

ESPFwire

An Email Bulletin from the IL&FS ESPF Cell

Welcome to the first edition of ESPFwire.

We're launching this bulletin as an insider's view of what we're working on - the first in a series of bulletins that gives you the latest on IL&FS' ESPF initiative, a framework that addresses environmental and social issues on a proactive basis in all IL&FS operations.

We'll put the spotlight on the different activities conducted each month. Throughout the course of the year we'll update you on new developments along with select projects where ESPF has been applied. Here's an overview of a few new things we think you will find interesting and exciting. We would love to hear from you - send your feedback and suggestions to Rahul Datar (rahul.datar@emcentre.com) and Jillian Bhambhani (jillian.bhambhani@ilfsindia.com)

Read more about it here...

Introduction to the ESPF

IL&FS prepared an Environmental and Social Report (ESR) in response to the requirements of the World Bank; the objective was to mainstream environmental and social considerations in the project cycle of infrastructure development

The Board of IL&FS approved the ESR in 1996. IL&FS was then the first non-banking financial institution in India to establish a system of environmental and social governance. In 2008, the ESR was revamped, expanded and strengthened in the form of an Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF)

The IL&FS board of directors approved the ESPF on May 5, 2008. The ESPF applies to the entire business canvas of the IL&FS Corporate covering infrastructure as well as financial services. It is customized to each company in the IL&FS group and helps to meet national and lenders compliance requirements, as well as identify opportunities to add value to the projects, transactions and advisory assignments

ESPF Implementation

ESPF is presently being implemented in select companies such as IIML, IFIN, ICDI, ITNL, IMICL and IIDC. The ESPF will be implemented in phases across other companies. An ESPF Corporate Cell has been established to facilitate this process. At present, Environmental Management Centre (EMC) operates the ESPF Cell for IL&FS along with the KM Team.

For more information on EMC, please visit their website www.emcentre.com

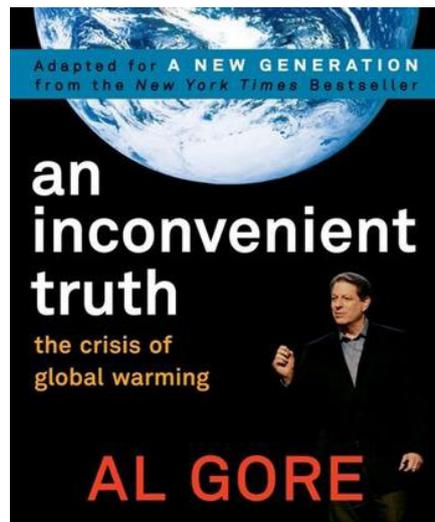
Making a difference....

As part of the ESPF at IL&FS we have organized a 12 months awareness program to ensure that each and every one of us is given an opportunity to learn, understand and incorporate the key concepts and drivers behind the ESPF. Activities sprinkled along the 12 months for this year started on World Environment Day 5th June 2010 and will carry on to the same day of 2011.

Here are the details on the program.....

Activities so far..

World Environment Day 2010: Movie Screening on Climate Change 4th/5th June 2010



- As part of the celebration of the WED 2010, the ESPF cell organized a movie screening on the 'hotly' debated global phenomenon of climate change.
- The highly acclaimed 'Inconvenient Truth' gave the first time audience of a sizable group of participants from varying departments of IL&FS, a deeper insight into global warming and its causes.
- Comments gathered from participants reflected a newfound sense of urgency for effecting change on a personal level, no effort was found too small or too insignificant to help.
- Some cautioned against the excessive dependence on fossil fuel and some warned of the consequences that will be faced by our children.
- All participants pledged at least one commitment towards reducing emissions. For some this involved reducing car usage, increasing use of public transport, judicious use of paper and a pressing need to plant more trees!

A bustling forest in a chaotic city!



11th July 2010

- Enthusiastic trekkers from various departments of IL&FS gathered one rainy morning in a unique park within a city, The Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai.
- Lush green and fresh, the nature trail was enjoyed by all, including children who accompanied their parents. The Group was not only fascinated by the brightly colored fauna but also equally intrigued by stories of nature narrated by the well-informed experts and guides from the conservation centre, Bombay Natural History Society.
- The gentle walk into the forest delighted and thrilled in equal measure. Squeals of delight from thrashing about in the swiftly flowing streams created a bit of a flutter in the forest that morning.
- Both adults and children alike seemed to believe that they were no longer in a chaotic city but far away in an exciting forest.
- And at the end of three hours, our trekkers emerged from the trail revived and rejuvenated as if just exiting an exotic spa!
- While the braver ones carried onwards to conquer the Kanheri caves an hour's trek away, the rest of us left to join the race of the bustling city, happy with the memories of nature in its pristine beauty!

Next in line...

Recycling, Composting, Civic issues and more!

Everything you wanted to know but didn't know whom to ask...well here is the opportunity as the ESPF cell brings together the 'doers' in this field, for an interactive panel discussion.....coming soon to the Training room near you!



Uncovering the mysterious mangroves of Mumbai!

A visit to the secluded and treasured mangroves of Mumbai. Learn about the life saving power of these buffer zones, discover the tiny marvels that exist in this ecosystem and capture on film the understated elegance of its flora and fauna.....will be announced shortly!

Postcards from the nature trail

Stop and stare at a selection of our best photographs from a collection of those taken by some of the trekkers on the Nature Trail at SGNP. We missed you at the trail but are happy to share our amateur but passionate photography of the wonders of the forest! Feel free to ask for copies of the photos and do join us on the next trip to create your own memories!



Giveaway goodies....

Come join in the activities and win yourself some lovely 'green' goodies.

Caps, T-Shirts are some of our prized giveaways. We have some sophisticated criteria that will help us zero in on the lucky ones among the participants, simply speaking you just have to be there and show us you care!

However our 'Crossword points' are a sure thing for everyone who shows up and this is as simple as it gets.....

Get

- 30 points for each activity participated in
- 20 points for each survey/feedback form filled and returned
- 10 points for innovative/new eco suggestions submitted (expert's decision final)
- 5 bonus points for innovative/ new eco suggestion implemented (expert's decision final)

Total up your points at the end of our program and the closest THREE to reach the BIG number: 1000 wins vouchers to the crossword store!

Your feedback to us....

"Who knew there was such a beautiful forest in the middle of one of the most polluted cities in India? SGNP and this nature trek was such a wonderful idea, the guides gave us interesting information and the sounds and sights of the trail were rejuvenating and refreshing!" a happy trekker post our SGNP nature trail.

In answer to the feedback form from the movie on global warming "It would be great if IL&FS could develop more wind power projects, promote solar technologies and set up solar projects. Personally I pledge to increase use of public transport and reduce dependence on home appliances"

Write to us

The ESPF cell will be happy to hear from you... if you have an idea on conserving our environment, an experience or experiment in 'greening' your life, or just encouraging words? Please email Rahul Datar (rahul.datar@emcentre.com) and Jillian Bhambhani (jillian.bhambhani@iflindia.com)