

"Desertification Can Be Tackled Effectively With Peoples' Participation And Cooperation At All Levels": Union Environment Minister

Asserting that desertification can be tackled effectively and solutions are possible, Union Environment Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan has said that active participation of the local people and cooperation at all levels are the tools to achieve this aim. The Minister urged the people of Haryana and the nation to become a large force of 'Paryavaran Rakshaks' (environment protectors) to fight the challenges posed by desertification, global warming and climate change. Addressing the gathering at a function to inaugurate Swarna Jayanti Nature Camp and launching of nature awareness and Aravalli conservation campaign in Bhondsi, near Gurugram in Haryana today, to celebrate the United Nations World Day to Combat Desertification 2017, the Minister highlighted that such days are in reality a reminder of the spirit symbolized by that Day.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan pointed out that modern science & technology and environment can come together to protect the nature. He referred to the devising of a solar tree



by the scientists on an area of 4 sq. metre, which generates 5 KW of electricity. In the context, the Minister also highlighted the leading role played by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to form the International Solar Alliance at the Conference of Parties at Paris in 2015 and added that the Government was firmly committed to implement policies on solar energy.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan urged the people to go back to their homes with the spirit imbued at the celebrations and work with renewed vigour for afforestation as a means to

combat desertification. He also said that the picturesque Aravalli range is venerable, not just for the people of Haryana, but the entire nation, and that the people should work with resolve and dedication to make Aravallis more beautiful. The Minister added that the Central government will extend all possible support to any scheme formulated to realize the vision of enhancing the beauty of the Aravalli range. He reiterated that the people should concentrate on taking small steps to protect the environment. He reminded the gathering not to

forget the lessons of environmental protection imparted to us by our ancestors and in fact, to use the lessons to protect the nature.

Environment Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan addressing the gathering

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Manohar Lal, said that climate change is having an adverse impact on our lives and is also adding to the desertification of land. He stressed that afforestation can act as a bulwark to stop the process of desertification of land. The Chief Minister announced that the forest around Bhondsi area has been renamed as "Chandra Shekhar Smriti Van" in the memory of former Prime Minister Chandrashekar.

Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Director General, Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Sidhanta Das and other senior officers and officials of Ministry of MoEFCC attended the celebration.

Minister for Public Works, Forests, Agriculture & Civil Aviation, Haryana, Rao Narbir Singh, Minister for Industries & Commerce, Environment & Industrial Training, Haryana, Shri Vipul Goel, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Food & Supplies and Forests, Haryana, Shri Karan Dev Kamboj, MLA, Sohna, Shri Tejpal Tanwar, MLA, Gurugram, Shri Umesh Aggarwal, MLA, Pataudi, Smt. Bimla Chaudhary and Sarpanch, Bhondsi, Smt. Durga Devi and people from Bhondsi and nearby areas were among the distinguished ones in the gathering.

A report prepared by Wildlife Institute of Dehradun titled "Mapping Aravallis" on the state of Aravallis was released to mark the occasion. A short film on the conservation of 'Goraiya' (house sparrow) was also screened. Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Shri Manohar Lal also rode a part of the distance at the venue, on bicycles to spread the message of environment protection and good health.

PM's Address at the launch of PN Panicker Reading Day – Reading Month Celebration

It gives me great pleasure to be here on the occasion of the inauguration of reading month celebration. I thank and congratulate the P.N. Panicker foundation for organising this. There can be no joy greater than reading and no strength greater than knowledge.

Friends! Kerala has been a torch-bearer and inspiration to the whole nation in the field of literacy.

The first 100 percent literate city and first 100 percent literate district have been from Kerala. Kerala was also the first state to attain 100 percent primary education. Some of the oldest colleges, schools and libraries of the country are also situated in Kerala.

This could not have been achieved by Government alone. Citizens and social organizations have played an active role in this remarkable achievement. Kerala has set an example in people's participation in this regard. I admire the work of people like late Shri P.N. Panicker and his foundation. Shri P.N. Panicker was also the driving spirit behind the library network in Kerala. He did this through Kerala Grandhasala Sangham set up by him in 1945 with 47 rural libraries.

I believe that reading and knowledge should not be limited only to work related aspects. It should help develop habits of social responsibility, service to the nation and service to humanity. It should cure the evils in society and nation. It should spread the idea of peace along with respect for unity and integrity of the nation.

It is said that one literate woman can educate two families. Kerala has set an example worthy of emulation in this regard.

I learn that PN Panicker Foundation together with a number of Government agencies, private sector entities and civil society organisations, is leading an initiative of reading.

Their target is to reach 300 million under-privileged people by 2022. The main objective of this mission is to promote reading as a means to grow and prosper.

Reading can help broaden one's thinking. A well-read population will help India excel globally.

