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# STUDENTS' CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE 2025

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Students Climate Action Conference 2025 wrapped up as a multi-regional, youth-led initiative focused on identifying climate vulnerabilities and creating local solutions through video storytelling and dialogue. Conducted in a hybrid format, the conference engaged students from nine Indian states: Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Kashmir, Maharashtra, Telangana, Odisha, Delhi and West Bengal. Across online and offline sessions, the program reached 550 participants from 177 schools, with a total of 354 students taking part.

The process began with school registration. Each of the 177 schools nominated two students. In August 2025, these students joined an online climate awareness session conducted by The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia, followed by a hands-on workshop led by The Climate Project Foundation's content team on how to create impactful videos. Once they understood the basics of climate change and video creation, the competition started. Students were tasked with producing three-minute videos showing climate impacts in their own regions. Several groups went further and engaged their communities to spread climate education.

Four physical award sessions were held in Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Odisha. The top ten shortlisted schools from each state were invited. At each venue- Five schools received consolation awards, while the other five presented their videos before a panel of judges. After a round of questions and answers, winners were selected, resulting in 25 top teams across the four centres & a Online Session.

For Kashmir, Maharashtra, Telangana, and West Bengal, the judging took place online on 25th November. Judges reviewed the submitted videos, interacted with the students, and announced the results the next day.

The conference strengthened climate literacy, encouraged youth leadership, and helped students connect real environmental challenges with solutions they could advocate for. It also produced a growing collection of student-led climate stories that can support future awareness and action.

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

The second edition of Students' Climate Action Conference was launched in July 2025, under the Green Campus Programme. The objective behind the initiative was to bring together students (ages 12–17) from across India to explore and act on urgent local climate challenges.

The conference empowers young leaders to identify a climate issue within their school or community, investigate it through research and engagement, implement a small yet meaningful solution, and present their impact through a 3-minute video—amplifying youth voices and driving grassroots climate action.

The Students Climate Action Conference 2025 operated through a structured hybrid model that blended online learning, on-ground research, and state-level physical events. The process was designed to build climate awareness, guide students in documenting real environmental issues, and provide a platform for them to present solutions.

## Structure-

### 1. Registrations-

Schools across multiple states registered two-student teams using the official form, completing all entries before the July deadline.

### 2. Online sessions

All participants attended two online workshops in August—one introducing basics of climate change and its impacts, and the other on how to create short videos, camera handling and videography.

### 3. Student Tasks & Video Submission

Students identified two local environmental issues, collected evidence through interviews, and created a brief report. Each team produced a three-minute video, submitting all work by mid-October.

### 4. Conference & State-Level Events

The conference featured online keynotes, discussions, and video showcases, followed by state events on 22 November 2025. Top entries were screened, students faced a Q&A with judges, and the best three teams per state were awarded.

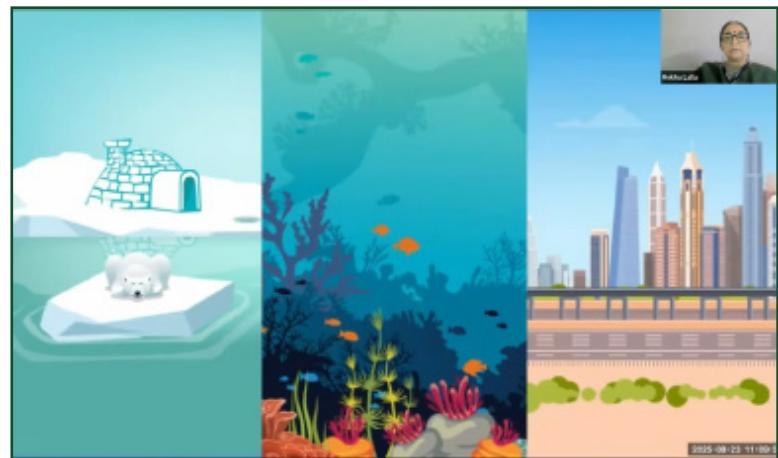
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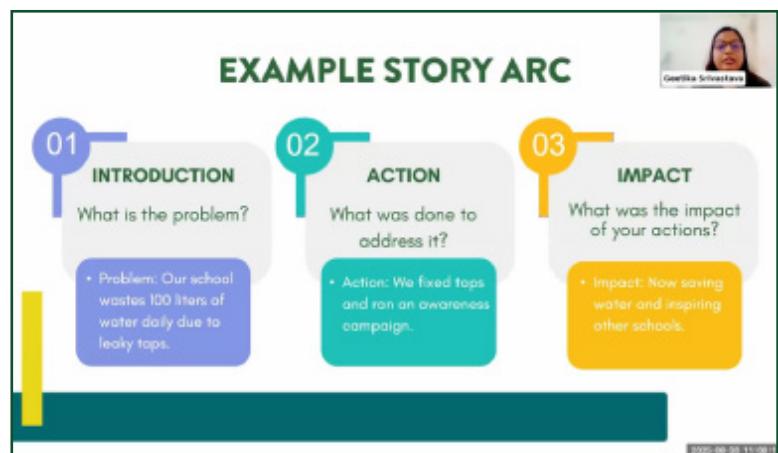
## Online sessions-

**Session 1** – The first session was held on 23rd August on ‘Understanding climate change, its science, impacts & solutions’ by Ms. Rekha Lalla, Lead, The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia.

