



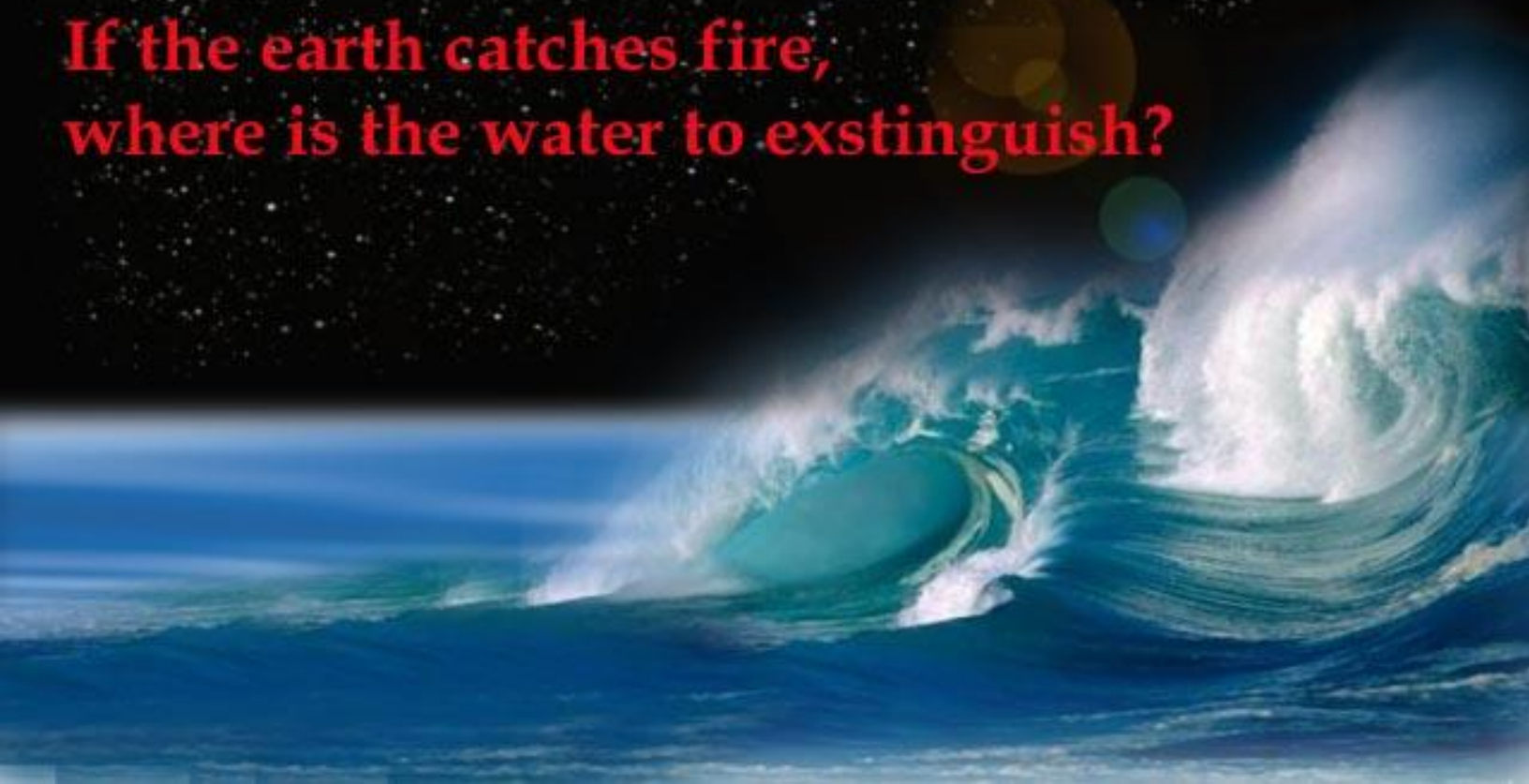
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**If the earth catches fire,
where is the water to extinguish?**





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Paper Chase

By Sam Martin

Take a minute to look around the room you're in and notice how many things are made out of paper. There may be books, a few magazines, some printer paper, and perhaps a poster on the wall. *Nearly 4 billion trees or 35% of the total trees cut around the world are used in paper industries* on every continent.

Today, the world consumes about 300 million tons of paper each year. Most of that paper is made from virgin pulp, but recycled paper accounts for 38% of the world's total fiber supply and non-wood fibers from plants like hemp or kenaf make up 7%. The U.S., which contains only 5% of the world's population, uses 30% of all paper.

Unfortunately, the paper making process is not a clean one. According to the U.S. Toxic Release Inventory report published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), *pulp and paper mills are among the worst polluters to air, water and land of any industry*. The Worldwatch Institute offers similar statistics for the rest of the world. Each year millions of pounds of highly toxic chemicals such as toluene, methanol, chlorine dioxide, hydrochloric acid, and formaldehyde are released into the air and water from paper making plants around the world. Paper making also uses up vast quantities of trees.