With the same spirit, I had started a similar movement by name of VANCHE GUJARAT when I was Chief Minister of the State. It means "Gujarat Reads". I had visited a public library to motivate people to read. The movement targeted the young generation, in particular. I also requested citizens to think about building a 'Granth-Mandir' - a temple of books - in their village. This could be started with 50 or

100 books. I appealed to people to give a book instead of bouquet as a greeting. Such a move can make a big difference.

Friends! From the time of the Upanishads persons with knowledge have been respected through the ages. We are now in the information age. Even today, knowledge is the best guiding light.

I am told that as a pilot project of Digital Libraries, Panicker Foundation is working with 18 public libraries in the state in collaboration with Indian Public Library Movement, New Delhi.

I would like to see such a reading and library movement in the entire country. The movement should not be limited to make people literate. It should try to achieve the real goal of bringing social and economic change. The foundation of good knowledge should be followed by a

super-structure of a better society.

I am happy to note that the State Government has announced 19th June as the reading day. Obviously, a lot of effort will converge to make this a popular activity.

The Government of India has also provided support to the activities of the foundation. I am told that about 1.20 crore rupees have been given to the foundation in the last two years.

I am also happy to see that the foundation is now focusing on digital literacy. This is the need of the hour.

Friends! I believe in people's power. It has the capacity to make a better society and nation.

I urge every young person in the audience to take a pledge of reading. And enable everyone to do so.

Together, we can once again make India a land of wisdom and knowledge. Thank You!

Awareness session on Industrial Information System – Chaattisgarh

An awareness programme was conducted by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion at Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh on the Industrial Information System on June 15, 2017. The programme was chaired by Shri Chandu Lal Sahu, Hon'ble Member Parliament Mahasamund and Member of Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The session was attended by senior govt. officials from Chhattisgarh Govt and industry associations. Sh. Sunil Mishra MD Chattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation gave an overview of Industries in Chhattisgarh. The state is rich in minerals and a quarter of power comes from the state. The state is strong in core industries particularly steel. Dr Vandana Kumar JS DIPP made a presentation on the 'Industrial Information System which has been developed with the support of Ministry of Electronics and IT in collaboration with BISAC.

The various features of the portal like the GIS Maps showing the industrial infrastructure mapped till date along with the raw materials layers were demonstrated. A provision to see the connectivity through Air, Rail and Road, scheme details and demand assessment were also demonstrated. Over 2800 clusters have been mapped with over 5.25 lakh hectare land. JS DIPP mentioned that the various central government departments and state govt are continuing to enter data on the system. As the database gets enriched, the portal will serve as valuable decision support tool to investors and policy makers alike.

Summer camp held to help Change Lives and develop Youngsters as Future Leaders



Ahmedabad, Unlimited Unnati Pvt. Ltd which for the last 2 decades, has been established for helping businesses multiply and individuals enhance their quality of life as well as growth. Unnati today announced the success of their recently concluded 7 DAY Leadership in Action camp which was held at a Heritage resort of Udaipur between 22nd May, 2017 – 29th May, 2017.

Specially designed for Children from the age of 7 years to 18 Years, Leadership in Action (LIA) camp was a 7 day Camp aimed at helping children to think, develop & practice leadership skills as schools & colleges do not provide enough opportunities for these young people to practice leading. In the Camp the

young students were given opportunities to participate in various outdoor and experiential exercises.

Ms. Neeru Gupta, Chief Mentor, Unlimited Unnati Pvt. Ltd. shares, "Leadership in Action" Camp holds participants to a very high standard. There are high expectations for behavior, attitude and engagement in the camp. Participating Children are expected to be actively involved and play important role in discussions and all other activities. They are made to set goals for oneself, both at the camp and when he/she returns home. Children should consider applying for Leadership in Action camp if they are truly committed to developing as individuals and as leaders." (19-8)

Gem & Jewellery Training Institute set up in Udupi, Karnataka, First of its kind in Southern India, aims to boost G&J sector in the region

Commerce and Industry Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman laid the Foundation Stone for a premier Gem & Jewellery Training Institute today in Udupi, Karnataka. Indian Institute of Gems & Jewellery (IIGJ) is being set up in association with National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad. This training centre shall be amongst the series of Training Institutes & Facility Centres set up by GJEPC (Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council) across India. With IIGJ Udupi, GJEPC forays into Education & Training field in the Southern India for the first time.

Addressing the function Smt. Sitharaman said that Across the Globe, the best of jewellery pieces are majority hand made. Global retail giants like Cartier, Boucheron or Van Cliff command premium prices for their hand made jewellery. She said India, whose forte lies in crafting most intricate handmade jewellery should capitalise on this opportunity by building necessary infrastructure. The Minister said by setting up institutes

like IIGJ and other facility centres GJEPC once again has come forward to further equip Indian Gem & Jewellery sector and make it globally competitive. She said she was confident that IIGJ in Udupi will aid in providing exciting career opportunities to youth of surrounding regions in this sector.

