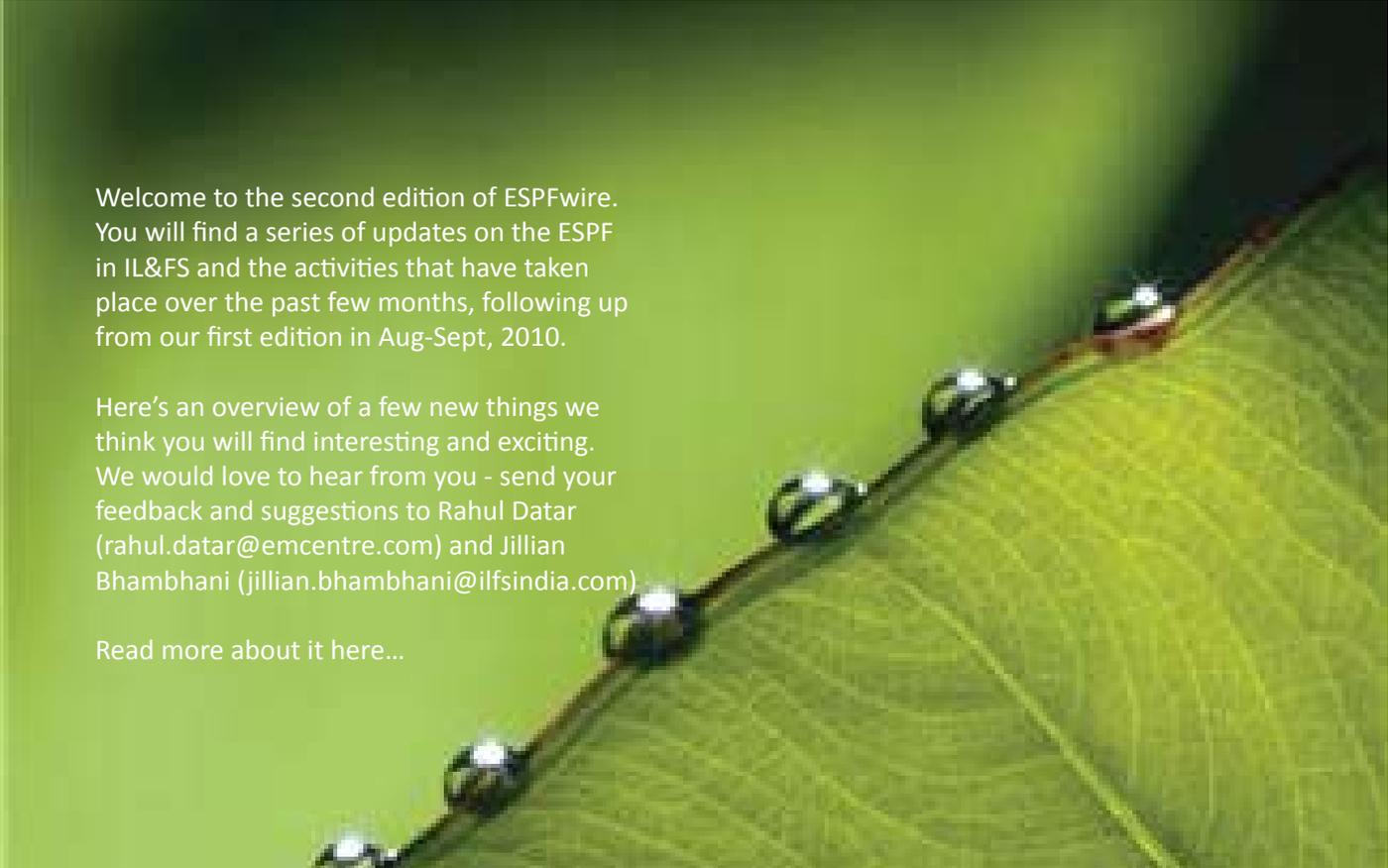


ESPFwire

An Email Bulletin from the IL&FS ESPF Cell



Welcome to the second edition of ESPFwire. You will find a series of updates on the ESPF in IL&FS and the activities that have taken place over the past few months, following up from our first edition in Aug-Sept, 2010.

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...

