



Save Water This HOLI*
Let nature keep playing it's HOLI forever
On our Earth....



say
Happy Holi

without wasting the precious Water on this World Water Day

Happy Women's Day

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President Corner

**She who was not willing to drink first
if you had not been watered,
she who, though fond of ornaments,
would not pick buds out of affection for you,
She is the one who nurtured you with
her unconditional love - The Woman**



Dr. Vinitaa Apte
Founder President, TERRE

The Power behind Beautiful Earth

My mother used to tell us that every woman has a power to protect the surroundings & ultimately, the environment through her good habits, unconditional love & energy. Down the memory lane, I found myself playing on the hill near our house. The hill that once was a lush-green and dense forest now has lost its charm as many buildings have come up on that hill. The rules of forest are being violated under the label of DEVELOPMENT. I strongly feel that there is a correlation between violation of Dharma and destruction of Earth. Every human being in this modern era is more materialistic but ancient women were

caring towards nature. She used to give her thoughts of binding towards nature and environment to the family. The materialistic world is now detached from the environment. They are just attracted to the benefits they can selfishly extract from nature.

We need to change our consumption habits besides strengthening our conservation policies and I believe only women can do it. She can influence the healthy habits in her family & nurture the nature. We can see that our luxurious lifestyle & greed is the main problem. Before blaming others we should control our behaviour. If there is no wildlife, no biodi-

versity, no food, how can we survive? We cannot eat diamonds or sapphires. We need simple things. Great personalities have taught us how to lead a simple life in harmony with nature. Women have a deeper connection with nature. It is a need of the hour that we realize this bond and act accordingly.

I salute all the women who nurture environment through their small acts on this International Women's Day!

Dr. Vinitaa Apte
Founder President, TERRE



TERRE's consistent efforts to reduce day-to-day struggle of women through its activities in remote areas is always a dearest success...

Nurturing Environment by Empowering Women



Dr. Vinitaa Apte, TERRE President distributing water tanks to reduce water storage issues in Vandre village, Mulshi



TERRE distributed solar lamps to women of Vandre village, Mulshi to avoid unpredicted threats faced due to unavailability of light

8th - 9th February 2018 TERRE as resource member for

“Impact of Sustainable Development Goals on International Business” in MITSOM, Pune

TERRE was invited as resource member in Two-days State Level Seminar on “Impact of Sustainable Development Goals on International Business”. This was organised by MAEER's MITSOM College in association with Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune under QIP (Quality Improvement Program) on 9th and 10th Feb 2018 for approximately 45 academicians and students.

The seminar aimed to build open interaction of students with researchers, trainers, project experts and academicians from the field of environmental science, engineering, meteorology and others to develop understanding in avoidance and management of current environmental issues and give solutions for sustainable development.



Ankit Gaurav, Project Leader TERRE in his session on 'India's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions roles of SDGs in afforestation' also talked about the successful projects of TERRE in urban forestry and REDD+



Rajkumari Suryawanshi, Project Leader TERRE gave session on 'Role of education in SDGs' and shared about the various environment education techniques deployed by TERRE in the field of watershed management, green olympiad exam, renewable energy, etc.



Dinah Gengmei, Project Leader TERRE gave special focus on e-waste challenges in her session 'Roles of SDGs in maintaining college and corporate campuses' and spoke about TERRE's project like Reduction of Emission of Short lived Climate pollutants (Panel) and Smart Campus Cloud Network.



TERRE creating awareness through Fun and Play at Kala Ghoda festival, Mumbai



Kala Ghoda Arts Festival is the largest multicultural festival of India that takes place every year in the month of February. The theme for this year was 'Hara Ghoda' to promote a sustainable future for our planet.

On 10th February 2018, TERRE Policy Centre has conducted a workshop for school children

from 4 to 12 years old age-group in Kala Ghoda, Mumbai. TERRE team organised workshop to provide a learning experience through fun and play activities under its Environment education initiative. Children took part actively and enjoyed the session. TERRE received wonderful response from the kids through its activity and realized that up-

coming generation has emotions for the nature. They understand the need and situation of our nature and can make a change for sustainable future. The workshop was followed by the exhibitory booth of TERRE Publication, where children showed interest to learn more about environment and be a part of sustainable future.

