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#### FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT

### Climate Change

Compliments of the season to all of you! It's nice here in Mumbai, a nip in the air in Kolkata, cold in Delhi, Damp in Chennai and it's Christmas season. Reindeers, bells, Santa Claus, snow, fairy lights, gifts, chocolates and kalkals. Bethlehem where Lord Jesus was born will be adorned with lights and so will the world. Memories come flooding back when I visited Bethlehem and touched the star embedded under the grotto where baby Jesus was born! Christmas for me is the message of Jesus for all mankind: Love, Forgive, Care and Compassion. I wish you all merry Christmas and a Happy New year.



This winter also will be a deep concern for meteorologist's and weather watchers like me. Will it be too cold or will it snow more than usual. As I write this the global meet in Paris on Climate change is unwinding and as the stake holders of the Planet we make our small contribution to reduce our carbon footprints.

Trailblazers have been busy sensitizing hundreds of school children, to make a small difference. We have already trained more than 100 in-service teachers under Trailblazers Foundation on the techniques of teaching climate change with special reference to soil. In the next month more than 500 B.Ed. student teachers will undergo a similar experience, all free of cost, supported, now in its 7th year, by Dow International. I can tell you that together we are making a small, I'd say, even marginal but significant impact in our society. More than a million children have benefited directly by the now internationally acclaimed project "Multiply the Message". Do have a look at our award winning CSR film, amongst the top 100 Fortune 500 companies, showcased on the world stage in Boston last year. YouTube link to the film is<http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=qltPxN40Zds>

Trailblazers has joined the United Nations in celebrating 2016 as the International Year of Pulses. So all ye foodies come and celebrate the lentils, beans and give the pride of place in your kitchen to urad, moong, tur, masoor and chick peas. They are colourful, healthy, nutritious. Show them off in glass jars the pink, yellow, orange, green and brown colours and make interesting dishes and feed your family and eat too. Fundamental proteins need to be celebrated. Schools could inform parents and ask them to make interesting innovative dishes of pulses and send them with their children. Schools could make a pulse dish in the school canteen one for every day of the week. Join the United Nations and Trailblazers to celebrate 2016 the year of pulses. Remember they are a part of nature, good soil, good water and all resources that concern the globe.

#### STRIDES IN SCIENCE

## Happy 2016

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families! May you be blessed with all you seek and bring in more environment friendly deeds in our lives.

The Climate change Meet in Paris comes after a long and arduous journey started nearly two decades ago. The annihilation of the human race was the Damocles' sword that forced this and I hope it holds and the countries abide by it. That is not all. We all have to change the way we live in order to help the climate change treaty.

This issue covers the diverse camps conducted in the last two months by Trailblazers, be it Group 4, CAS, EVS, History, Culture, Wildlife, Adventure, treks and trails. The enormous range of inputs delivered to scores of students and teachers by Team Trailblazers has indeed been a satisfying experience. We in turn must say a big thank you to all schools giving us an opportunity and for making the shift from a travel & tour option for their students to making the trip visibly different.

Coming summer we are launching some very interesting camps. Read page 8 which details Camp Voyager & Camp Pathfinder, Camp Footloose and Camp Summiteer.

Have a fabulous year ahead!

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On the

Rrink

The Green Munia or (Amandava formosa), belonging to the family Estrildidae is endemic to Central India and listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red list as their population is rapidly declining. These small birds are brightly coloured with green and yellow, black barred flanks and a reddish bill and have melodious calls, making them highly sought after cage birds, and victims of the pet trade in India.

The Green Munia inhabits dry, boulder-strewn shrub jungles, small patches of grasslands with low bushes, sugarcane fields, and open shrubby forest, generally in lowlands and foothills. It feeds mostly on seeds and insects. They are known to breed between May and January, building globular nests in low thorny bushes or attached to sugarcane leaf. The clutch size is usually 5 to 6 eggs, which are incubated by both male and female.



Image Credit: Pkspks

Munias are listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, making hunting, trapping or trade, illegal and a punishable offence. The Green Munia is also protected under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Despite this protection, illegal trade is the biggest threat to this species, and has extirpated several populations across the country. Large numbers of these birds are trapped and illegally traded in both the domestic and export market. TRAFFIC India has been monitoring the illegal trade in green munias, and regularly publishes articles to raise awareness about the plight of this bird, and educate individuals of the serious legal consequences of purchasing these birds as pets.

