Editorial
Understanding, conscience, ethical perceptions of individuals and communities determine their relationship to the natural world. The human-nature interface decides the very future of both. Natural history and environmental literacy are thus the most important fields of human knowledge.

Natural history took a strong footage in the age renaissance and colonial expansion over continents. Books such as The Silent Spring, Limits to Growth created unprecedented environmental conscience among global community. Afterwards, a huge amount of literature generated.

A huge and wide range of knowledge on the prominence of natural systems and vital signs of decline they are witnessing.

CGR and GrACE together brought out ‘Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook’ as an outcome of nine years of work in India’s prominent mountain system. We wish that this publication will create a compassion and responsibility for the natural world and its wild denizens, indigenous communities. We wish to thank one and all, who actively or passively rendered support in the making of this book.

Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**Jammi Mahotsavam**
CGR facilitated the distribution of 200 Jammi saplings on 4th October 2019 at Regional Transport Office, Thirumalagiri, Secunderabad. Shri Srinivas Reddy, RTO, Thirumalagiri and his sub-ordinates participated in the programme. On the same day 100 Jammi saplings were distributed at Transport Office at Manchiryal town. Shri Vivekananda Reddy, Motor Vehicle Inspector, other officers subordinates were present on the occasion.

**Plantation at Anmaspalli**
CGR procured 1917 saplings of 36 local varieties for plantation in Anmaspalli village. Kadthal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. Plantation drive was launched on 5th October 2019 by CGR team, villagers, and youth. Smt. K. Leela Laxma Reddy, President, CGR, Mr. Shankar Sarpanch. Mr. Krishna, Mr. Kotaiah, Mr. Venkatesh, Mr. Ravi Babu from CGR was present on the day. Remaining saplings are being planted here after.

**Dasara-2019 Celebrations at Anmaspalli**
Accepting the invitation extended by Council For Green Revolution (CGR), Mr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Hyderabad as Chief Guest and Mr. Joel Reifman, U.S. Counsel General, Hyderabad as Special Guest, have graced the the “Vijaya Dasami Festival Celebrations” organized at Anmaspally Village, Kadtal Mandal, on 8th October 2019.

Smt. K. Leela Laxma Reddy, and Mr. K. Laxma Reddy, Mr. Shankar, Sarpanch, Ward members, villagers and other guests on the occasion received the Chief Guest and Special Guest and other guests. The event was also attended by Shri. Acharya Kasireddy Venkata Reddy, Former Secretary of the Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad, TTD and Mr.
Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Managing Director, MAK Projects as Guests of Honour.

On the occasion, cultural events were hosted by CGR, excellently performed by the local village students, kids and elders, which was not only appreciated by the Chief Guest Mr. Andrew Fleming, but he himself has also actively participated with cultural troop to the surprise of every one present there.

Later “Ayudha Pooja” was performed and the Chief Guest and the Special Guest were taken to the local temple, through conventional procession, where Mr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Hyderabad and as Chief Guest and Mr. Joel Reifman, U.S.
Counsel General, Hyderabad as Special Guest were received “Poorna Khumbham” accompanied with Vedic Chanting by Veda Pandits. Later Shri Purushotham Reddy, Chief Advisor to CGR have explained the various activities of CGR in the last decade and also has presented to the Guests, a book documented titled as “EASTREN GHATS Environment Outlook” documented by Greens Alliance for Conservation of Eastern Ghats.

Chief Guest and Special Guest each planted a sapling at temple in the village as part of ten million plantation programme of CGR. Chief Guest presented gifts to the meritorious school children in the village.

The gathering also paid tributes to Late S. Jaipal Reddy, Parliamentarian. Ten Ideologies book which was narrated by Shri Reddy was presented to the guests of the occasion. The event concluded with vote of thanks followed by dinner.

**Release of Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook**

Greens’ Alliance for Conservation of Eastern Ghats (GrACE) and Council for Green Revolution (CGR) Environmental Organisation released Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook on 15th October 2019, Tuesday, 6.00 pm at Nalanda Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15, Janpath Road, New Delhi, India.

This book was be released by Shri Pranab Mukherjee Honorable Former President of India. Shri M.C. Mehta, Eminent Environmentalist, Shri Vinod Sethi, Secretary General, Capital Foundation Society, Sri R. Dileep Reddy, Chairman, GrACE, Smt. K. Leela Laxma Reddy, President, CGR, Sri. K. Laxma Reddy, President, CGR, Dr. K. Thulsi Rao, Author, Mr. C. Umamaheswar
Reddy, Authors were present during the release. The programme was moderated by Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy, Renowned Environmentalist and Advisor CGR moderated the programme.