Enthusiastic volunteers from Persistent Foundation at Urban forestry site of TERRE, Mhalunge, Pune



12th February 2018 Grand afforestation kick-starts at Dolvi and Karavi - Flagship project of TERRE, 2018



Mega tree plantation at Dolvi and Karavi, which is targeted as TERRE's flagship project of 2018 had kicked-off on 13th February 2018 by the ritual coconut-breaking ceremony onsite. The afforestation project is a tri-party agreement signed between TERRE Policy Centre, Forest Department and JSW Steel PVT Ltd in the month of January 2018. This has taken a step forward to achieve the target of planting 29,000 saplings with 10-12 feet height during the month of July in 13 crore tree plantation drive of Maharashtra State.

Inauguration ceremony was done in the presence of dignitaries from all the three parties: Dr. Vinitaa Apte-President TERRE, Mrs. Khandagale-RFO Walkhad and Mr. BK Das-VP JSW Steel Ltd. The parties are all ready to carry out grid-line survey, fencing, cleaning, grass cutting, digging pits by the month of June and in the month of July, the mega plantation drive will be taken at these site.

This project aims to increase the carbon sink of the Dolvi and nearby site, where the JSW Steel

plant is situated. The project also involves community development of the area to generate economic opportunities for the local people in its various activities. Afforestation project will be focusing on the sustainable development of the selected area by covering environmental, economic and social aspects.

This Afforestation project of TERRE envisions a sustainable future by holistic approach in remote area by incorporating SDGs for India's better future.

13th February 2018 Earth Champions Foundation at TERRE

TERRE Policy Centre join hands with The Earth Champions Foundation, UK to work among students towards environment conservation through online quiz competition at national and International Level.

TERRE President, Dr. Vinitaa Apte welcomed Earth Champions Foundation, CEO & Founder Fiona Mathews, UK programmes Manager Madeleine Taylor and Project Manager of Nextek Kelvin Davies. The short meeting resulted successfully with collaboration for Environment Education Programmes.



15th - 16th February 2018

Pre-jury team brainstorming through ECA-8th Edition applications



The Pre-jury meeting of Jindal Steel Work's (JSW) Earth Care Award, 8 th Edition was organised to go through all the applications under the four categories - Industries, Innovation, Urban and Community.

Dr. Suman Majumdar, Chief Sustainability Officer JSW Group, Ms. Rupa Dawane, Consultant JSW Foundation, Dr. Vinitaa Apte, President TERRE along with TERRE team and CEE officials took active part in the discussion.

The shortlisting of applications was done on the basis of short films and presentations made after the field visits. This year also ECA team have received dedicated and innovative applications, that are nurturing the environment and providing solutions to climate change problems.

24th February 2018: TERRE felicitated "Prakashache Bet" awardee



Dr. Vinitaa Apte, TERRE President awarded Mr. Golesar for his outstanding voluntary contribution

The 5th edition of 'Prakashache Bet' was awarded to Mr. Vijay Golesar from Nashik district.

After his retirement from government service, Mr. Golesar has been dedicatedly working since last 13 years to create effective environmental awareness among school children. Till date, his efforts have spread in more than 250 urban and rural schools of Nashik district. He has been encouraging students & citizens of the town about planting indigenous Tulsi tree (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*), as it holds great importance in environment, pollution and religious beliefs.

Small Act, Green Impact



Installing weather-stripping and window coverings can help to maintain the internal temperature and can be an energy efficient way of living.



Courtesy:
Dhanraj Garad

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In which season do birds migrate majorly?

1. Summer
2. Rainy
3. Autumn
4. Winter

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

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WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Josiah Rongmei
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NUMBER OF THE MONTH



91

Water level in 91 major reservoirs down by 2%. Reservoirs in states such as Punjab, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Odisha, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana have reported lower water levels than last year.

Reference

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/developmental-issues/water-level-in-91-major-reservoirs-down-by-2/articleshow/62946547.cms>

"THIS HOLI LET'S PLEDGE TO CONTINUE THIS GIVE & TAKE SACRAMENTAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

Pelecanus onocrotalus Great White Pelican



Photo location

Photo location: Lake Manyara Tanzania

The great white pelican has been rated as a species of least concern on the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species (IUCN). Pelicans feed early morning and spend rest of the day in basking and preening. They are clumsy while taking flight but fly very elegantly and circle effortlessly aided by their enormous wing span.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_white_pelican