<http://www.ecology.com/features/paperchase/index.html>

Think of this when you like to take next print out. Let us save paper and our future.

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E-Governance for green conservation



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E-governance originated in India during the seventies with a focus on in-house government applications in the areas of defense, economic monitoring, planning and the deployment of ICT to manage data intensive functions related to elections, census, tax administration etc. The efforts of the National Informatics Center (NIC) to connect all the district headquarters during the eighties was a watershed. From the early nineties, e-governance has seen the use of IT for wider sectoral applications with policy emphasis on reaching out to rural areas and taking in greater inputs from NGOs and private sector as well. There has been an increasing involvement of international donor agencies such as DfID, G-8, UNDP, WB under the framework of e-governance for development.

MCA 21 is a vision project is one of the largest e-governance project in our country. No more to visit to file forms and it is easy to file from anywhere in this world. The online facility reduces time, energy, paper and transportation cost. *In about a year's time, they will no longer have to deal with an annual deluge of more than 60 million sheets of paper from seven lakh companies.*

The savings have been assessed at approximately two crore man days per annum besides saving on traveling etc which may be of the order of more than Rs.60 crore per annum. The creation of large data base enables the government to unwind paper filing which again huge savings. Based on success of MCA 21, the Income tax department also launched Annual e-filing of return both for corporate and non-corporate.

The Supreme Court has undertaken the "e-courts" efforts in three phases as a mission mode project under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGEP) for linking about 15,000 courts in the country.

It is planned to provide necessary infrastructure and concentrate on capacity building, judicial process from filing to execution and finally making the information available online to all concerned thereby accelerating disposal of cases. Now the judgment copy of Supreme Court can be obtained from its website.

Various Central and State Governments have already started e-governance project even for electricity bill payment. The Tamil Nadu Health department initiative to issue Birth and Death Certificates free of cost through online. Several State VAT authorities have already requesting tax payers to file their return online.

Let us make our offices paperless and thereby let us save trees and save our future.

Chapter Activities

Career awareness programs were held at various towns around Mysore like Kollegala, Hunsuru, Mandya, Srirangapattana, KR Nagara, Arakalagudu, Paduvalahippe, Malavalli, Periyapattana, Kushalnagar, Bharatinagar, Maddur, Madikeri, Gonikopal, Virajpet, Gundlupet and Chamarajanagar. Over 4000 students were given awareness about the CS course. Mr. CS. Anshuman lead this massive career awareness program.

Chapter conducted soft skill development competitions like elocution, pick-n-speak, quiz and group discussions on Sundays.

The chapter issued the following press notes on following during the month :

- Mysore Team wins the National Round of the Company Law Quiz.
- Last date for joining foundation course
- New office bearers for Mysore Chapter.

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|| पृथ्वी रक्षति रक्षिता ||

|| *Earth protects us if we protect it* ||

One thing is for sure. We are no good at making legible use of natural resources. We are absolutely no good at understanding logics of the nature.

Westerns say "For the growth of mankind, we need to *exploit* available resources" Not using, but 'exploiting'. We follow westerns! Exploit and get exploited.

Westerns say "For creating hygienic environment do not reuse the article - use and throw!!" We follow westerns! In the name of hygiene, create mountains of wastes and dirt.

Westerns say "Purchasing more and more for household consumption is the indicator of economic prosperity - so allure people to buy more and more, no problem even if it is by swiping credit cards endlessly". We follow westerns and promote consumerism (this is also an 'ism!'). Entire USA is in debt trap today, still we promote more and more malls and credit cards!!

Our streets should look like westerns' streets - use more and more electricity to brighten up the evenings and nights! We follow westerns!

As usual on one morning, Mahatma Gandhi walked to the river flowing next to the Ashram to fresh up. He filled in the water in a mug from the river, came back little away from the riverbank and washed his face, arms and feet near plants. Someone observing this, asked Gandhi "Mahatmaji, you can see plenty of water flowing there in the river. You would have got into the water for washing your face, arms and feet like all of us. Why are you carrying water in a mug from the river?"

Mahatma replied, "I need only this much of water. I should not use more than I need, just because it is plenty and free. By the way, I could water these plants too with the same mug of water"

We may explore and not exploit the resources and use it to the extent of our needs and not for greed. Drawing line between need and greed is the real challenge which each individual need to struggles and draw.

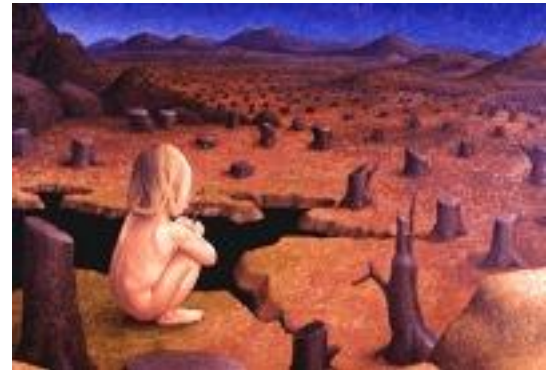
Wherever we are - if we just observe, we can easily find the draining of resources. Bulbs keep burning though no one needs it. We want air conditioners work at 18° C though 25° C is cool enough. Printer keeps printing though those print outs can be avoided. Drinking water cans are to be emptied every day, even though water remains pure for next day too. We never worry for water leakages at work place since it does not affect our work! We try to circumvent the environmental laws, though it just means circumventing the common sense!

