



**Conservation of natural resources is the first step towards sustainable development.”**

**Dr. Vinitaa Apte**

Founder President, TERRE

**TERRE team at COP23 Bonn, Germany (6th - 17th November, 2017)**

**Read below to know their amazing stories....**



Attending COP 23 at Bonn, Germany was an exciting experience, as I met many National & International organisations with their remarkable expertise in various disciplines. The interesting side events and discussions on various topics (Renewable Energy, Waste Management, REDD+, Afforestation, Climate Change) made the one week at Bonn very learning experience for me. Reflecting upon my enriching experiences in COP23, Bonn, Germany I am delighted to have been able to exchange ideas and network with the international organisations.

**- Ankit Gaurav  
Project Leader**



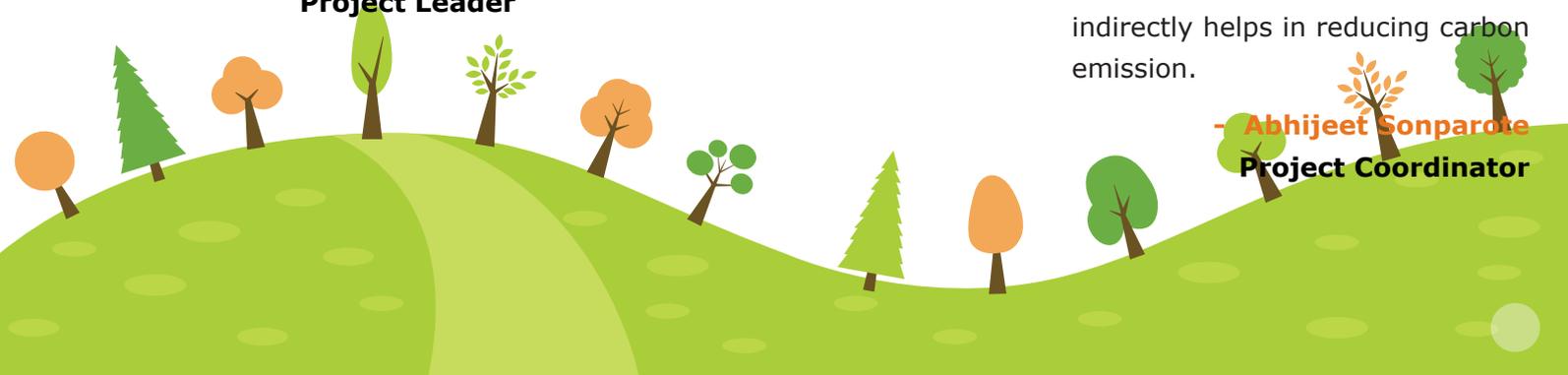
The wonderful opportunity to attend 23rd session of COP helped me to interact with number of representatives of Climate Change Mitigation from all over the world. I was amazed to see lot of organisations from different countries demonstrating and presenting their ideas and initiatives towards climate change on the biggest platform of the world. I am glad to know that people worldwide are aware with the climate related issues and are taking efforts to fight with it in their own way.

**- Rajkumari Suryawanshi  
Project Leader**



TERRE Policy Centre was one of the observers in COP23 at Bonn and it was an honour to be given this opportunity. The conference was full of events, meetings and carbon cutting strategies by different countries. It was an amazing experience to be a part of such informative sessions which helped me in enhancing my knowledge. While participating in these events, I noticed that developed countries were concentrating on the development of latest technology and planning to mitigate climate change, whereas developing countries were more interested in local community development, forest development that directly and indirectly helps in reducing carbon emission.

**- Abhijeet Sonparote  
Project Coordinator**



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COP is one of the most awaited Conference that all environment-enthusiasts look forward to every year. I at TERRE, was extremely thankful for an opportunity to attend COP23 and represent our numerous activities under various projects. Given this amazing exposure, I was delighted to interact with like-minded individuals and getting to know the innovative projects that they are doing for climate change and communities. As I was networking and outreaching my organization, I was inspired to take video-bytes in some of the interesting exhibition booths mainly, of the youth that I came across. It made me believe that, not only the experienced delegates but even today's youth are equally motivated to make a better planet and are eager to participate in such important platforms. COP23 was definitely a learning experience for me and I am sure that it built lot of enthusiasm among the delegates to bring change that we all aim to achieve locally and globally.

