



*She gives us life, security, eternity and keeps environment healthy around us.
Salute to the women's energy who works tirelessly for her family !!*

Dr. Vinitaa Apte
President, TERRE Policy Centre

WOMEN - THE ENERGY OF LIFE!

My father used to tell me in my childhood "Sun is a man's energy, the energy that supports life but the moon is women's energy, the energy by which life is created". I did not realise though what sort of strong message he used to give us with this small sentence. When I started thinking on and on I realised that women is a real substance of life. She spread energy through her small actions, dedication, love and passion. The ancient Indian literature was the reflection of the bond between humans & nature, especially between women & nature. When we think about the ancient Indian perspective on environment we are compelled to think about the fact that most of the environment related things are expressed in the feminine gender. The rivers, the night, the forest, or the dawn, even the planet in which we are living is described in the feminine gender. The environment itself is called 'Prakriti', which is a feminine term. Natural objects are described as mother, sister, young maiden, and daughter.

In this developing era women and the environment are suffering because people have become increasingly impatient and cruel. Ancient women were caring towards forest. They could more easily identify themselves with trees. But, sometimes modern women and men are more materialistic and detached from environment. They are attracted to just the products of the

environment. Industrialists are using this situation in their favour. We need to change our consumption habits besides strengthening our conservation policies. All of us are consumers of wildlife in one way or another. We eat wildlife produce and also wear it as clothing and accessories. We consume it as medicine and buy ornaments and souvenirs made from it.

We might eat flesh and wear shoes made from crocodile and snake skin. But this kind of situation can only prevent by educating society and I am sure women can do it and have a major role in it. She can educate her family, she can teach good habits at the early age of her children.

In the current situation the urban women have gone little away from the nature but the rural women are still leaving in nature's paradise. They use biomass, they have to bring water from river or well. Development is not so near to them but the methods of agriculture, sustainability, use of water & cleanliness is part of their day to day life and only women can make her home strong, healthy and of course sustainable. If everything destroys there is only a ray of hope and that is women, who will nurture the forests, feed the birds and make the earth green. Salute to the woman who is life beyond the lives!!!

- Dr. Vinitaa Apte

Tailor Bird

Tailor birds are small birds with most belonging to the genus *Orthotomus* often placed in the Old World warbler family *Sylviidae*. However, recent research suggests they more likely belong in the *Cisticolidae* and they are treated as such in Del Hoyo et al. (2006). These are rare species. One species, the mountain tailorbird (and therefore also its sister species rufous-headed tailorbird), is actually closer to an old world warbler genus *Cettia*.

Read more at : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tailorbird>



Green Olympiad Award Ceremony



"Everyone should create their own Oxygen Bank by planting trees", said Hon. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development at Green Olympiad Award Ceremony in Pune. Green Olympiad is an initiative by TERRE Policy Centre to encourage the environmental awareness amongst the students. The National Level competition was based on environmental subjects like Air, Noise, Water pollution, Waste management, Global warming and general knowledge.

The first round of the exam was conducted from 1st December to 10th January. Second round of the exam was conducted from 15th January to 20th January. The competition was grouped in two cat-

egories viz. Plant category and sapling category. Sapling category included students from 5th std to 9th std, where Plant category covered students from 10th to 12th std from all over India.

The prize distribution ceremony was organized on 18th February 2017, where winners got felicitated by electronic gadgets as prizes, by the hands of Hon. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, in Pune. The award ceremony held at Tilak Smarak Mandir, Pune. TERRE received an enthusiastic response by all the participants, parents and schools as well.





Let's support Women's Health

Do you know that deaths in India from indoor air pollution are among the highest in the world - over a million annually? This is something documented by the World Health Organization. Many of these are women whose health is adversely affected by the use of carbon-emitting fuels such as firewood and kerosene for cooking and lighting.

Recognizing the need to help the women make a shift to cleaner energies, Earth Day Network runs 'Healthy Energy' campaigns through which we make women aware of the ill-effects of the use of fossil-emitting fuels, and show them ways to switch to cleaner energies such as solar.