Let us respect the nature. Let us serve nature. Let us save nature for saving our today and tomorrows!!

First TOP conducted at Mysore

The First Training Orientation Program for Intermediate Passed students of C.S. course was held by Mysore Chapter of ICSI from September 9, 2008 to September 13, 2008. This 5-Day Program consisted of 20 Technical Sessions. Expert faculties for the technical sessions comprised of a judicious mix of Industry Experts, Soft skills Trainers and Professional Consultants. The feed back received from the students in respect of the choice of topics for the technical sessions, faculty, arrangements made at the venue were extremely encouraging.

Ms. Parvati K.R. was adjudged the "Best Participant". The First Place in the Group Discussion on "Learn to Unlearn" was bagged by Mr. B.K. Mohan and the Second Place was bagged by Mr. Vageesh G Hegde.



What can we, professionals do for green conservation?

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Assistant Manager - Legal, iGATE Global Solutions Limited

First, as a responsible citizen, we have to practice and imbibe certain things in day to day life to save earth. Click this link for some tips . <http://www.50waystohelp.com/>

As a professional - being under advisory role - drive the clients to energy & resource saving strategies (as much as possible).

Every other print out taken by me is a recycled paper. I mean, I ensure to collect papers from various departments nearby me, who print one side and chuck them. If we work as a team, we can save 50% of our demand for Papers. We have no choice but to use Letterheads and photocopies of various important documents, but we can work on it by optimum usage of technology.

CS. V. Narayanan

Company Secretary and Controller, Bosch Electrical Drives India Private Limited

I shall contribute to the environment by the following activities:

- 1) Ensuring Compliance to all Environmental Laws and Regulations
- 2) Planning the production process and plant design in such a way that pollution and felling of trees are minimised
- 3) As now-a-days international standards like ISO, etc., insists on making the environment green; I shall also in my professional capacity make those standards followed by my company
- 4) In my knowledge sharing forums; I shall contribute on Environmental Protection

For Automotive Axles Ltd, Mysore, Greenery is An Imperative Strategy for sustainable eco- friendly growth - CS. C K Sabareshan, Director Finance & Company Secretary

We are leading manufacturers of Drive Axles for commercial vehicles since 1984. As a result of usage of a wide range of raw materials, chemicals, gases etc in our manufacturing process, we perceived a negative impact on environment as high. Our Corporate Social Responsibility mandates us to lessen this negative impact and mitigate the future risk of depleting the natural resources.

We practice "Environment Management System" (EMS) as certified under ISO 14001:2004. our journey towards clean, green and healthy environment as traced below, is quite encouraging.

Water - Elixir of life: We harvest rainwater and use for production related activities and for ground re-charging. The waste water generated from canteen is routed to Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) and reused for gardening and toilet flushing. The condensed water is collected and disposed to Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). This has dramatically reduced consumption of fresh water, thus conserving a precious natural resource.

CS Adishesu Cherukupalli

Company Secretary, GMR Infrastructure Limited

As a professional we can do the following

Try your best to make your home surroundings clean. This would infact create better atmosphere around your home and society. And try to shun plastic bags wherever possible.

In your office cabins you can grow plants in pots - which not only will gives you good air but also encourages greenery.

CS N. S. Lakshmanan

Director & Company Secretary, Euro Industrial Enterprises Private Limited

While structuring building make a space for growth of trees. Let us give a chance for ourselves to consume good air by growth of trees in cities.

SAVE PAPER if you want to convey something to your friend / colleague, do it over phone / e-mail. Get off the habit of putting everything on paper. Thousands of paper would be saved on this small activity.

CS V Srinivasan

Secretarial & Legal Department, Bosch Limited

Contribution to environment related activities carried out by NGO's or any other environmental organisations.

TURN COMPUTERS OFF when not in use. They consume as much electricity as three 60 watt bulbs even in standby mode also.



Air - Source of life: We follow stringent operational control procedure for storage, handling and usage of gas cylinders, hazardous chemicals and materials. To avoid potential risk of leakage of LPG, Gas leak detectors have been installed.

We conduct employees' vehicles' emission testing once every half year and also no outsider's vehicle is allowed inside the premises without a valid emission certificate. Besides, the extensive use of fume-killer ensures a safe, healthier working environment removing hazardous fumes and airborne contaminants.

Paper wastes are sold for reprocessing or shredded and reused in packing of spare parts to reduce wood consumption. Wood for packing, storage and dispatch is replaced by re-usable steel pallets.