**- Dinah Gengmei**  
**Project Leader**



TERRE Policy Centre had an exhibitory booth and 2 side events at COP 23. We displayed our educational materials, games and solar lights. I was thrilled to witness so many people from all over the world visiting our booth and taking lot of interest in our initiatives. Simultaneously, I also got opportunities to attend the side event of other countries. The one which I attended were based on these topics - Indigenous people and their rights, Climate change and ocean, etc. I also got to see the cultural performance at Fiji Pavilion. Personally, I was amazed to see some technically advanced gadgets used by other organizations, for example, 360 degree videos. It was a great feeling to experience videos like Polar bear and some videos from Fiji facing climate change in 360 degree. Exchange of thoughts and cultures towards climate change mitigation is what I will cherish. COP 23 Visit to Bonn was such an enriching and amazing experience indeed!

**- Rucha Phadnis**  
**Marketing and Information Incharge**



I am from an engineering background and having to attend COP23 was a different platform for me. Getting an exposure to the opinions of people from different countries on environment and climate change was truly a great experience. I also came to know about innovative projects that various countries from all over the world are doing with the help of new technologies. Apart from that, it was an eye-opener for me to know the extreme ways by which we have been causing negative impacts on our environment. However, knowing the fact that irrespective of our countries and boundaries, all of us are inclined to same goal of saving earth and humanity gives me hope for a sustainable future. I truly understand that we have to take fast steps rather than wasting time in discussion and pointing others.

**- Sagar Lakhotiya**  
**Project Coordinator**



## TERRE President Dr. Vinitaa Apte, as one of the key speaker in two side events at COP23



**Topic:** Climate Change and Himalayan Ecosystem



**Topic:** Afforestation and increase in forest cover, REDD+

## Last Lapse of TERRE Olympiad



### TERRE OLYMPIAD

The last round of TERRE Olympiad was concluded on 30th November 2017 with great participation by the shortlisted students of first round. We would be declaring the final results on 10th December 2017, followed by an award ceremony in the end of January 2018.

Please visit our website for any updates :

<http://terregreenolympiad.com/>

## 29th November 2017 : TERRE felicitated “Prakashache Bet” awardee

TERRE organised Prakashache Bet to award Mr. Premsagar G. Mestri for his outstanding contribution in Vulture Conservation on 29th November, 2017. The program began with the screening of Vasundhara Geet produced by TERRE Policy Centre. TERRE President Dr. Vinitaa Apte introduced TERRE’s activities and projects to audience in her key note speech.

Mr. Mestri presented many photographs sharing his experience and memories. He showed video footage of vultures and Horn bill. It was a proud moment for TERRE to appreciate such budding personalities who are working for environment conservation throughout on an individual level. Mr. Mestri was awarded a trophy and a certificate as an acknowledgment and appreciation by Dr. Vinitaa Apte.





## “Let me Live”

Courtesy: Dhanraj Garad



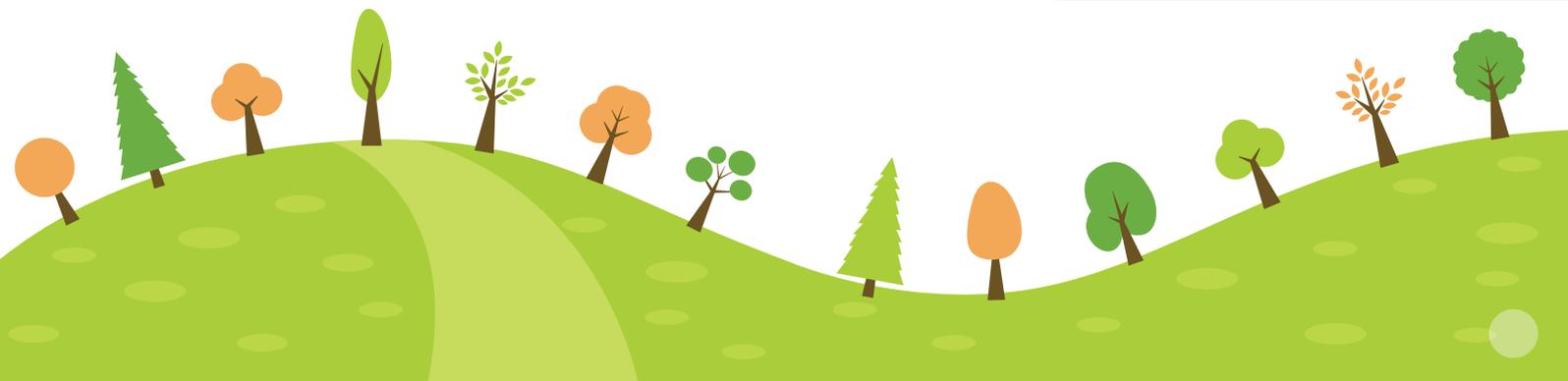
## Small act, Green impact

One of the easiest way to lower your electricity bill while being kind to Mother Nature, is through reducing energy usage. Solar panels can be a source of electrical energy, so installing a number of solar panels in your roof can help cut your electrical consumption.



