



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

* Holi is a festival celebrated in India, significantly marking the beginning of the Summer season. Showering loved ones with powdered colour and water is an important part of the festivities.

Historic Agreement needs Historic 'Start-up'



The Historic Climate Agreement, unanimously consented in Paris on 12 Dec 2015 by 196 Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be opened this month for the signature by the countries in New York at UN Headquarter. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited all world leaders to a signing ceremony on 22 April, celebrated as Earth Day every year. Recognizing that the United States Senator Gaylord Nelson founded the Earth Day in 1970, I am expecting that President Obama would be the first to sign this universal agreement. It is USA's Senate that is considered by the world community as the key barrier for the progress on action against Climate Change. Hence the decision of opening

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the climate change agreement for signature on the Earth Day founded by the USA's Senator is more than meaningful. President Obama has unique opportunity to demonstrate his stewardship in Climate Change by being first signatory.

Signing is only the first step in this global 'start-up' for action against climate change. After signature, each of the signatory countries needs to get ratification from their parliaments or through their respective national mechanisms and deposit the same with UN-depository in New York. At least 55 countries, representing at least 55 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, are needed to ratify the agreement before it can take legal effect and enter into force.

It took 7 years for the Kyoto

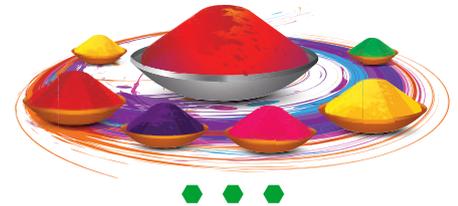
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Wishes all its well wishers a very

Happy Holi !!

Have a Waterless Holi

On the occasion of World Water Day on the 22nd of March 2016 TERRE Policy Centre would like to extend a special thank you Mr. Jay Shah and Mr. Hemant Kumar who donated water tankers through TERRE Policy Centre water scarce regions in Maharashtra. Another special thank you to Mr. Mahesh Gavaskar and Ms. Madhuri Vaidya for being part of our Light for Brilliance programme and sending a ray of hope and lighting the lives of 250 children whose future was otherwise dark.



Protocol agreed in 1997 to enter into force after it was opened for signature in 1998. We cannot afford such inordinate delay this time because the carbon budget available to us for emission is extremely limited as per Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). We must reduce the global GHG emissions by nearly 80 percent by 2050 and achieve zero emissions by end of the century.

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Historic Agreement needs Historic 'Start-up'

form page 1 The task is ambitious and urgent. Challenge is formidable but not insurmountable. It is however, essential if we have to achieve the objective of the Paris Agreement of keeping a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius from pre-industrial levels, by the end of this century.

UNSG Ban Ki-Moon in his invitation letter urges all the World Leaders to attend as that would 'facilitate the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement.'

Climate change today needs much more than signing ceremonies and attendance of the World Leaders. Even before the signature on 22 April, the business and civil societies in top emitter countries like USA, China, India and Europe should demonstrate their resolve by starting to decarbonise their daily life.

TERRE is joining the climate 'start-up' efforts of Earth Day Network by engaging people to plant 10,00,500 trees in 5 cities. i.e. Pune, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Nashik and Nagpur



Calling Entries from the Earth-Keepers !! Earth Care Awards are Back again !!

The Earth Care Awards (ECAs) organised by the Jindal Steel works Foundation is an initiative in the chain of green awards which highlights locally evolved climate friendly practices in the production and consumption regimes across multiple sectors with special reference to climate change. It recognizes the actions and innovations for climate change mitigation and adaptation by communities, entrepreneurs, large scale industries, and small and medium scale enterprises. The award recognizes, verifies, and promotes the replicable initiatives and interventions on the greenhouse gasses (GHG) emission reduction, natural resource conservation, energy efficiency improvement, development

and promotion of innovative eco-friendly alternatives across various sectors of development.

The jury panel for the selection boasts of eminent experts in the fields of Environmental science and the corporate sector. Mr. R.A Mashelkar- President Global Research Alliance; Mr. Karthikeya Sarabhai - Founder Director, CEE; Mr. Rajendra Shende- Chairman TERRE Policy Centre; Ms. Aneeta Benninger- Executive Director, CDSA; Mr. Rajat Gupta - Director, Mckinsey and Company; Mr. Chandrabhushan- Deputy Director General, CSE; Dr. Nitin Pandit- Managing Director of WRI India.



International Women's Day – Women of Substance



Getting up-close and candid with the discussion panel

8th March every year is celebrated as International Women's day. This day was created in view of celebration of achievements of women in different fields. TERRE Policy Centre similarly chose to invite successful women from fields of

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The 1987 Montreal Protocol concerns specifically, and includes in its full title, substances that deplete what?



1. The Ozone Layer
2. Persistent Organic Pollutants
3. Carbon Monoxide

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

WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Mr. Nilkanth Palve
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Art&Culture, Education, and publishing. A slightly out of the box event the spouses of these women were also invited for a panel discussion on the basic gender roles in each household.

The event began with a Kathak dance performance by Devika Purandare on Shiva Shakti. Later followed by a talk on "Women in Journalism" By Mayuri Phadnis, a young and upcoming Journalist. This was followed by a panel discussion on gender defined roles in households of successful women. Mr. Ravi & Asmita Chitnis – Education, Mr. Sanjay and Madhuri Vaidya – Publishing and Ms. Dhanashri Ganatra – Music were the eminent persons on the panel. The event culminated into rather inspiring stories of men who fought against all odds because they believed in the women in their life.

President's Corner

“ If you do not change your behaviour, nature will change its pattern and YOU will be at stake.