- Karuna Singh

Country Director

Earth Day Network, India



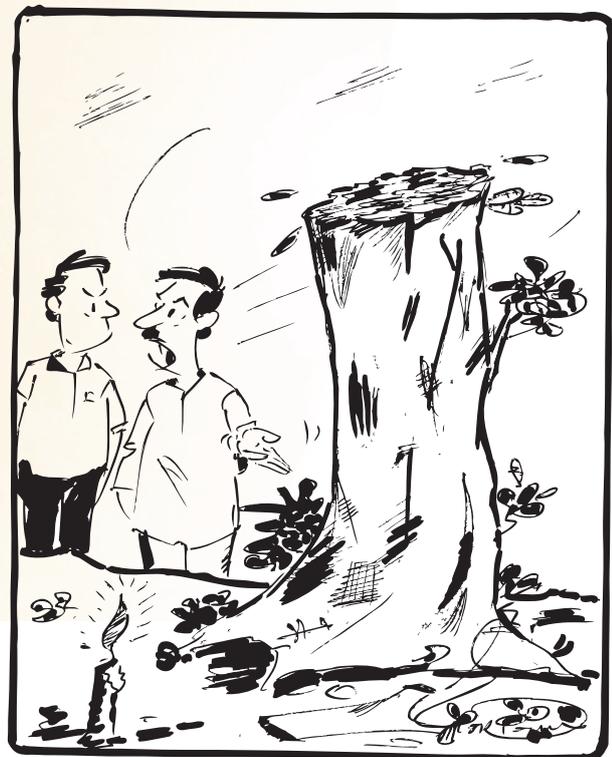
The energy, voices, vision, and commitment of women are already making our world a safer, healthier, and cleaner place to live. Women will make an even bigger contribution as we gain confidence in our abilities and demand a larger role.



- Nancy Sherman

Director of Technical Assessment, IGSD

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MR. DHANRAJ GARAD**

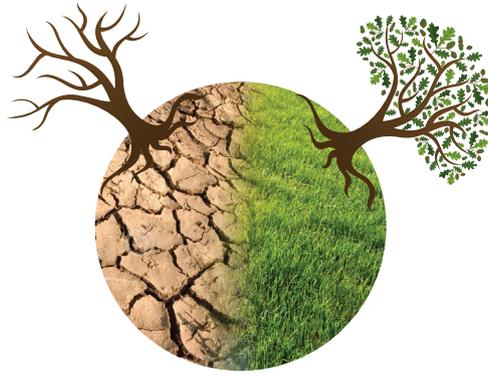


"May it rest in peace!"





Volunteering activity by Persistent Foundation at Warje Urban Forestry, Pune



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

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What are the important components of Acid rain?

- A. Hydrochloride acid and Nitric acid
- B. Sulphuric acid and Nitric acid
- C. Hydrochloric acid and Sulphuric acid
- D. None of the above

If you know the answer, send in your entry to us at info@terrepolicycentre.com

WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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NUMBER OF MONTH