Land- Abode of life: The food wastes are routed safely to piggeries. The garden wastes are used for composting. The waste coolant generated are routed to ETP and the sludge generated from ETP are stored in HDPE bags and are safely disposed in a site identified by Pollution Control Board (PCB).

Computer related hardware items which either don't meet the business requirements or no longer useful is considered as e-wastes. Usable ones are donated to educational institutions. Others are sold to Govt. authorized e-waste recycling agents.

First aid wastes of Occupation Health Center (OHC) are disposed to authorized vendor as per bio medical waste handling rules.

Green initiatives at J K Tyres Ltd, Mysore

CS. DD Bhat, General Manager Legal & Commercial

JK group has adapted new low polluting technologies in its tyre manufacturing. JK is certified under ISO 14001 - Environment management system. Consumption of Raw materials, Chemicals, Water & Energy are measured on daily basis to control & conserve. Bench marks & targets are established on all critical parameters as a part of continuous improvement.

The hazardous wastes are handled, stored & disposed as required environment protection legislations. Separate records are kept & tracked to confirm the safe disposal practice. Stock registers are maintained for non hazardous management. A perfect vigil is kept on Reduce, Reuse & Recycle concept of all the input of production.

Drainage system & sewage treatment system are built to treat the domestic effluents generated inside the factory rest rooms & Canteen. The treated water is fully utilized for gardening inside the Plant. Further, rain water harvesting is done in the premises to conserve water and to maintain the ground level water.

CO₂, SO₂, NO_x are monitored & controlled at all the emission sources. The actions are taken to meet the internal targets. Special care has been taken to monitor & reduce refrigerant in all its operations.

Green belt development in & around its industrial activity is continuous activity in JK corporate. Extensive plantation done in and around our manufacturing facilities to improve. Apart from the above, as on 30.6.2007 over 2000 plants are planted in and around Mysore District.

Green initiatives at SKF Ltd, Bangalore

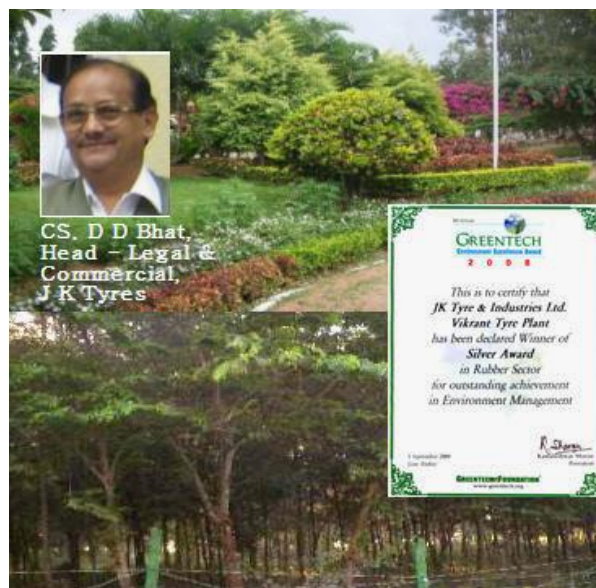
SKF has been doing its bit for environmental protection guided by our commitments as a responsible corporate citizen. Let me share few of our initiatives. Rainwater harvesting at all our plants - we are now further enhancing harvesting efforts. Harvested water is used for two purposes, one for cooling process and the other to recharge the ground water table.

Significant improvements in water table and reduction in ground water salinity has been reported in Bangalore plant.

Bias for renewable options, some practices;

1. Our appointment offers are sent by email, appointment letter will be a hard copy on joining
2. We have done away with paper cups for serving tea/coffee

We periodically review and evaluate EMS to identify the opportunities for improvement and their implementation. We have passionately committed ourselves for continual improvement of environment and embrace the idea of operating in a sustainable manner which makes good business sense.



B Jagadeesh, Head-HR

3. Our HR systems are on line and thus we have restricted use of paper for PMS, Training and Competency Development, HR policies on the intranet, ESAT - workplace climate survey including planning and implementation, travel claims, interview assessment formats etc, etc.
4. Company bus for all employees for commuting except Directors.



At the Auto Monitor Awards held in Delhi on 07 March, 2008, SKF India was felicitated with the "Green Manufacturer of the Year Award". The award recognises companies that have invested in and practiced environmentally friendly processes in the shop floor as well as factory premises.