Source: WWF India



STRIDES IN SCIENCE

### 21 Year Old Cracks An Ocean Cleanup Idea!



In our previous issues we have covered the hazards of Plastic. Well look at what an enterprising young 21 year old, Boyan Slat has done! This Dutch innovator is the head of "The Ocean Cleanup", an NGO that's raised millions of dollars to put into action a plan that he devised to help clean the massive Pacific garbage gyre, an area of the ocean where swirling currents cause plastic that's entered the water around the world to converge in a huge sea of plastic within the sea. Boyan was inspired by a diving trip he took when he was 16 in Greece, where he realized there were more plastic bags than fish! After returning and watching a presentation on how currents cause litter from all over the world to congregate in these massive patches, he questioned whether those same forces could be used to help collect the floating debris: "I wondered, is it a problem, or could it also be a solution?" Boyan then devised a system involving a massive array that would take advantage of the ocean currents that create the gyre to passively collect floating plastic and letting it flow into the system - instead of trying to accomplish the impossible task of searching it out. Check out his talk https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=ROW9F-c0kIQ

### Discoveries in the fragile Eastern Himalayas

A sneezing monkey, a walking fish and a jewel-like snake are just some of a biological treasure trove of over 200 new species discovered in the Eastern Himalayas in recent years, according to a new report by WWF.

The report, Hidden Himalayas: Asia's Wonderland released on World Habitat Day maps out scores of new species found by scientists from various organizations including 133 plants, 39 invertebrates, 26 fish, 10 amphibians, one reptile, one bird and one mammal. "I am excited that the region – home to a staggering number of species including some of the most charismatic fauna – continues to surprise the world with the nature and pace of species discovery," said Ravi Singh, CEO of

WWF-India and Chair of the WWF Living Himalayas Initiative.

Some of the most striking discoveries include a vibrant blue dwarf 'walking' snakehead fish, which can breathe atmospheric air and survive on land for up to four days, although moving in a manner much clumsier than a slithering snake. The report details an unfortunate monkey whose upturned nose leads to a sneeze every time the rain falls, and a living gem the bejeweled lance-headed pit viper, which could pass as a carefully crafted piece of jewellery. "The challenge is to preserve our threatened ecosystems before these species, and others yet unknown are lost," said Sami Tornikoski leader of the WWF Living Himalayas Initiative.



From L to R: A new Pitviper © Liang Zhang, The vibrant blue walking snakehead fish © Henning Strack Hansen, The Bompu litter frog © Sanjay Sondhi. Source: WWF India Website: http://wwf.panda.org/

Ecotrail, November December 2015



# The Joy of Christmas

The call of the Pope to all, to respect their environment and protect it from any further harm, irrespective, weather a believer or not, was indeed awe inspiring and a clarion call to all. I followed this up by writing letters to all school principals to send their children for a short nature walk, only the 8 to 12 year olds and to be honest the response was indeed pitiful even disdainful. Some schools did participate but most did not. Be that as it may I am certain it does not reflect on the leaders of education i.e. the principals, vice principals, coordinators etc. as they are so busy with meeting their need to cover the syllabi, or something more important. I am certain they all wish to do their bit and most are doing way beyond our imagination.

I hope they will find time to call us for the nature walk when we can communicate, as only the way we can and connect all the children for some time to Mother Earth.

I still feel that the children need to be exposed to the earth to be able to understand the subtle learnings that only an outdoor school such as Trailblazers can provide. I am

sure the message from the messenger of God, the honorable Pope, will not go unheeded; the flock needs some time....though I am not sure we have that luxury.

As I write this the unfortunate events in Paris are unfolding and many innocents will be suffering for no apparent reason other than, my belief is more important than yours. I mention Paris also because in a few days from now the world leaders will meet to deliberate on how to ensure the survival of the human race itself, because of the climate change. So the actions of a few demented persons on the world stage just shows how deranged some are to kill the innocent on one hand, and on the other the genuine worldwide appeal of the Pope on protecting all creation, urging all pastors to use the pulpit for environment awareness. And the world leaders all gathering at the very same city to declare their will to save the planet and thereby the life on it for posterity. How Ironic. Some deranged kill and most intelligent meet to ensure life, both in the same city. Trailblazers pays homage to all the unfortunate victims and wishes speedy recovery for the injured. We Mumbaikars know what you Parisians have gone through. All Indians are with you all in France and share in your grief and pain. *-Editor* 

## An ode to beloved Bishop Ferdinand Joseph Fonseca

Last month I glanced through the newspaper which is a rarity as I have almost given up on reading Newspapers and watching television news. Memories of my early childhood flashed by suddenly, my eyes welled up. I saw a picture in the obituary page.

