

# NATURE'S NARRATIVE

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## ABOUT US

*Nature's Narrative* is a literary step towards fulfilling our goal of spreading environmental awareness! An inter-artistic platform which portrays how we humans embrace and protect nature in our own native innovative way through art forms and protest movements! Let's say its nature's narration through humans!!

*Greener Things* is an initiative driven by the common world concern of making this earth a better inhabitable place for all of us but approaches it in an interdisciplinary and innovative way to showcase how every activity in this 21st century either harms our earth or heals it in its minuscule possible way!

## ENVIRO-SNIPPETS

*Enviro-Snippets is a segment in our newsletter where we bring to you daily happenings related to nature from around the nation.*

### Indian Agriculture Update

- 1) The Haryana Forest Department has started aerial seeding on a pilot basis throughout the state. The project is being carried on a pilot basis to rejuvenate the low vegetation density of Aravalli and Shivalik hills. Using this method plantation on 100 acres is planned to be attempted during the pilot project.
- 2) The government of India launched the Green-Ag Project in Mizoram and 5 other states to reduce emissions from agriculture and ensure sustainable agricultural practices. The project seeks to mainstream biodiversity, climate change, sustainable land management objectives and practices into the agriculture sector.

To Know more about these snippets, [click here](#).

### Indian Tigers Update

- 1) As per the Tigers Report 2018, an increasing rate of 6% per annum of Tiger population in India from the year 2006 to 2018 was observed. India is "now one of the biggest and most secure habitats of the tiger". However, the UNODC recently released the World Wildlife Crime Report declaring that Thailand and India are the main source countries for shipments seized in international trade of tiger parts. Beside for medicinal purposes, tiger parts are also being traded for exotic products.

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### Indian Water Update

- 1) The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has banned general permission to withdraw ground water for commercial purposes without an EIA(Environmental Impact Assessment). Around 8,00,000 companies are falling under such areas

which have been accounting for about one-third of all 3,881 groundwater assessment units in India.

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## Indian Forest Update

1) The FAO released the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) report, where India ranked third among top 10 countries where forest cover has increased in the last decade. India also accounts for almost 50% of the world forestry employment.

2) Besides, the government has approved the zonal master plan for the Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone notification that stretches from Gaumukh to Uttarkashi covering an area of 4179.59 sqkm.

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***Interesting Trivia - The one-horned rhinoceros is found only in India. Project Rhinoceros was launched in 1987 for its protection. The one-horned rhinoceros has been given protection in Kaziranga (Assam). Besides this place, it is found in the marshy lands of Manas (Assam) and Jaldapara (West Bengal).***

## Indian National Parks Update

1) The Assam government has decided to upgrade Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary into a National Park. The Sanctuary is known as the Jeypore Rainforest, spreading across the coal- and oil-rich districts of Upper Assam. It is the only home to seven different species of wild cats with the highest concentration of the rare endangered White Winged Wood Duck. Post upgradation, Dehing Patkai will be the sixth national park in Assam.

To know more about these snippets, [click here](#).

## Indian Disasters Update

1) The water of Brahmaputra has flooded Assam this year affecting not just for the humans but animals too. The Kaziranga National park is badly affected with 85% area submerged and a total of 108 animals dead, and another 125

animals have been rescued. Authorities stated that those 108 wild animals, included nine rhinos thereby dwindling their population further.

2) The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board submitted its report to the NGT on July 6 on the unfortunate boiler blast incident that took place on 1st July at Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Ltd in Cuddalore district. 6 workers were killed and another 17 were injured. This was the second accident at the power station in less than two months.

3) A Status report was filed by the district collector of Vishakapatnam district, on leakage of hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) vapors at Sainor Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, JN Pharma City on June 29. The benzimidazole gas, which was not much of a danger than styrene, has not spread anywhere.

To know more about these snippets, [click here](#).

## Indian Climate Change Update

1) The first ‘Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region was released by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, based on modelling conducted by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune. It recorded that surface air temperature over India has risen by 0.6°C per year during 1901-2018, with sea level rise by 3.3 mm per year in the North Indian Ocean.

To know more about these snippets, [click here](#).

## Indian Land Update

1) According to a report filed by the District Magistrate of Datia, all illegal sand mining using submarines (underwater machines) in the Dangra village of Datia district (Madhya Pradesh) has been stopped. The villagers of Dangra, Datia district said illegal sand mining in the village was done through the use of submarines (underwater machines), which affected the aquatic life and climate.

To know more about these snippets, [click here](#).