Green initiatives at AT&S India (P) Ltd, Nanjangud

K R Jagadish, DGM- Purchase & Environment

1. Power consumption brought down from 150 kwh/m² to 120 kwh/m² by implementing energy savings projects
2. For the year 2007-08, 440 Tons. of fuel was saved which is equivalent to reduction of **1400 Tons of CO₂**
3. Apart from above, Recovery of Waste Heat from flue gases of DG sets by installing VAM, thereby resulting in Power Savings of 45 Lakhs KWH / annum, which is equivalent to **reduction in emission of CO₂ by 3500 Tons /annum**
4. Reduced specific water consumption from 4.9 to 1.5 m³/m² over 10 years time. Resulted in **no additional requirement of water** even though production went up almost **three fold** from 80K to 220K per annum
5. Laminate consumption reduced by 20% by better panel utilization and reducing waste generation
6. Lube oil life doubled with installation of a centrifuge reducing the waste oil generation by half
7. Replacing Chlorine gas which is toxic with hydrogen peroxide as oxidizing agent in acid etching process
8. Elimination of Lead Free process by replacing Tin Lead with Tin Solder & new Technology 'Immersion Tin'
9. Solar energy tapping for canteen purposes, street lighting
10. Replacement of toxic Ozone Depleting substances (ODS) in Air conditioning section with Non Ozone Depleting substances
11. Introduction of VCBs instead of SF₆ Breakers, etc.
12. Use of Electronic ballasts in place of conventional chokes
13. Efficient and smart usage of transport systems
14. Efficient running of processes thereby bringing down wastes
15. Converting waste to raw materials for use in the production
16. Reverse Osmosis plant recycles treated effluent reducing fresh water intake to the plant – **first PCB plant in the country**
17. Introduced counter current rinse in Wet process equipments to maximize reuse of water
18. Recycling of alkaline etchant



All these efforts either directly or indirectly result in resource conservation, fuel conservation and hence the reduce the GHG emissions.

Dear professional colleagues,

Now it is out turn to pick up ideas from the professionals and companies above to render our part of duty towards green conservation.

Quick Green Tips....

1. Clean or replace air filters on your air conditioning unit at least once a month.
2. If you have central air conditioning, do not close vents in unused rooms.
3. Use solar power for home and water heating
4. Turn off lights, computers and other appliances when not in use.
5. Install a low-flow shower head.
6. Replace old toilets with new ones that use a lot less water.
7. Reuse items like envelopes, folders and paper clips.
8. Use recycled paper.
9. Copy and print on both sides of paper.
10. Recycle printer cartridges.
11. Purchase radial tires and keep them properly inflated for your vehicle.
12. Paint with brushes or rollers instead of using spray paints to minimize harmful emissions.
13. Walk or ride your bike instead of driving, whenever possible.
14. Buy rechargeable batteries for devices used frequently.
15. Reuse packaging cartons and shipping materials. Old newspapers make great packaging material.
16. Shop with a canvas bag instead of using paper and plastic bags.
17. Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones.
18. Use reusable plates and utensils instead of disposable ones.

Carbon Credit – For Environmental Management

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Anand Wadadekar, M.Com, M.A (Eco), MBA, AMFI



Protection of environment from degradation has now not only remained a legal issue but a management issue as well.

Mere compliance of environmental law on paper does not result in effective control of pollution. Introduction of market based instruments (MBIs) will help to reduce emission of pollutants, pollution and will surely increase social responsibility of industries. Eco-taxes, tradable emission limits and negotiated agreements are some of the types of effective instruments.

Green and Grey Products: The products and their manufacturing processes, consume energy, use renewable and non-renewable material and generate emissions. A Green Product is environment friendly and leaves minimum environment footprints. If a product is unsustainable from the environmental point of view, it is termed as 'grey'.

CARBON CREDIT - As one of the most effective MBI:

Currently it is a kind of paying-for-polluting.

Its goal is to stop the increase of carbon dioxide emissions. The *Kyoto Protocol* presents nations with the challenge of reducing greenhouse gases and storing more carbon. A nation that finds it hard to meet its target of reducing GHG could pay another nation to reduce emissions by an appropriate quantity. For example, if an environmentalist group plants enough trees to reduce emissions by one ton, the



group will be awarded a credit. If a steel producer has an emissions quota of 10 tons, but is expecting to produce 11 tons, it could purchase this carbon credit from the environmental group.

The carbon credit system looks to reduce emissions by having countries honor their emission quotas and offer incentives for being below them. Recently Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) has taken a pioneering effort to launch Carbon Credit Futures in India and has been recognized as India's First Green Exchange

What we professionals can do?

India is still not a signatory to the *Kyoto Protocol*. Currently companies like Jindal Stainless, Essar Steel, Hyderabad Chemicals, Paschim Hydro Energy P. Ltd, The Andhra Pradesh Paper Mills Ltd, have been making use of market based instruments like Carbon Credits in their businesses.

It is a need of the hour for CSs, CAs, CWAs, Lawyers, etc., to put up their say in the management of their respective organisations and be a part of the making nature friendly decisions.

At the organisation level:

1. Make managements aware of the benefits of MBIs.
2. Professionals shall press industry Chambers like FICCI, ASSOCHAM, CII to take-up the issue of introducing market based instruments like Carbon Credits through a legal framework with the Government and to award Companies that are green conscious.
3. Introduction of corporate-run carbon funds.
4. Awards like 'Best Green Idea' for employees coming up with suggestions; ideas, ways, etc.
5. Computer-based tests for educational courses and recruitments.
6. Encourage use of metal water bottle in place of plastic water bottles, which is sanitary, easy to clean and is capable of being re used.
7. Encourage use of reusable lunch bags / cups etc. in their cafeteria / lunch rooms. Use hand towels instead of paper towels.

