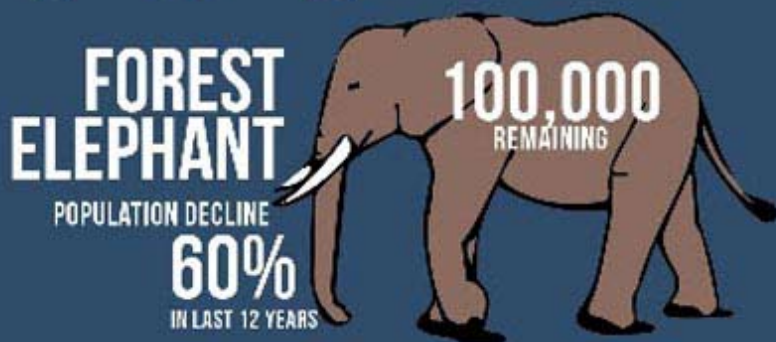
ACROSS:

1. The general variations of weather in a region over long periods of time.
2. _____ development meets the needs of the present without compromising the future generation's needs.
3. Oil pollution has a ____ effect on the development of marine organisms.
4. Food ____ is a linear network of links in a food web.
5. The spill of this compound in Baia Mare, Romania, in 2000 is the worst environmental disaster in Europe since Chernobyl.



EARTH
HAS LOST **50%**
OF ITS WILDLIFE
IN THE PAST 40 YEARS

ONE GREEN PLANET



Let's not forget
mother nature !
Say no to
firecrackers and celebrate

Eco Friendly Diwali !
Enjoy HAPPY &
SAFE DIWALI !

Happy Diwali



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