Mr. Manoj Dwivedi, Joint secretary said With over 100 retail stores and engaging workforce of over 5000 people, Udupi boasts of a rich jewellery lineage. By setting up IIGJ here, GJEPC envisions to productively use the talent available here by providing required training and guidance. He said GJEPC has joined hands with NID, Ahmedabad to ensure that best of jewellery and manufacturing courses are offered to the enrolled students. He applauded GJEPC for taking this visionary step which would not only skill the youth but also create more job opportunities in Southern India.

Commenting on setting up of Institute, Praveenshankar Pandya, Chairman, GJEPC said that IIGJ in Udupi is one of the

ambitious projects taken up by GJEPC to tap the unutilised potential of youth in this region and thereby giving a significant boost to Indian G & J sector. This Institute strongly embodies Honourable Prime Minister's

'Make in India' initiative and much professed emphasis on design & handmade jewellery. It is closely aligned with the vision of Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Honourable Commerce & Industry Minister to establish a

one of its kind, full-fledged Jewellery Institute at Udupi with strong Design focus. He said this is yet another step towards the pursuit of 'Skill India'.

The Institute will provide training to the youth in the region in various aspects of hand-crafted jewellery making, which could eventually lead to employment opportunities in the G & J sector. It will also aim at enhancing the skills of the existing work force already engaged with the industry. Creation and upgradation of such trained work force will in turn help in fostering development of the local jewellery industry.

Gleneagles Global Hospitals and Vaso-Meditech launch 'Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program'

Gleneagles Global Hospitals, a Parkway Pantai enterprise, in association with Vaso-Meditech Pvt. Ltd. today launched the country's first ever 'Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program' (AHF-TP) which aims identify the prevalence of Heart-Failure among the general population of India. The 'Gleneagles Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program' (GAHF-TP) was inaugurated by Mr. Anand Mohan IPS - IG - Central Industrial Security Force, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and Dr VK Subburaj IAS - Secretary - Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India (Retd.). Mr. Ramesh Krishnan, Chief Executive Officer, India Operations Division, Parkway Pantai Limited, Dr Sandeep Attawar, Program Director and Chair Cardiac Surgeries, Thoracic Organ Transplant, Gleneagles Global

Hospitals, Dr. R. Ravikumar, Associate Director, Heart Failure and Transplant Program, Gleneagles Global Hospitals and Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Director, Vaso-Meditech Pvt Ltd were also present today at hotel Crowne Plaza to launch the GAHF-TP.

The 'Gleneagles Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program' will look to open 100 'Gleneagles Heart Failure Clinics' across the country where one can visit and seek consultation. The first phase of the program will see two clinics functioning in Chennai, three centres in Bangalore, two centres in Hyderabad, one centre in Mumbai, one centre in Pune and one centre each in Ahmedabad, Raipur and Bhubaneswar. The 'Gleneagles Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program' will aim to achieve this within the first three months of launching the program. (1-7)

Air Officer Commanding In Chief, Swac On Inspection Visit To Air Force Station Vadodara



Ahmedabad, Air Marshal RK Dhir PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Air Officer Commanding in Chief, South Western Air Command arrived on a two day inspection visit to Air Force Station Vadodara on 15 Jun 17. He is accompanied by Mrs Neelam Dhir. They were received by Air Commodore BV Upadhyay VM, Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station Vadodara and Mrs Alka Upadhyay.

During his visit, the AOC-in-C reviewed the security and operational preparedness of the base and inaugu-

rated the new Office complex building at Makarpura, Vadodara. He complimented the personnel of the base for their combat readiness and urged them to be fully prepared for any kind of eventuality that may arise. He also reviewed the infrastructure development and future works projects planned at Vadodara.

Mrs Neelam Dhir, President AFWWA(R), reviewed the welfare activities for the wives of all personnel and children at Darjipura and Makarpura.

Watch the unconventional animal-based reality show Don't Blame the Dog on Sony BBC Earth



Tune-in Note The phrase 'dog is a man's best friend' is a very common one. This is because the fluffy, adorable and loving pet spreads joy in the household that chooses to take care of it. But this isn't always true. Sometimes, humans fall short on their responsibilities. Infact, a pet's bad conduct, in most cases, is the result of the owner's behaviour towards them. Watch the unique series 'Don't blame the Dog' premiering on June

19, 2017 at 10 PM only on Sony BBC Earth.

The show takes you on a splendid journey of young dog owners with bad attitudes towards their pets. Their mindset is positively changed when they have to live with people who depend on their dogs for survival.

Don't Blame the Dog promises to blow your mind with insightful stories starting 19th June, 10 PM only on Sony BBC Earth #FeelAlive. (20-4)

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Synopsis: Ben Jonson, a playwright, is tortured and forced to reveal if Edward de Vere, the Earl of Oxford, has originally penned down the works credited to William Shakespeare.



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