I remembered, it was a rainy day, I had on a new brown sandal, a blue half pant and white shirt, a bag full of books and my mother leading me to the ground floor of the School. I was wailing away. My father had me covered lest I run back home! It was my first day at school. I was 5 years old.

At the door of my future class stood a man in a white robe with a white sash around. I was crying out aloud, nose dripping but in between laughing as well. A funny sight indeed. My father was warmly received as was my mother. But I continued to cry and laugh. I was crying with fear of being left in school with unknown people and I was laughing because it was the first time I saw a male in a sleeping gown in the middle of the day!

Father Ferdie as he was lovingly known, later going on to become Bishop Ferdinand Joseph Fonseca, picked me up gently, hugged me and shushed me and began conversing with my dad. I



stopped crying immediately under his warm and loving embrace. We all were then introduced to my KG class teacher Ms. D'Souza. She was strict and loving, maybe the greatest teacher I have ever known besides my dad...a devoted Doctor. Father Fonseca often came to my house so did most padres for some treatment or other and used to have long spiritual discussions accompanied by chai and sandwiches. The chicken sandwiches from Cabana were worth waiting for.

Father Fonseca introduced me to the church, Parish, and I had a free hand to

go there in the recess. He was indeed a gentle soul, very soft spoken and had a spiritual bent which we could feel by his actions. He took me and my friends to the church and we discovered the machine to make the bread. I even heard him conduct many Mass and later debated with him on many topics. We were all given the weekly Soldiers of god and read and discussed the stories. All this cost me heavily, I missed my football but enjoyed the debates!

Later on we met on many occasions and had some very interesting and absorbing spiritual discussions. I met him at the Holy Cross church at the Bishops house on a number of occasions and had the opportunity of discussing the falling standards of education in the convent schools. He even called others from the education department of the Archdiocese to listen and discuss. Later he asked me to conduct a workshop for the key personnel of the convent schoola one day workshop at the St. Xaviers off site center in Lonavala.

A learned Priest with a heart of gold. I will miss him and pray for his soul. Father Ferdie was a gem indeed and I was fortunate to have crossed his path.

-Editor

# Camp Karnala



A group of very young enthusiastic students (2nd & 3rd grade) from a Mumbai school experienced the joys of Camp Karnala. It was a fun filled experiential learning with Trailblazers. They participated in activities like nature collage, paint your theme- needs of life, etc., where they came up with innovative ideas which were just AMAZING and reassuring that the new generation is much more aware than our generation. They also went for a short trail at Karnala Bird sanctuary and studied the biodiversity of surrounding. Their enthusiastic questions were answered by the naturalists from Trailblazers. Everybody enjoyed to the fullest as they got to learn new things about nature through fun and games. These learnings will stay with them forever.

# Pearl of the East

The student and teachers of a Mumbai school had a great visit experience to Hyderabad with Trailblazers. Visit to Ramoji and the Golkonda was the highlight of the programme. Behind the screen experience at Ramoji was a good learning for the students. It helped them appreciate the hard work and effort of hundreds of people who work behind the success of a movie. Among the visit experience was also the various movie

# Southern Treat

Hyderabad is well known as the IT hub of the country however nearby lies the beautiful forested area and majestic hills. Located in the midst of nature we spotted a variety of flora and fauna like deer, wild boars and some exotic birds as the Paradise fly catcher. The students enjoyed the rustic environment in tents.

Students also enthusiastically participated in adventure activities. After climbing the 30 feet rock climbing wall they were thrilled and experienced a sense of achievement. And if that is not enough, to overcome one's fear of heights, they tried zip line and experienced exhilarating feeling while zipping down it. The students got the opportunity to feel like a commando with the rope courses like Burma



bridge, commando net and many more such activities.

All the activities were executed with care and excellent safety standards under the vigil of Trailblazers experts. Well to make sure you do these activities with ease and not get tired we provided wholesome and nutritious food. The students thoroughly enjoyed this outdoor program and went back home with ever lasting memories, enhanced self confidence and a sense of thrill of achievement.

sets, exotic bird and bonsai collection and the thrilling rides that energized the students. The visit to Golkonda and Qutb Shahi tombs took them back in history to the times of Qutb shahi rulers. The legends of the past were beautifully narrated at the light and sound show. The zoo and museum also helped enhance knowledge among the students on the destination visited.