The programme was convened by Dr. Indrasena Reddy, Conveners Save Rivers, Dr. Donthi Narasimha Reddy, Policy Expert, Ms. Gayatri Pandalaneni, Sr. Journalist, Mr. Pawan Kumar Advocate, Mr. Kotiaah, Programme Officer, CGR Mr. Yashwanth Ponnala, Project Manager. Other delegates from Hyderabad were Mr. Ravindra, Founder, VMF, Mr. & Ms. Madhava Reddy, VMF, Mr. Natraj, Lions Club, Mr. Vijayabhaskar Reddy, Anmaspalli, Mr. Arvind Reddy, Mr. Shankar Sarpanch Anmaspalli and Anmaspalli villagers were present in the programme.
SHRI PRANABH MUKHERJEE AND OTHER DIGNITARIES RELEASING EASTERN GHATS ENVIRONMENT OUTLOOK
Presenting book to noted personalities

On 16th October CGR and GRACE team at Delhi presented the copies of the books to Shri L.K. Advani, Former Deputy Prime Minister of India Veteran Parliamentarian

GRACE and CGR team Presenting Eastern Ghats Outlook to Shri Jairam Ramesh, MP, Rajya Sabha, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology & Environment & Forest and Former Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

Presenting the book to Shri Sitaram Yechuri, MP Rajya Sabha and General Secretary CPI

GRACE and CGR team Presenting Eastern Ghats Outlook to Shri Siddhaantha Das, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. India
GRACE AND CGR TEAM PRESENTING EASTERN GHATS OUTLOOK TO JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY, JUDGE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA,

GRACE AND CGR TEAM PRESENTING EASTERN GHATS OUTLOOK TO SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE MISHRA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVT. INDIA

DR. T. INDRASENA REDDY PRESENTING EASTERN GHATS OUTLOOK TO SHRI SURESH JAIN JI, NATIONAL ORGANISING SECRETARY OF BHARAT VIKAS PARISHAD

DR. T. INDRASENA REDDY PRESENTING EASTERN GHATS OUTLOOK TO MR. BABUL SUPRIYO, HONORABLE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVT. INDIA,
Our individual well-being is intimately connected both with that of all others and with the environment in which we live...

The XIV Dalai Lama
**Article: Taxing polluters in forest** - Mr. Kumar, Founder-Tiger First

It is first of its kind and innovative and policy instrument in India that is generating nearly 2 cr every year to the forest dept in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

Tigerfirst is the incubator, designer, advocate, campaigner, and lobbyist of the forest road toll fee/tax policy instrument to make vehicular traffic pay for damages to wildlife on highways cutting through ecologically sensitive areas & forests in India.

The model was designed & proposed in 2013, and been operations since 2014 on the 100 km road stretch in NSTR, a Tiger Reserve, South India. The policy instrument makes vehicular traffic users pay for damages (habitat loss, road kills, plastic & litter, pollution) to wildlife on forest roads.

It is structured as a combination of legal, economic, social & conservation arguments – packaged in a manner suitable (win-win) for all the stake holders – travelers, locals, politicians, government and most importantly, the wildlife. An estimated 71 crores will be collected as fees by 2035. This is a significant funding source for wildlife conservation & protection measures.

By making polluters pay, this wildlife conservation policy instrument reduces the dependency on government funds or charities/donations.

Making the polluters pay is a bedrock environmental principle and a matter of simple justice. If the actors/agents most responsible for pollution can escape the present liability due to damaging the ecosystem, then the next generation will have to shoulder the responsibility which over the next few decades will cost the country significantly more.

With the locals engaged as partners in management of the funds collected, this serves as an example of successful policy innovation in the emerging scientific field of sustainable transport & road ecology.
With active support and initiative from the Forest departments, this policy instrument is now operational in two tiger reserves of India – in the states of AP & TS. It is in line with the globally accepted principle of polluter pays, and a first of its kind in India on forest highways. The funds collected are to be used to exclusively to pay for conservation measures and mitigation of road kill & litter damages to wildlife.

While there are many initiatives & regulations in the offing for road kill mitigation measures for new forest highway proposals, there are almost none to deal with the wildlife damages on existing forest roads. These highways cause significant (and continuous damages) to wildlife on a daily basis. It is a fact that the road kills on forest highways are much higher in numbers than the poaching damages to wildlife. It is not just the big ones that get most attention – tigers, leopards, elephants, deer etc. It is also about the countless little ones – snakes, frogs, butterflies etc. that are killed in hundreds across the forest roads on a daily basis. It is a problem of serious biodiversity loss that has not been given enough attention.

The traffic on these roads cannot be closed for various reasons (beyond the control of the government forest departments). In this case, the next best alternative is to make people pay for damages.

If you can’t stop them, charge them! Most people, it was found, are willing to pay when given the right information!!

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Other Updates
Release Eastern Ghats Outlook at Hyderabad

On 2nd November 2019, Saturday the book will be released at Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium, Public Gardens, Hyderabad by Shri Jairam Ramesh, MP, Rajya Sabha, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology & Environment & Forest and Shri Mohan Guruswamy, Eminent economist and others.
GGR invites articles, experiences, case studies etc. for the newsletter on environment, ecology and sustainable development issues. The articles shall not exceed two pages.

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