Water is life. Conserving water for them is our responsibility. Save water for all to sustain.

**P.C. Adwait Patil**



## 9 Easy Ways to Use Less Plastic

Plastic is one of the most prominent pollutants of our earth and ocean. It just makes sense to find easy ways to use less.



### Tip 1

Drink out of glasses.



### Tip 2

Use a stainless water bottle and stop buying bottled water.



### Tip 3

Keep a real (metal or wooden) spoon and fork in a baggy in your car, and at your desk.



### Tip 4

Purchase wooden toys.



### Tip 5

Use only real or biodegradable plates.



### Tip 6

Save glass jars and use them instead of Tupperware.



### Tip 7

Bring cloth bags to the grocery store, say no to store clerks when they want to put your item(s) in a plastic bag.



### Tip 8

Compost so you use fewer garbage bags.



### Tip 9

Buy grocery items packaged in glass instead of plastic when possible.

## NEWS NETWORK

## New bird species evolved in just two generations



WASHINGTON: A new bird species belonging to the Big Bird lineage, which today consists of roughly 30 individuals, emerged on the Galapagos Islands in just two generations, according to a study.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/new-bird-species-evolved-in-just-two-generations-study/articleshow/61795862.cms>

## 'Trash islands' off Central America indicate ocean pollution problem



OMOA ( Honduras): Floating masses of garbage off some of the Caribbean's pristine beaches offer grim evidence of a vast and growing problem of plastic waste heedlessly dumped in the ocean, local residents, activists and experts say.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/trash-islands-off-central-america-indicate-ocean-pollution-problem/articleshow/61786250.cms>

## Western Ghats' biodiversity 'faces threat', says report



KOCHI: Biodiversity in India's iconic Western Ghats is facing a threat from forest loss, encroachment and conversion, says a global environment agency in its report.

It also put the hills in "Significant Concern" category in its new outlook in the conservation prospects of natural World Heritage sites.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/western-ghats-biodiversity-faces-threat-says-report/articleshow/61729657.cms>

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Which of the following Indian States/UT has the maximum percentage of mangrove cover in the country?

1. Maharashtra
2. West Bengal
3. Pondicherry
4. Kerala

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

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## WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Mr. Jitendra Kharsambale  
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## NUMBER OF THE MONTH

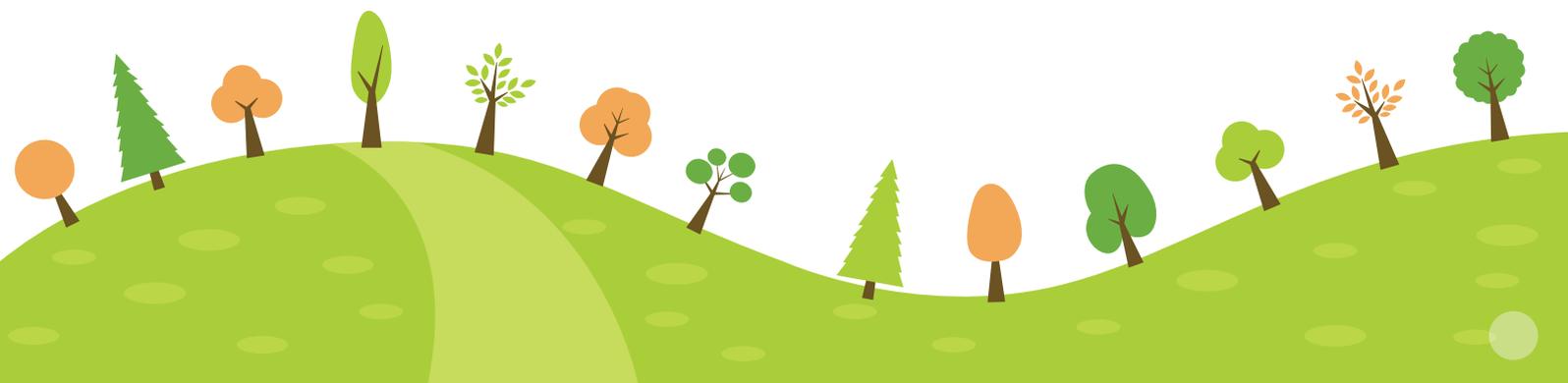


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CSE reports 30% deaths in India due to air pollution.