# Trek and Trail

Fun and bonding was the objective when the group of young students accompanied by Trailblazers and their teachers came to the river side camp at Karjat. A series of team games, adventure activities and fun games ensured that this objective was met. The activities kept them engaged and entertained throughout the trip. Every child actively participated in the adventurous activities and the games planned for them. Students were also taken for a trek to the nearby Buddhist caves. The excitement of walking in the wild and the thrill of trekking kept everyone keyed up. A walk by the river side and nature trail was yet another refreshing and learning experience for the children which also helped expose them to local flora and fauna. Students put up a spectacular show for the teachers and Trailblazers during the talent night. Over all the camp was an inspirational and revitalizing experience.



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#### THEMATIC CAMPS Mughal Trail



Traiilblazers Delhi, Agra & Fatehpur trip was an opportunity for Mumbai students to visit and explore the magnificent history of Mughal era in India. From the famous Taj Mahal to the Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri and the Qutub Minar all were in the itinerary that helped students to understand better what they read in History text books.

The sight of Taj Mahal mesmerised the students. The architecture of Fatehpur Sikri and Agra fort left the teacher and student spell bound. Qutb Minar was yet another monument that raised wonder and curiosity among students. Visit to the marble factory made students understand the marvel of Marble artwork and appreciate the marble art at Taj Mahal. Trailblazers Mughal Trail was liked by all and is sure to be in their memories for years to come.

### South East Journey



Trailblazers conducted heritage trip to Vizag for the students and teachers of a school. The students had fun while learning about the landmarks in Vizag. A walk in the Vizag zoo was an enriching experience for students. For many students it was the first encounter with big cats and other animals of the Jungle. From snakes to crocodiles and beautiful birds, the zoo had everything that kept the students excited throughout the visit. The visit to caves and submarine museum raised curiosity and wonder among students. All the games and activities in the programme ensured bonding among students and teachers. Over all the fun and learning experience with Trailblazers was a refreshing and joyful experience for every student and teacher.



## **Bison Country**

An International school from Mumbai wanted a trip that had some adventure plus wildlife. Trailblazers knew the exact place - the Bison country. Our journey began from Mumbai airport and then we drove in a convoy of six cars to the bison country. A downpour greeted us as we entered the forested area. The program began with adventure activities like rock climbing, rappelling and swing bridge. After a delicious meal the students took off for a short trail where they came across spiders, millipedes and discussed the role of these small creatures in our ecosystem. They ended the day watching a wildlife documentary which was very informative.

The students were asked to sleep early as they had to get up early next morning for a jungle safari. During the safari, Trailblazers wildlife experts helped them spot barking deer, spotted deer, eagle, mongoose and many more wildlife. The highlight of the safari was spotting fresh pug marks of a Leopard!! After the safari they visited a gigantic monolith Rock with a river flowing through it. It was a breathtaking sight. Post lunch it was time to experience river rafting on the gushing river. Some students also went Kayaking. All these activities were under the watchful supervision of Trailblazers outdoor expert team.

Birdwatching was a big draw as they identified birds such as hornbills, bee eaters, scarlet minivets and sunbirds. On the last night, Trailblazers organised a campfire and some music to dance around it which was enjoyed thoroughly by the teachers as well as the students. Next day was their return to Mumbai and most of the children felt sad that all this had come to an end! Every child had a good time and said that they can't wait to see Trailblazers once again for an amazing trip like this one.



#### THEMATIC CAMPS Tour De Himalayas



Tour De Himalayas was a fascinating journey in the Lower Himalayas. The objective of this camp was team bonding and adventure. We explored almost 150 kms of undulating Himalayan landscapes in 3 days doing mountain biking. It was a mix of downhill and uphill. The students enjoyed cycling but they loved the downhill part as it was an exhilarating experience for them. They were awestruck by the beauty of the snow capped mountains of Himalayas enroute The uphill was challenging and tiring but students completed the task. They also got an opportunity to see the famed Tehri dam and the magnificent lake. River Rafting on Ganga river and bridge slithering were again thoroughly enjoyed by the students. It was a great experiential learning for the group. In their feedback forms, they have written that they would like to do this activity many more times.

# Multi activity Camp

An International School went on a unique trip to Goa and the Western Ghats forest. The seaside stay was enjoyable and was filled with spice and history. The best time was at the beach watching the sunrise and a mesmerising sunset. After the beach stay, the students headed to the western ghat's dense forest where they were welcomed by rain! The day began with exciting adventure activities like swing ladder, some high rope courses and a trek through the forest of teak wood. The Jungle Safari was an awesome experience in spotting wildlife.



