

VK:e Updates...



Air Lounge at Sus, Pune

The project received PLATINUM Green Building Pre-Certification under IGBC Green Homes. The project owner, Serene Developers, Pune are very enthusiastic to incorporate all the initiatives suggested by the Indian Green Building Council. The housing typologies offered by the project are 1 BHK, 2 BHK, 2.5 BHK and 3 BHK.

Sustainable measures have been proposed for the operational phase like 100% waste water treatment, 100% rain water harvesting, 100% heat island mitigation of exposed roof area, solar water heating system, use of eco-friendly building materials like low VOC paints, materials having recycled content, certified woods, etc.

Natural disasters in top news



The flooded beachfront community - a close-knit neighborhood of mostly firefighters and police officers - was totally destroyed when a huge blaze reduced perhaps 100 homes to ash.

United States faced the deadliest hurricanes on August, 2005 called **Hurricane Katrina**. It also produced the costliest catastrophic damage to U.S. Hurricanes and responsible for 1200 deaths.

After 7 years, U.S., met another hurricane devastation, **Sandy** on 28th October, 2012 just before the U.S. Poll elections. Several residential streets were flooded, some homes were smashed, some were buried in sandstorm, public transportation services were suspended, roads subways submerged under water, millions of people were evacuated, millions left without power. 113 death have been reported and \$50 billion to \$60 billion have been accounted in damage. Sandy could be the second largest flood lost in history of U.S. after Katrina.

There are more natural calamities coming across in the other parts of the world.

Here in India, heavy downpour followed strong wings and heavy floods - Nilam cyclone panic the southern part of India - Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Chennai. It left hundred of villagers inundated, damaged all the standing crops in coastal regions and forced 1,00,000 people to leave their homes. Number of deaths have been trolling up in the affected region.



A bird's eye view of Marina beach in Chennai on Wednesday. Nilam evoked fears of large-scale destruction among the people in coastal districts in north Tamil Nadu

We are listening to such sudden extreme climate conditions frequently across the globe. Are this the effect of climate change?? Are this the alarm of our mother earth's anger to our way of life. We never know what is next, all coastal lands may get covered with water which has been predicted by scientists as one of the consequence of global warming. What could be the reason?

COP11, Hyderabad



XI Conference of Parties
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
HYDERABAD INDIA 2012

During the convention, World Governments agreed to increase funding in support of actions to stop

the loss of biodiversity. Developing countries said they would double biodiversity related financial flows by 2015. COP 11 also developed new work in achieving 2020 Aichi Target 15 which calls for the restoration of 15% of degraded land. COP11 also discussed about the initiatives and incentives of REDD+ as a decision on climate change.

Uttarakhand – named the best performing state

Uttarakhand topped the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) list of being best-performing States and Union territories in terms of environmental well-being released by Planning Commission. Uttarakhand is followed by Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Sikkim, and Andhra Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh, which has set up 100 per cent treatment capacity for sewage, the treatment capacity in the remaining States ranges from 0 (13 States) to less than 20 per cent. On forest conservation, Chandigarh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh are among the five best-performing States that have preserved forests as well as increased cover.

1ST NOVEMBER, BUS DAY, PUNE

Traffic congestion has been a growing problem in Pune.



Currently, there are 33 lakh vehicles in Pune; daily 730 thousand vehicles, or 22,000 per month, pour on to the limited 2,000-km long road network. There are 23 lakh two-wheelers, around eight lakh four-wheelers, and the rest includes 70,000 auto rickshaws and other types of vehicles.

Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Limited (PMPML) had planned to mark Pune Bus Day on 1st November, 2012 and added 1,500 buses to the existing 1,500 daily bus services along with 300 new routes. More than 2,400 people called for information of routes, buses, timing etc. More than 14,536 people visited the website of PMPML (www.pmpml.org) in four days from October 29 to November 01. PMPML received an overwhelming response from the public towards the Pune Bus Day. Punekar's evidenced a substantially lesser traffic flow this day.

CELEBRATE A CONSCIOUS DIWALI

Diwali is celebrated with great fascination of lighting and sounds of firecrackers. An increase in environmental conscious does not mean that Diwali celebration must stop. However, being a responsible citizens one can restrict the amount of firecrackers lit and energy spent in lighting so that the festivals of light doesn't put on heavy energy usage. The old traditional Diyas and candle lighting is more beautiful and eye catching. All citizens must follow the local rules of lighting firecrackers till 10 p.m. And artificial lighting till 11 p.m.

About firecrackers: Fire crackers consists of combustible materials for energy such as black powder, charcoal, a lethal cocktail of copper, potassium nitrate, strontium, lead, cadmium, zinc and sulfur, which emit noxious gases like carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide, when lit. This causes immense air pollution and exposes us to a number of health hazards like hearing loss, high blood pressure, sleeping disturbances, asthma, headache, irritability, skin allergies, fatigue, eye related problems, respiratory problems etc. Therefore, lets celebrate this Diwali, 2012 with a conscious & peaceful mind.

DIWALI 2012 !!!

Encourage community celebration instead of individual celebrations.

Limit enjoying fire crackers to the prescribed hours

Go for eco-freindly crackers. Ecofriendly crackers are made of recycled paper and do not contain as much chemicals as conventional fire crackers. They emit less smoke and noise, **an eco-fire cracker.**

Do not buy firecrackers with noise levels exceeding 125 dB

Share your celebration with poor and underprivileged people

*Wish You All a Very
Happy Diwali !!!*