

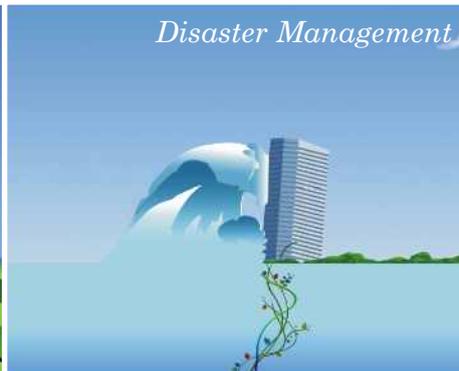
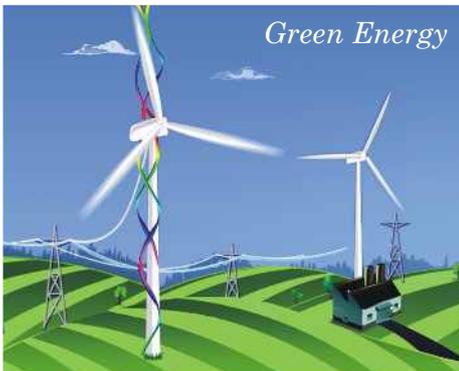
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Open House for UN Associations

In conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Federation of UN Associations being convened in Delhi, members of UN Associations from across the country were invited to an Open House at the UNIC office. Among them were IFUNA managing committee members from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal.

UNIC Director **Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman** welcomed the UNA representatives and spoke about the long and deep partnership that UNIC shared with them. UNIC Librarian **Dr. R.K. Sharma** gave the guests an e-tour of our website. IFUNA Secretary-



General **Suresh Srivastava** said that IFUNA greatly valued the guidance given by UNIC New Delhi and referred to the recent MOU between UNIC and

IFUNA whereby the latter would organize the observance of four UN Days in different parts of India.

Environment Day with the Coast Guard

The Maharashtra United Nations Association (MUNA) in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the UN Information Centre (UNIC) observed World Environment Day on 5 June aboard the Coast Guard ships *ICGS Samudra Prahari* and *INS Sankalp* at Mumbai. The event was a first of its kind initiative between MUNA and the armed services that address marine environment protection in the state. The celebration was on the theme ‘Green Economy: Are you part of it?’

Deputy Inspector General **NV Narasimha** welcomed the guests and spoke about the activities of the Indian Coast Guard which include safeguarding the Indian coastline as well as protecting the marine ecology and environment. This was followed by the video messages of UN Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon** and UNIC Director **Kiran Mehra-**

Kerpelman on the occasion of World Environment Day.

The speakers at the event included MUNA Secretary-General **A.A. Syed**, Executive Chairperson **Mohini Mathur**, Secretary and Youth Wing President **Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh**, and DIG **Donny Michael**. This was followed by a debate between ICG

officials and the members of civil society on ‘Environment Protection Consciousness in India’.

This event concluded with the ICG displaying the pollution response equipment on board the indigenously built pollution control vessel *ICGS Samudra Prahari*.