They also played a local game called 'lagori' which was fun as everyone was involved in the game trying to stack the seven stones. Next day the students were geared up for a bicycle ride on the mud road and rappelling by the river. Since rafting in the Rapids was difficult due to less water levels, they went rafting upwards in the river and did kayaking. A sumptuous dinner around a bonfire on their last night at the camp was memorable. Next morning the group bade farewell to Trailblazers at the Goa airport and headed back home.

# Royal Trail



Trailblazers conducted a history and wildlife trip to Rajasthan, the land of Maharajas and the tigers for the students of an international school. The program provided students an opportunity to follow the Tiger trails of Ranthambore and investigate India's glorious past from the monuments and forts of Jaipur and Ranthambore.

The students were introduced to the rich wildlife and splendid history of Rajasthan. The camp covered visits to forest, forts and museums bringing forth the importance of wildlife, heritage sites, their conservation, history, architecture and art of the region. Students were also introduced to the art of block printing. At the museum, teachers and students alike had an opportunity to try their hand at the craft. The camp also offered students an amazing opportunity to meet and interact with local school children of the region. The games and other activities done together offered the students their best visit experience.

# CAS Camp



Jaipur, the pink city, is a city with history and grand palaces. An IB school began its journey with Trailblazers team to this vibrant colorful city. The group arrived at the destination in the night not knowing that there was a beautiful Lake Palace right in front of our hotel, until, the sun rose from behind it and it came into view. All the students enjoyed the breathtaking view while having breakfast. The program began with a history practical by visiting the City Palace and Jantar Mantar where our team gave them an insight of the palace and its history. Subsequently the Trailblazers team took the students to an NGO which is an orphanage, where the students had an amazing time playing kabbadi and basketball with the children of

the orphanage. After history and Service it was time for some adventure. The students were happy to do rock climbing, zip line and a short trek. Our team was on their toes to make sure they had fun and safe experience. A visit to the museum and to the most colourful local market they have ever seen, the students ended the day by showing off their talents like singing, dancing and theatre. Our team had kept the best location for the last day which was the visit to the grand Amber fort after which they tried their hand at the ancient art of block printing. Finally it was time to pack up. Our team had a to literally hustle them out of their hotel rooms as they did not want to say goodbye.

## Geography and EVS Project - Land and River Study

It was a beautiful sunny day and Trailblazers went with the flow of the river (literally) to study it. The waterfall at the source of the river sparkled in the sunlight. The weather was pleasant. The river danced playfully at the source and then as we moved it

gradually pondered and became slow and still, a bit muddier as well. The banks were abundant with vegetation as this was post monsoon period. We saw various species like Mango, Okra, Sesamum, Blumea, Dropseed, etc. Grazed and ungrazed land, zonation

and various plant species were studied with Trailblazers experts. Also studied were various parameters of the river like depth, wetted parameter and velocity. Students and teachers successfully took readings and completed the EVS and Geography project.

## Camp Cotton



A group of students from Mumbai embarked on an interesting journey to Gujarat to see the fields of white gold, to understand its role in local economy and Indian freedom struggle, to witness the glimpses of white revolution and to visit two of the great empires lost in time - one the Sun Temple - a masterpiece of the Golden Age of the Solanki Empire and other the Jurassic Fossil Park of India showcasing the fossils of mighty Dinosaurs which ruled the earth once upon a time.

As a part of the trip students worked on the cotton project and collected information

by visiting cotton fields and cotton factory. During the cotton field visit, they learned about the various characteristics of the local cotton, various stages of its growth, important parameters of cotton fiber, process of hybridization and new variety development. The cotton factory visit brought understanding of various operations like de-linting, ginning, pressing, combing and spinning.

Students then visited a milk processing unit where they observed functioning of cooperatives i.e. collection of milk from villages and production and packaging of various milk products viz. pasteurized milk, flavored milk, butter, ghee, milk powder, buttermilk, chocolates.

Visit to the 11th century Sun temple, one of the finest examples of devotional architecture in western India, set along the backdrop of a beautiful river and surrounded by a terra-formed garden of flowering trees, presented a splendid experience to the students. They were awestruck by the ancient structure built on scientific principles and precision. The temple is built on the Tropic of Cancer and constructed such that the



first rays of the sun fall on the main idol on equinoxes. It is built on a simple technology of interlocking stones.