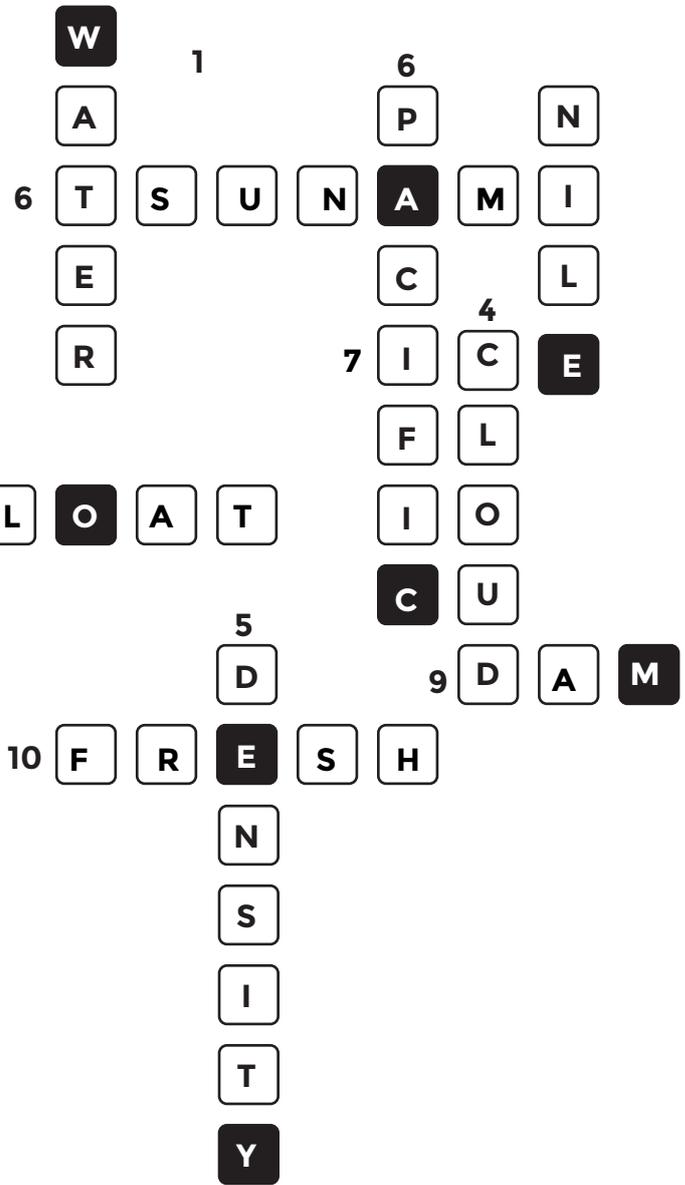


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Scientists discover 163 new species in Greater Mekong region

Reference :

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/scientists-discover-163-new-species-in-greater-mekong-region-wwf/articleshow/56058374.cms>



Last Crossword Answer



INVEST IN GIRLS & WOMENS

IMPROVE HEALTH



Women who use maternal health services are more likely to use other reproductive health services, and to seek health care for their children



BENEFIT FAMILIES

Girl's and women spend 90% of their earned income on their families while men spend only 30-40%

GIRLS & WOMEN ARE AT THE HEART OF DEVELOPMENT

When 10% more girls go to school, a country's GDP increases by an average of 3%



STRENGTHEN ECONOMIES

Growing evidence shows that corporations led by women are more focused on sustainability

CREATE SUSTAINABLE NATIONS



INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY



Eliminating barriers to employment for girls and women could raise labor productivity by 25% in some countries



REDUCE HUNGER

Closing the gender gap in agriculture could limit 100-150 million people out of hunger

INVESTING IN GIRLS AND WOMEN WILL...

NEWSLETTER

NEWS NETWORK

Bird Survey-2017 to be taken up at Kanha Tiger Reserve



A survey of various species of birds would be taken up...

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/bird-survey-2017-to-be-taken-up-at-kanha-tiger-reserve/articleshow/57270715.cms>

E-waste rising dangerously in Asia: UN study



Electronic waste is rising sharply across Asia as ...

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/e-waste-rising-dangerously-in-asia-un-study/articleshow/56560776.cms>