On individual level:

1. Encouraging paperless communications, use of common transport etc. as far as possible.
2. Encourage using soft copies rather than printing. This way we can save both storage space and paper.
3. While buying professional books, prefer CDs instead of paper books.
4. Use CNG gas in our cars.
5. Discourage air travel. A small change can add a big thing to the concept of "Go Green".
6. Help our respective organizations to implement waste management systems. We can also assist in registering our manufacturing units under Indian Green Building Council and products under Bureau of Energy Efficiency voluntarily.

This is a high time to call a revolution for reducing carbon footprint in order to preserve what's left of the ozone layer. Else be ready for the world full of hungry, sun burnt, blind people, scary sounds and many more incurable diseases.



IT for Corporate Professionals

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Considering the importance of forest, we can aptly say "*Parisaro Rakshathi Rakshithaha*", which means "Environment will protect those who protect the environment". To understand this better, just log on to <http://www.nerc.ac.uk>.

Vision of National Environment Research Council (NERC) is to advance knowledge and understanding of the Earth and the constituents of our environment; to help secure a sustainable future for the planet and its people. NERC's work covers the full range of atmospheric, earth, biological, terrestrial and aquatic sciences, from the deep oceans to the upper atmosphere, and from the poles to the equator. Apart from research, site provides **free** magazines, leaflets, briefing notes and brochures which give excellent insights into some of the big environmental issues - climate change, natural hazards, and sustainable use of this planet's resources, biodiversity and pollution.

Want to know more about our Environment??? Surf <http://www.forestcaseindia.org>, <http://www.ielrc.org> sites and don't forget to share your views with us...

While gaining awareness of the mother Earth it is the time to realize how once the calculating machine that has transformed into an all in one information manager called 'Computer' wastefully utilizes power.

Normally office computers are left switched on all the day even if they are unused. In IT companies, computers are switched off only if there is a holiday for more than 3-4 days. Nobody care how much power those computers consume and how much this carelessness affects the environment. So can't we let the computer manage its power consumption by itself? **Yes, we can.** Though Windows comes with power management options, I use "**LocalCooling**".

LocalCooling shows the approximate power consumed by a computer and allows you to set the time after which the monitor and hard disk can be switched off, system can be shut down or hibernated. Along with that, it shows how much power the computer has saved in kilo watts, gallons of fuel saved or the number of trees saved which would have been used as fuel otherwise. Download LocalCooling from www.localcooling.com and contribute to the green movement today.



book review

CS Nimmoo Kinger, PCS, Mysore

The Ecology of Commerce by Paul Hawken

A great book, which we should all read, specially in the present times when conservation and ecology are of so much concern. We have long believed that "progress=pollution". In fact Industrial Pollution has poisoned the water we drink and the air we breathe and we have accepted it without any protest.

Paul Hawken proves the concept of "progress=pollution" to be very wrong.

He offers a sensible, deliberate perspective on how we can change our economic systems to accommodate our relationship with the rest of Nature. He suggests a new, more moral way of doing business. His metaphor for business IS the environment: everything in nature is cyclical, which brings maximum efficiency. Nothing is more efficient than the natural world: one organism's waste is another organism's life source. If business would approach operations and resources from this perspective, waste would not be 'waste' and the benefits of increased efficiency would permeate throughout all life and systems.

He ends with a restatement of the three fundamentals:

- 1) End waste , 2) Shift to renewable power (solar and hydro) and 3) Create accountability and feedback

His prose is concise and his style powerful A must-read book.





Green Revolution- the Road Ahead

CS. U Padma Shenoy, Company Secretary, CSS Technergy Limited, Hyderabad



Green Revolution was the most successful initiatives in post-independent India. However, the success of this initiative was short-lived primarily due to the uncertainty looming largely over

the complete agricultural sector. Insufficient supply of fertilizers, seeds, and pesticides, antiquated farming practices, declining yield and productivity, exploitative middle men, and un-remunerative prices to name a few, have clouded the success of the First Green Revolution in a big way. The next phase of agricultural development, euphemistically called the Second Green Revolution, is supposed to hinge on 'Sustainable Agriculture'.

Role of Corporate Sector

It is widely considered that large-scale corporate agriculture is more effective than the present system of peasant farming. It is believed to greater efficiency, higher private investment and higher output, income and exports. The radically changing scenario in the agriculture sector after the liberalization of the economy has brought about greater market focus in the whole gamut of agricultural activities.

Second Green Revolution has brought new technology to the agricultural sector. Riding this wind of change are the bigwigs of India Inc, from the Reliance Group to the Bhartis to the Mahindras, Godrejs and MNCs like PepsiCo. All of these Corporate Houses have enormous resources to change the face of Indian agriculture that has consistently lagged the GDP growth for decades but still employs 67% of the country's population. The Corporate Houses are targeting at all aspects like R&D, distribution of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, latest technologies, providing market information and credit facilities, contract farming, processing the produce, setting up cold chains and warehouses, transportation, retailing and exporting the produce. They are throwing in big money in what is being described as the "farm-firm-fork" triangle by most experts.