# National Biodiversity Update

1) The scientists of Singapore reported the discovery of the first “Super Giant Isopod” species in the eastern Indian Ocean. The scientists reported their findings on July 8 in the peer-reviewed, open-access biodiversity research journal ‘ZooKeys’. It was described as “The epithet is the Indonesian word “raksasa” word for giant that alludes to its enormous size and the meaning of its finding,”

2) A Himalayan butterfly known as Golden Birdwing (*Troides aeacus*) has been discovered as India’s largest butterfly after 88 years. It has replaced an unknown specimen which a british army officer Brigadier Evans had recorded in 1932. Golden Birdwing is followed by Common Windmill (*Byasa polyeuctes*) at 98 mm, Great Windmill (*Byasa dasarada*) at 96 mm, and Common Peacock (*Papilio bianor*) at 78 mm- all from Uttarakhand.

To know more about these snippets, [click here](#).

*Interesting Trivia - Only 1 percent of India’s vast coastline is protected. The rest is vanishing thanks to unplanned development work, fishery and projects like power plants and ports.*

## GREENOGRAPHY

*Greenography is a segment in our newsletter where we feature Photographs submitted by you. Nature is bountiful with great scenarios. We, at Greener Things relish nature and its eternal beauty. we look for pictures showcasing nature's beauty as well as the ill-impacts that human activities have had on nature.*

## PHOTOGRAPH BY

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## ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPH

This photo is clicked on a Canon EOS 1300d, near 72 Kotha ni Vav, Para ,  
Mehsana, Gujarat.

*Interesting Trivia - Ansel Adams was an American landscape photographer and environmentalist known for his black-and-white images of the American West. To honour, each year Sierra Club administers the prestigious "Ansel Adams Award" for Conservation Photography.*

# DREAMS DO COME TRUE (?)

*A Short Story by Sayan Chandra*

THE WATER CAME GUSHING IN THROUGH THE WINDOW, THE DOOR AND EVERY POSSIBLE OPENING OF THE HOUSE. IN MOMENTS THE FLOOR WAS WATERLOGGED, WATER HAD STARTED TO ENTER RANU'S ROOM. A STARTLED RANU SAT ON HER BED WITH GASPED BREATH AS SHE GAZED OUT OF THE WINDOW ABOVE HER BED, BUT THE POURING DROPS OF RELENTLESS RAIN WAS ALL THAT SHE COULD SEE!! AS IF HER FAVOURITE RAIN WAS NOW HER POINT OF ANGER! SHE COULD HEAR SCREAMS FROM THE LOCALTY, "THE LEVEL IS RISING", MUFFLED CRIES. A STARTLED AND PALE RANU'S MOTHER ENTERED THE ROOM TO CHECK FOR HER DAUGHTER. AT THAT MOMENT A GUST OF WATER BARGED THROUGH THE HIGHEST WINDOW IN THE ROOM ABOVE RANU'S BED, AIMED AT THE POOR KID.

GASPING FOR BREATH RANU TRIED TO SCREAM "HELP!! HELP!!"

"RANU!!! RANU!!!" A DISTURBED VOICE CAME SCREAMING AT HER. "WHAT HAPPENED KID?" RANU'S MOTHER GAVE A JOLT TO THE KID WHICH WAS SCREAMING IN HER SLEEP. RANU SUDDENLY GASPED OPEN HER EYES. "MOM, WE ARE DROWNING, MOM!!!"

"NOTHING HAPPENED RANU!! WE ARE SAFE! WE ARE SAFE!! ITS A NIGHTMARE" REPLIED A RELIEFED MOTHER.

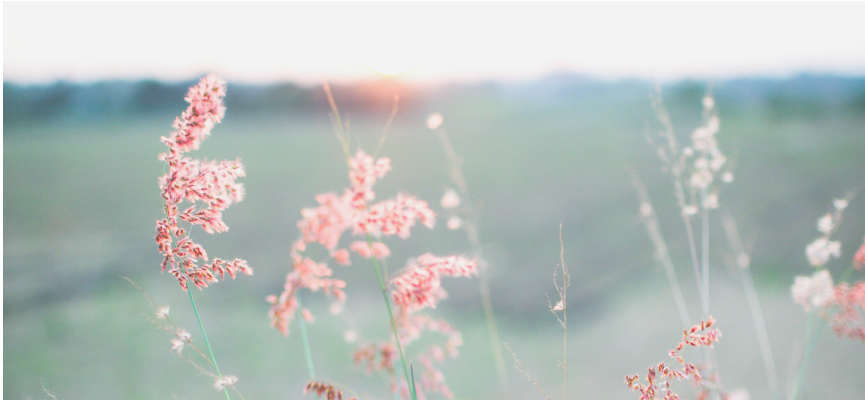
"ARE YOU SURE? MOM?" RANU'S VOICE AS IF REASSURED HER OWN SENSES.

"IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THAT SHOWS THAT YOU WATCH AT NIGHT AND THINK THAT EARTH WILL DROWN IN FUTURE!! WHAT WAS IT?? SOME 2018 OR SOMETHING RIGHT?" A REBUKING TONE FOLLOWED.

"NO MA, SERIOUSLY EVEN THE UNITED NATIONS HAS COME UP WITH A..."

BEFORE THE WORD COULD BE COMPLETED A GLARING VOICE FROM THE TV CAME FROM THE ROOM BESIDE.

THE TV WAS VOICING "FLOODS HAVE COME IN COUNTLESS VILLAGES OF ASSAM AND KERELA LEAVING HUNDREDS STRANDED WITH NO HOUSES OR ANY AMENITIES AND THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE DEATHS ARE STILL INCREASING. RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE BEING PLANNED!! THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST DISASTROUS FLOODS THE STATES HAVE SEEN IN QUITE SOMETIME! MAY GOD PROTECT THEM!"



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## HIMACHAL KI HIKAYAT

*Written by Zankar Shah*

Late summer camp  
Tired from all mental cramps;  
Before starting life's new journey  
Three friends stepped out to see earthly beauty;  
Unaware of northern delight,  
Blinded by bright city lights,  
Neglected nature's insight.  
Early morning as I remember  
When the first ray shined like amber  
I opened my eyes to see whole new paradise!  
Valleys to my right and cattle strolling just by my side,  
Surrounded by mountain peaks little did I noticed worldly streak.  
To the left was brimming brook, as lively as my own childhood;  
One footstep followed the other, new heavens we discovered!  
Some days were sunny while most were rainy,  
Just like our routine, isn't it bit funny?  
Witnessing mother's best creation,  
we saw new world with all variations;  
From ageing canopies to sloppy hills,  
From glaciers to hot springs,  
From cold breeze to late night campfire,  
From temple bells to local dwells,

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## TRIVIA ABOUT HIMACHAL

### PRADESH

*Himachal Pradesh is only one of the few states in India where productions, distribution and use of polythene bags made of non-biodegradable materials is banned.*

## HIMACHAL KI HIKAYAT

*Written by Zankar Shah*

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We found out life and death in a nutshell.

Witnessing few best miracles, we overcame life's all obstacle;

Reaching to the best pinnacle, I found my spectacle!

Year to the journey and still can feel the warmth in veins

Igniting fire within to run back to those beautiful terrain.

Sending best lines to the valley waiting for me eagerly as I hallucinate:

“ऐ वादी शहज़ादी बोलो कैसी हो?

क्य अब भी वो झील बर्फ़ हो जाती है

जिस्से बच्चे खेल खिलारा करते हैं,

ऐ वादी शहज़ादी अपनी क्या लिखूँ,

हर पल तेरी याद सताती रहती है,

आती जाती हर एक साँस ये कहती है,

जान का क्या आती जाती रहती है.

एक दिन तुम से मिलने वापस आऊँगा

क्या है दिल में सब कुछ तुम्हें बताऊँगा!”

-IRSHAD KAMIL

“Fir dil khol bethege

hum teen shayad, main tum or vo adhuri hikayat”

# HUMANS FOR NATURE

*We humans have been lucky enough to have humans around us who have been enthusiastic, rebellious at times, and generous always to fight for our mother nature. Humans for Nature is such a segment in our newsletter where we cover such personalities.*



In this edition of Humans for Nature, we cover a true altruist and a man who's famously known as the man with a Green Thumb. He's Daripalli Ramiah.

Also locally known as "Chettu Ramiah" & "Vanjeevi Ramiah" Daripalliji has planted 10 million plant saplings in his lifetime.

Daripalli Ramaiah hails from Reddipalle village in Khammam district of Telengana state. It started back in his youth when Daripalliji had participated in a plantation drive along with his wife. Since then, for last five decades he has been a a campaigner of social forestry and forest conservation.

The septuagenarian, who was once heckled as "mentally unstable man" never lost the courage and his resolve to bring back greenary to Mother Earth. He used to pedal several kilometres to a barren spot where he would plant saplings and sow seeds in the hope that the area would turn green some day. Till date too, he carries plant seeds on his bicycle and plants them in places with no forest cover.

He didn't study beyond 10th standard nevertheless he never lost interest in reading about nature and environment and has been an avid reader on various books and articles on nature and environment. He has been honored with a honorary doctorate by Academy of Universal Global Peace.

His sincere, religious efforts in the field of forest conservation have earned many accolades such as the Seva Medal and Padma Shri, the third highest civillian award.



# That's all folks!

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