## Reference :

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/30-premature-deaths-in-india-due-to-air-pollution-cse-report/articleshow/61823348.cms>

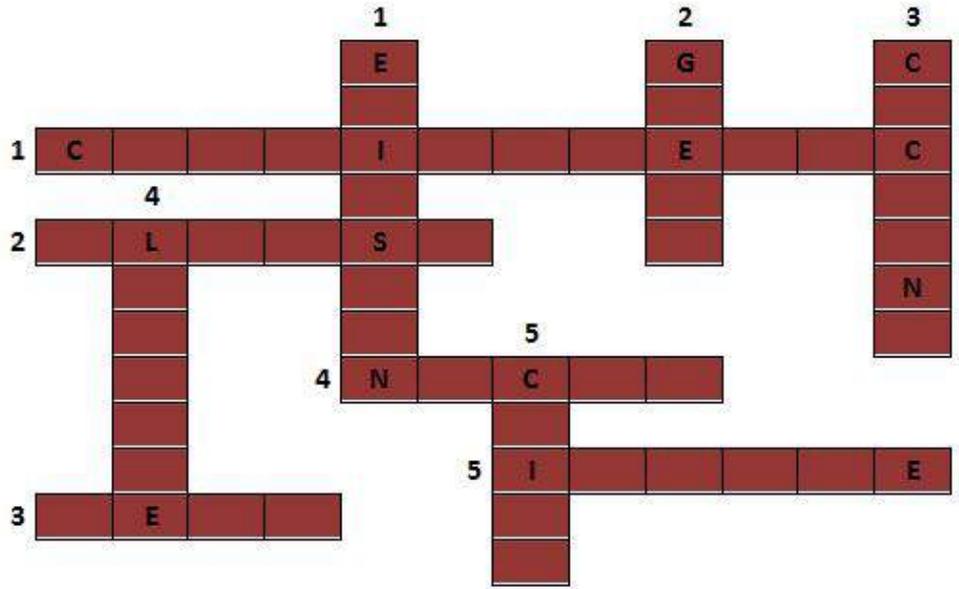


# NEWSLETTER

## the Environment CROSSWORD

**DOWN:**

1. Pollution discharged into the atmosphere from smoke stacks, other vents, chimneys and vehicles.
2. This is a new concept for eco friendly construction of building.
3. A large scale air mass that rotates around a strong center of low atmospheric pressure.
4. A form of sugar that is found in milk.
5. Pandas are mainly found in this country.

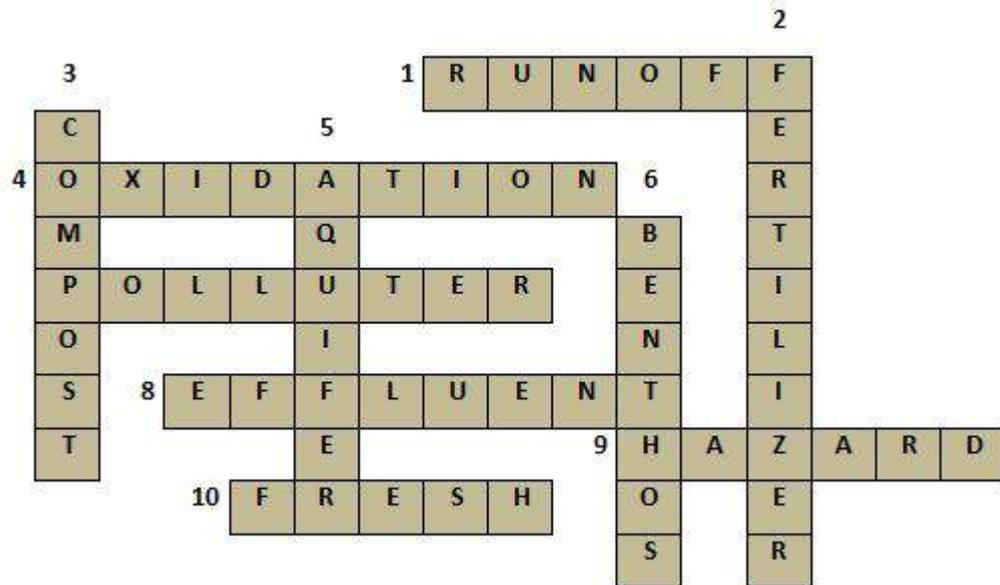


Increase your IQ and Knowledge by solving this Environmental base Crossword and send it on [info@terrepolicycentre.com](mailto:info@terrepolicycentre.com)

**ACROSS:**

1. Cancer causing substance.
2. It is one of the coal combustion byproduct used as bricks.
3. This sea contains highest amount of salt
4. Role and position of a species in an environment is called an ecological \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Element with atomic number 53.

### Last Crossword Answer



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