Students visited Sabarmati Ashram. It was from here that Gandhi led the Dandi march also known as the Salt Satyagraha. They also learnt the role of khadi in freedom struggle.

This unique camp conceptualised by Trailblazers was beautiful blend of art, history, economics and nature.

### CAS Camp



Camping is all about exploring your inner self and overcoming shortcomings. It teaches you many simple lessons of life in a subtle way. A CAS project camp for a school turned out to be a very interesting and thought provoking introspection journey for the students. In the beautiful, scenic environs of Lower Himalayas, the students were exposed to a whole lot of adrenaline rushing activities and a unique interaction with the local school students and a thought provoking skit for a local village on the girl child. The highlight of the camp was the 24 km white water rafting on the Alakhnanda river up to Deoprayag where one can see the confluence of Alakhnanda and Bhagirathi rivers, which then join to form the Ganga and flows down to the lower plains.





All the elements of CAS were covered and most importantly each camper, carried back indelible memories of this experience ,which will help them in every step as they embark on their journey into the future.

This program by Trailblazers had surely touched the souls of each child through the varied experiences that we shared with them and made them a part of.



L to R: Picture: H.E Erdal Sabri Ergen, Turkish Consul General; Ranjan Biswas, Editor Ecotrail; Sarosh Bana, Executive Editor Business India and Ketayun Bana, Founder Anokhi

### Turkey celebrates its 92nd National Day

The 92nd Turkish National day was celebrated by the Turkish Consulate in Mumbai on 2nd November.

The Consul General H.E. Erdal Sabri Ergen, hosted a wonderful cultural evening at the Taj hotel. The audience were enthralled by the performances of a very talented group of Turkish opera singers and musicians. It was well attended by the diplomatic fraternity, celebrities and government officials.

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#### TRAIL BLAZERS SUMMER CAMPS 2016 Camp Pathfinder and Camp Voyager for ages 10-18

Register



In the tranquillity of Himalayas in In the beautiful environs near Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Trailblazers Camp Pathfinder welcomes children from age 10-18 years to explore the world of adventure sports

with River Rafting, Bridge Slithering, Trekking, Rock climbing,Rappelling and Bird watching. This is a place where children will have the time of their life enjoying sumptuous meals and creating everlasting friendships all in a safe and

completely supervised environment by food and return home with enhanced self friendly, well trained and expert Trailblazers confidence and fantastic memories. professionals.

#### Camp Footloose: Age 8-12



Nestled in the lap of Sahyadri is Karnala, Trailblazers Camp Footloose where welcomes children from age 8-12 years to enter the world of camping and exploring various facets of their personality, learn innovative and creative skills, go trekking, learn yoga, rack your brains with guizzes, indulge in painting and dance, showcase their talents during talent nights, go for nature trails, do camp craft and play lots of games in fully supervised environment. Children get to stay in clean and hygienic place with variety of delicious food options. So let your child loose in the world of Trailblazers Camp Footloose.

#### **Emissions Gap Report**

The year 2015 could be a turning point in global efforts to transform the prevailing social and economic development paradigm into a more sustainable one. The Emissions Gap Report is an authoritative assessment undertaken by leading scientists from around the world. It presents an assessment of the 119 Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) submitted to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) covering 146 countries. It explores the ways the emissions gap could be closed through action.



Camp Voyager welcomes children to explore the flora and fauna of Himalayas while learning rope courses, rappelling,

> trekking, outdoor survival skills, bird watching, and team building games. All activities are conducted under the expert vigil of Trailblazers highly trained experts, with safety being of prime priority. Children get to stay in clean tents in the lap of nature with delicious and hygienic

#### Summiteer: Age 18 & above



'Trailblazers Summiteer' is a Himalayan Expedition programme for people from age 18 and above and is designed to provide the thrill of Himalayan trekking while reaching the summit of Mt. Chandrashila in the state of Uttarakhand. The trekking provides a magnificent view of snow clad Himalayan mountain ranges including Chaukhamba peak, visiting wonderful places while exploring the hidden treasures of Himalaya. The camp provides accommodation in international quality tents and lodges, high quality transport, clean hygienic food with utmost importance to safety by well qualified friendly mountaineering experts.

#### Nature Calendar 2016

Trailblazers' colorful nature 2016 calendar is out. This showcases unique species and ecosystems of India. To get a free copy for school (till stocks lasts) write to us with your name, designation, name and contact details of your school and email it to us on ecotrail@ trailblazersindia.com with subject line "Trailblazers Nature Calender 2016."



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