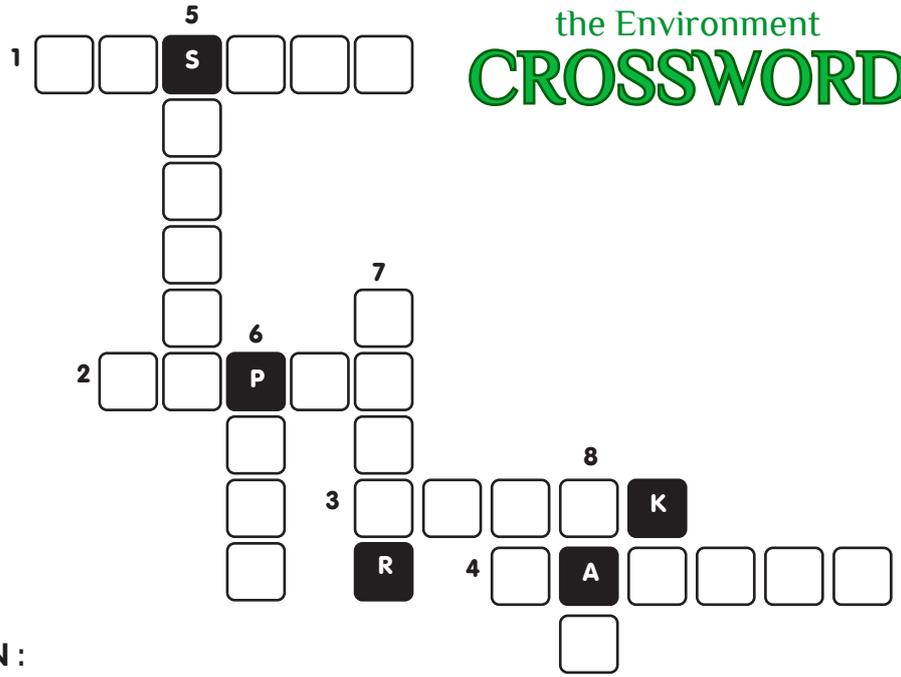
Solar-powered boat starts service in Kerala



Launching a solar-powered boat service at Vaikom in the district...

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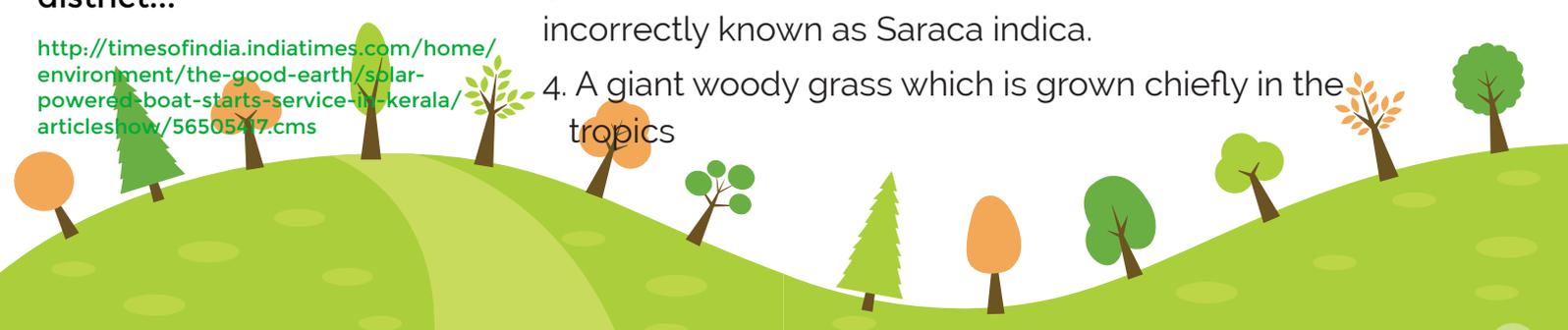


DOWN :

- The giant tree is considered to be the tallest living thing on the planet, having a height of 95 metres is from which part of world
- An evergreen coniferous tree which has clusters of long needle-shaped leaves widely used for furniture and pulp
- Tall coniferous trees of the pine family noted for their fragrant durable wood
- A large tree which bears acorns and typically has lobed deciduous leaves.

ACROSS :

- Which country has largest forest area in the world
- In the autumn the leaves of these trees change colour, creating a beautiful tableau of yellows, oranges and fiery reds
- Native tree of India and Sri Lanka It is sometimes incorrectly known as Saraca indica.
- A giant woody grass which is grown chiefly in the tropics



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