Corporate Houses have the capability to manage risks and sustain losses as compared to small farmers. This may assure the farmers that their produce will be purchased on a later date at a pre-determined price. This spreads the loss, if any, across to the Corporate Houses.

Contract Farming - Future of Green Revolution

The success of Green Revolution depends on the proper implementation and end-to-end acceptance of Contract Farming. Corporate sector will build backward linkages between agricultural R&D with seed selection and variety evolution and forward linkages between processors, marketers, retail chain, exporters, and consumers. It will

generate gainful employment in rural communities and a steady source of income at the individual farmer's level.

The seasonality associated with rural employment gets neutralized with round-the-year agricultural activities, reducing migration from rural to urban areas. Latest technology will ensure crop monitoring to avoid untoward incidents arising out of pests and other malice. Uninterrupted and regular flow of raw material and protection from fluctuations in market pricing are other benefits of contract farming.



Regulatory Framework

A regulatory framework is needed for implementing contract farming so that farmers are not short-changed by the big Corporate Houses, for comprehensive and deregulated crop insurance scheme and procuring agricultural produce directly from the farmers. Waiving-off duties on import of agricultural equipment would introduce new technologies to a larger mass of people. It is advisable to abolish all fees, taxes & levies on procurement for a registered contract-farming .

The number of corporations-domestic and MNC-making a beeline for the agriculture sector is on the rise indicating success of the metamorphic Second Green Revolution.

e-Choupal - Setting in new trends

It was tobacco major ITC's e-Choupal model that broke new ground in the early 2000s, showcasing the power of IT to the farmers. By delivering real-time information about market prices and customized knowledge and resolving the crop related problems of farmers through its IT kiosks and information database, it has built tremendous equity among farmers across the country. The new storage and handling system preserves the produces right through "the farm gate to the dinner plate". The rising need of most food retailers for high-speed transportation may lead emergence of a huge market for logistics companies.

National Agricultural Policy, which envisages a big role for private sector through contract farming is expected to accelerate the capital inflow to assure a market for crop production, in a fixed timeframe.

Change is visible in the approach of the farmers, policymakers, intermediaries and all other stakeholders for realising 'Second Green Revolution'. However corporations equipped with technology, management expertise and financial resources only are willing for this. In this respect comprehensive legislative measure to create a win-win situation for the farmers and the Corporate Houses is the need of the hour.



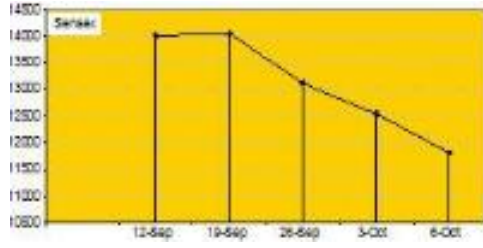
Investor Secretary-13

Sreeraj M CS Qualified
Bangalore



Dear all,

The markets have been giving us more reasons to think and re-think. Starting from the Lehman Brothers' fall until the bail out package in US, there never seems to be an end of woes for the markets to react positively. The investor sentiment is very weak and it seems like the investors are looking at all possible good news to sell. As on 7th October 2008, the SENSEX ended with 11695.24 down by 106.46 points and the NIFTY with 3606.60 points up by 4.25 points.



Technically, the markets are all set to fall and may test new lows. Results season are around and any positive news might provide a boost to the markets. Valuations do look attractive for the Indian markets but as the way it is reacting now, I expect the markets to be low for some more time. As of now, Indian markets are trading at about 10 times its 2010 valuations.

The Green Companies

Source: ChilliBreeze

Industrialisation might be the theme for a developing economy but Green is the theme for a visionary economy. Green Companies use natural gas for boiler fuel, recycle biodegradable waste, minimise use of plastic material; use recyclable packaging materials, use biomass & solar power as sources of renewable energy, generate electricity from hydroelectric plants and reduce toxic emissions, etc.

Greenest companies in India : As per survey conducted by BT-AC Nielsen ORG-MARG, ONGC was ranked the greenest Company followed by Reliance Industries, BPCL, Castrol India HPCL and companies in IT Sector.

Tan's Portfolio

Sl.	Name of the Stock	Purchase Price 08/05/08	Market Price 07/10/08	Returns (In %)
1.	Garware Wall Ropes	108.15	59.70↓	-44.80%
2.	Vimta Labs	82.20	30.00↓	-63.50%
3.	Neocure Therapeutics	22.65	13.95↓	-38.41%
4.	Sterling Tools	69.20	50.05↓	-27.67%
5.	Finolex Cables	69.90	37.80+	-45.92%
6.	Prism Cement	41.70	22.90↓	-45.08%
7.	Assam Company	27.20	14.50↓	-46.69%
TOTAL RETURNS				-44.58%

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LABOUR LAW UPDATE

Whether AIIMS a hospital or an industry?