Update on the ESPF

The IL&FS Board approved the Environmental & Social Policy Framework (ESPF) in May 2008. The ESPF is designed to proactively identify and safeguard against environmental, health & safety and social (E&S) risks to IL&FS and its companies in their projects, investments and advisory services

Application of the ESPF is being extended to some IL&FS's companies at present. The executive boards of IIML, ICDI, IIDC and IMICL have approved a customized version of the ESPF. It is now in the operationalization phase in these companies, wherein new projects, transactions or advisory services (as relevant) goes through the customized ESPF process for the company for identification of E&S risks and safeguard measures. The E&S Cell studied all the existing business in these companies for calibrating the E&S risk assessment framework

Development of company specific ESPF systems is ongoing in ITNL and IFIN at present. Additionally, ESPF is also being implemented in IWL, IEDCL, IWMSL and OAIS

Dr. Prasad Modak's team from the Environmental Management Centre (EMC) is assisting IL&FS in this endeavour and functioning as the corporate ESPF cell till IL&FS builds its own E&S 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 behind the ESPF. Activities sprinkled along the 12 months for the year started on World Environment Day 5th June 2010 will carry on to the same day of 2011.

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

Activities in September, October and December...

Reduce Reuse Recycle

29th September 2010



Get compost
from kitchen waste

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Dry waste
can be Recycled

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Grow wealth
from waste!

Presentation on 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) & Waste Composting: by 'RUR' & 'Daily Dump'

IL&FS staffers took time off from their busy schedules to attend a presentation on 3Rs and Waste Composting given by two passionate practitioners of the respective subject areas. The young and dynamic group of RUR (Are you Reducing, Reusing, Recycling?) formed by enthusiastic and well informed young mothers gave personally researched, tried out and tested solutions to the audience. They came equipped with alternatives to plastic bags and took us through an eye-opener of a visit to a landfill. The creative and talented group also shared with us their spontaneously created poem about the ills of a landfill and urged all to begin practicing the 3Rs in earnest for ourselves and the next generation!

'Wildlife Shorts'

A film festival of short local films on India's wildlife:
Series of Films 25th to 27th October 2010



25th to 27th October 2010

Enthusiastic participants to this short film festival held over three days brought with them their love for animals and left with genuine concern for their welfare as was demonstrated through the films they watched. Eight different films brought to light the danger that some of our most valued wildlife is put in simply because of our disregard and indifference to the plight of these beautiful creatures used sometime for mindless entertainment and at others for their prized parts. The festival sought to bring issues of nature's jungle to the man-made concrete jungle we call our home, in the hope that we realize that there is a bigger beautiful world out there that is affected by our actions as much as we are by theirs.

'Mangroves'

A visit to rediscover the treasure that are Mangroves:
Godrej Mangroves at Vikhroli

Enthusiastic trekkers gathered a misty morning to visit and walk among the little known treasures at the fringes of the land that meets the sea: the Mangroves at Vikhroli in Mumbai. These mangroves are fiercely protected and cared for through Mangrove Conservation by Soonabai Pirojsha Godrej Marine Ecology Centre. Parents and children learnt about the importance of mangroves, their unique eco-system and why the survival of the island of Mumbai's coastline rests on the understated strength and elegance of these beautiful species. Surprises came in the form of unique flora and fauna found only in these delicate eco-systems. They also had the pleasure of drinking tea made from a plant species from the mangrove. Our trekkers went home with the assurance of knowing that someone was caring for these 'bodyguards' in nature!

29th September 2010

Next in line...

Rainwater harvesting and Solar Water heating in your building!

Learn about people who have come together as neighbors and taken the trouble to find out how to conserve precious natural resources. Co-operative Housing Societies in Mumbai have installed and successfully run RWH and Solar Water heating for their homes – how you and I do the same?



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Green lifestyle presentation!

What would you say if you were told about 'green' lifestyles? What would you do to adopt the same? Learn more about living responsibly so that our future generations are not compromised by the choices we make. Leave behind a greener planet; leave behind a secure future for our kids!

Best of short environmental movies!

Take time from your work or stop over with your colleagues for that coffee break at the training room for a quick peek of the best of short environmental movies on topics as diverse and interesting as electric cars, water, waste and all sorts of 'stuff'. Don't miss out on these cleverly made films that pack a punch in every frame and leave you with a 'thirst' for more...

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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 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....

"the speakers' passion for their work is commendable. they have shared such easy and simple solutions and shown us how to tackle serious problems caused by the huge amounts of waste generated by us. I have learned a new thing about composting that I never knew before" feedback from an audience member at the presentations on recycling and waste composting.

Reactions from those who came to watch the wildlife short films ... *"Animals are being ill-treated, hunted and killed in cold blood. What is worse is that we have become insensitive to the cries of these poor creatures. The only thing that can be said, as of now, is that we need to be a bit more sensitive and show compassion"*

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@ilfsindia.com)