Protect the Earth, our only living planet”

- Dr. Vinitaa Apte



READER FEEDBACKS

“ Thanks, Enjoyable and Readable as usual.

- PB Kulkarni

“ Thank you very much to Rajendra Shende and his team for this NewsleTERRE I enjoyed reading it. Even the title “NewsleTERRE” is very creative.

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NUMBER OF MONTH

22

22 of India's 32 states are undergoing Water Scarcity



World Water Day 2016



Students of Sumantai Phadtare Kanyashala commencing the Kalash Pujan

World Water Day posed as a rather important day for many underdeveloped countries, including the water-stressed regions of the Western Ghats of India. TERRE Policy Centre along with local schools of the Rahimatpur district celebrated World

Water Day with great gusto and promise of a sustainable future.

Local schools in the area worked hand in hand, students from Sumantai Phadtare Kanyashala created Slogans and Banners and paraded around the villages chanting these slogans

to spread awareness amongst the entire village. Aside from an awareness parade, students had set up street plays and traditional customs of worshipping water (Kalash Pujan) was also practiced. High-level authorities from the local municipal bodies were present as Chief Guests at the function. 'It is not only unfair distribution and consumption of water between developed and developing countries is in question. The unequal and undemocratic consumption among rural and urban India will be the deciding factor in future', said the head of the local government of one of the villages. ● ● ●

E-JOURNAL LAUNCH

On the occasion of World Water Day TERRE launched an E-journal by the hands of Mr. Kadu Corporator Panvel Municipal Corporation. The first papers to be published were those of the winners of the Youth Conference held in February. Shreejit Balachandran and Binomul Thomas were the winners of the conference. Please find their papers by clicking on the following links.

<http://terrepolicycentre.com/TERRE-Journal-March-2016.asp>

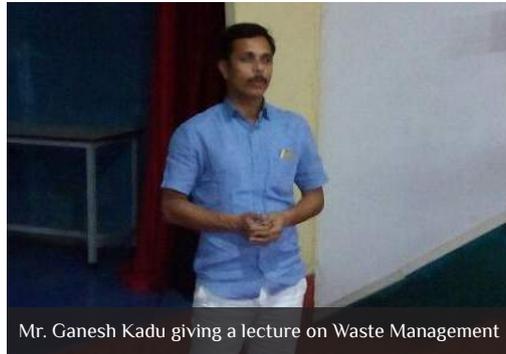


Disposal of waste is largely being seen as an environmental hazard. It is proven to have negative effects on habitat, wildlife and biodiversity. In other words waste disposal is not sustainable and can have negative implications for future generations.

“Most contemporary methods of waste management are focused at a governmental or industrial level. However waste generated everyday from our houses is equally responsible for this menace.” said Dr. Vinita Apte President, TERRE Policy Centre. In light of the same and

Rendezvous – Waste Management Begins at Home

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Mr. Ganesh Kadu giving a lecture on Waste Management

in order to sensitise civic society TERRE Policy Centre invited Mr. Ganesh Kadu- Corporator Panvel Municipal Council and expert in Waste Management, to speak on effective waste management techniques that begin from our homes.

Mr. Kadu gave a rather detailed and insightful talk on methods of composting waste. The audience was interested and eager to know more about these methods and assured us that they would begin this process of appropriate waste management at home.



A great Environmentalist: He will always be remembered

TERRE Policy Centre is grieved to hear the loss of Dr. Mostafa Kamal Tolba. A world renowned scientist and for 17 years Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has been an eloquent and tireless defender of the environment for most of his life.



Born in Egypt, a country whose economy depends on the waters of a river that flows through other states, made him aware of the link between environment and politics. He has always believed that common environmental interests should override political differences, even conflicts between nations. TERRE extends heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

TERRE at 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves - Lima



Dr. Vinitaa Apte with members attending the Lima Conference.

TERRE Policy Centre had the privilege of participating in workshops at the 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves that took place at Lima between the 14th -17th of this Month.

Dr. Vinita Apte, President TERRE Policy Centre was present at the congress. The objective of this Congress was to review implementation of the Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves 2008-2013, the

Seville Strategy and the Statutory Framework of 1995. The Congress assessed lessons learned and new challenges faced by the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, and developed and launched an Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves for 2016-2025.

The workshops attended by TERRE were specifically for the SAKAM and Silkroute regions of Asia where Biosphere reserves are currently being developed.



NEWS NETWORK



The World's Largest Whale Sharks Are Disappearing

You'd think finding something as big as a school bus would be a cinch. But large whale sharks—the biggest fish in the sea—seem to have vanished from the world's oceans, scientists say. Until a decade ago, adult whale sharks measuring an awesome 43 to 49 feet (13 to 15 meters) plied warm waters from India to Belize.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/03/160322-whale-sharks-animals-science-oceans-biggest/>



The Colorful History of Washington's Cherry Blossoms

Cherry blossom trees are as much part of America's capital as the marble facades, high-end cupcakes, and clean angular streets. And this time of year, their pink flowers—and the crowds they attract—are impossible to miss. There's even a small cottage industry that's grown along with the trees, complete with a PR team, an elite group of gardeners, and weather monitoring officials to forecast "peak bloom"

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/03/160322-washington-dc-cherry-blossom-history/>



Rate of carbon emissions put in context

We are now putting carbon into the atmosphere at a rate unprecedented since at least the age of the dinosaurs, scientists say. The researchers have examined ocean sediments laid down during the so-called Palaeocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum - a dramatic warming event some 56 million years ago.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35867438>

INDIA

India faces a water crisis that's been building for decades, and may soon reach a flash point