It was held long back by Constitution Bench of the Apex Court in Bangalore Water Supply v. A. Rajappa, SC/0257/1978 that hospital, research institutes and training centre render valuable material services to the community qualifying for coming within Section 2(J) of Industrial Disputes Act.

In view of the above decisions held that hospital management is an industry.

A.I.I.M.S. Vs. Raj Singh - Delhi High Court.

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INCOME TAX

Provision for bad debts is not a provision for liability- Apex Court.

The Assessing Officer cannot add it back while computing Book profit u/s 115JA of the Income Tax Act, 1961

CIT v. HCL Comnet Systems & Service Ltd. CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5800 of 2008

Deduction not allowable on pre-paid rent relating to next financial year: ITAT Special Bench

Rationale is that a deduction can be allowed only when a liability is incurred. Under the mercantile system of accounting, a liability can be said to have arisen only when an enforceable debt is created against the assessee.

IT Department must accept the audited books of accounts: SC

The assessing officer cannot go beyond the net profit shown in the profit and loss account, except to examine whether the books of accounts were duly certified by the authorities and properly maintained.

Commr. Of Income Tax-Iv, Delhi Vs M/S. Hcl Comnet Systems & Services Ltd

Depreciation

While computing normal profits which do not involve Ch VI-A relief, an assessee is entitled not to claim depreciation. However, where deduction under Ch VI-A is claimed, depreciation is mandatory.

Dabur India Ltd vs. CIT (Delhi High Court)

Relaxation in e-Return - NRI

Due to lack of flexibility in the existing software, it was noticed that the agents of NRIs are facing difficulties in electronically furnishing the returns of non-residents under Notification S.O. No. 752(E) dated 28.03.2008. Therefore, it has been decided by the Board that it will not be mandatory for agents of non-residents, within the meaning of section 160(1)(i) of the Income-tax Act, to electronically furnish the returns of non-residents for assessment year 2008-09.

Circular no. 8/2008 dated 22.09.2008.

CENVAT

Excise duty on the goods required for setting up of ultra mega power projects based on super critical coal-thermal technology is exempted.

Notification No. 46/2008 CE dated 14-08-2008

Manufacture/Dutiability

The process of conversion of fabrics into garments as per the specifications of individual customers amounts to manufacture -Tribunal

Diwan Saheb Fashions Pvt.Ltd. Vs. CCE 2008 (229) ELT 240

Classification

Where a product is capable of being classified under two differing entries, the classification under the entry which favours the manufacturer should be followed -Supreme Court.

CCE Vs. Calcutta Springs Ltd. (2008 (229) ELT 161)

CENVAT/ MODVAT

Ownership is not the criteria for allowing Cenvat Credit.

Tribunal (Hindalco Industries Ltd. Vs CCE (2008 (157) ECR 151)

Tribunal (Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd Vs CCE (2008 (158) ECR 128)

Cenvat at the time of debonding:

CENVAT credit is allowed to be taken of the amount equal to central excise duty paid on the capital goods at the time of debonding of the unit in terms of the para 8 of notification No. 22/2003-Central Excise, published in the Gazette of India, part II, Section 3,sub-section(i),vide number G.S.R. 265(E), dated, the 31st March,2003.

Notification No. 35/2008-CE(N.T.), dated 24/09/2008.

Others

A circular cannot insert a new condition in the notification and thereby restrict the scope of the exemption contained therein.

Supreme Court (Sandur Micro Circuits Ltd. Vs CCE (2008 (157) ECR 101)

Service Tax

ST relating to units in SEZ:

Service tax shall be applicable on taxable services provided by an SEZ unit to any person for consumption in the DTA.

(Circular No 105/08/2008 dated 16/9/2008)

Activity of booking orders in India for sale of goods manufactured by the overseas principal outside India will qualify as exports under the Export of Services Rules, 2005- Tribunal

(ABS India Limited Vs CST [2008-TIOL-1500-CESTAT-BANG])

Customs

Where excess duty has been paid as a result of non availment of benefits under an unconditional exemption notification, the refund claim filed by the importer cannot be denied.

(Bennet Coleman & Co. Limited Vs. CC (2008 (88) RLT 194)

Procedural guidelines have been prescribed for the issue of installation certificate for the capital goods imported / procured locally under EPCG scheme. Customs Circular NO. 14/2008 dated 26/09/2008.

FTP

Import of dairy products from China:

The import from China of Dairy Products including milk and milk products appearing under Chapter 4 of Schedule - I of ITC(HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items is prohibited for three months with immediate effect and until further orders.

Notification No. 46/2008, dated 24/09/2008

RBI:

Liberalisation in ECB Policy:

Existing limit of USD 100 million for infrastructure sector stands increased to USD 500 million per financial year for Rupee expenditure under the Approval Route.

RBI/2008-09/ 190 A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 16 dated 22.09.2008.