To inspire this year’s participants, last year’s winners were invited who shared their project journeys through PPTs and an engaging Q&A. Their videos were also circulated among all 177 teams, offering valuable peer learning and clear examples of impactful climate action. The session was attended by more than 300 students.



**Session 2** – The second session was conducted on 30th August on the topic of ‘How to communicate climate action effectively through digital medium’. The session was taken by Ms. Geetika Srivastava, Manager, Communication & Content & Mr. Rahul Khandelwal, Manager, Graphics & IT, The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia.



Through this session, students learned how to use key tools and techniques to film and produce a compelling three-minute video showcasing the climate problem, community voices, and their solutions.



## State-wise conference & Award ceremony

On 22 November 2025, four regional physical conferences were organised across Delhi NCR (Gurgaon and Noida), Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha. These state-level events brought together the top ten shortlisted teams from each region, creating a dynamic platform for students to showcase their climate action work.

Each team presented their three-minute video before a panel of three judges, followed by interactive Q&A rounds. Based on clarity, impact, and originality, the judges selected the top five winning teams, along with five consolation prize recipients, celebrating outstanding student-led climate initiatives across the country



## KEY OUTCOMES

### 1. Mapping Local Climate Vulnerabilities-

Students identified region-specific climate risks through field research and community engagement, capturing issues from heatwaves and flooding to coastal erosion and glacier melt in consolidated youth-led reports.

### 2. Community-Based Climate Solutions-

Participants proposed practical local actions such as rainwater harvesting, waste segregation, urban plantations, traffic-free zones, and water-quality testing.

### 3. Digital Storytelling & Communication Skills-

Students built skills in interviewing, mobile videography, scriptwriting, and public speaking to communicate climate issues through short, impactful videos.

### 4. Youth-Expert Engagement-

Q&A interactions with experts deepened student understanding, sharpened ideas, and strengthened peer learning beyond the presentations.

177

Schools participated

354

Students participated

09

States covered

10K

Social media reach

## IMPACT STORIES

### ODISHA: A Story of Disappearing Villages and Rising Courage

While creating their video for the Students' Climate Action Conference, a team from DPS Odisha stumbled upon a powerful truth—of the ten coastal villages they set out to document, two had already vanished beneath rising seawater. Shocked by the scale of climate-driven displacement, the students felt compelled to act. Beyond the competition, they created a dedicated website to document these disappearing villages and share credible information with peers, educators, and local communities.

Their initiative quickly grew into a collective movement. Parents, teachers, and the school principal amplified the effort, supporting tree plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, and wider dissemination of the students' work. What began as a project for a three-minute video evolved into a sustained community-led climate action effort.



[Watch Video](#)

## Tamil Nadu: When Learning Turned Into Leadership

In Tamil Nadu, students took their conference learning far beyond the assignment by forming Student-Led Climate Action Clubs within their schools. These clubs quickly became active hubs where students trained their peers, engaged with local communities, and promoted climate awareness, adaptation measures, and everyday sustainable practices.

Through these clubs, students deepened their understanding of local climate vulnerabilities and emerged as youth climate leaders. Their efforts mobilised families, schools, and neighbourhoods, demonstrating how empowered students can spark widespread awareness and strengthen climate resilience at the grassroots level. A key driver of their success was the strong support from parents, who recognised the students' leadership and encouraged them to continue their climate initiatives beyond school.



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## Darjeeling: Student Research Driving Local Climate Solutions

At St. Teresa's School, Darjeeling, during their project work, students identified a critical ecological concern i.e. the decline in pollination linked to falling bee populations, posing risks to local agriculture and biodiversity. Recognising the urgency, students collaborated closely with local beekeepers, combining traditional knowledge with student-led inquiry to support and strengthen community beekeeping practices.

Alongside this research-driven intervention, students initiated wider sustainability efforts within the school, including systematic waste segregation, awareness campaigns, promotion of the 3Rs, and household composting demonstrations. By documenting their composting units, flower gardens, and field interactions, students showcased practical climate solutions in action.

The initiative highlights how conference-based research can evolve into meaningful, locally rooted climate action—empowering students to bridge science, livelihoods, and community resilience while making sustainability an integral part of everyday life.



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# WINNERS

## Region-wise Top 5 winners

### Haryana / Delhi

- K-IIT World School, Gurugram
- Vega School, Gurgaon
- Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj, Delhi
- KIIT World School, Pitampura
- Bluebells School International, Delhi

### Uttar Pradesh

- Mayo School, Noida
- DAV Public School, Ghaziabad
- Sapphire International School, Noida
- St. Xavier's High School, Greater Noida
- The Khaitan School, Noida

### Tamil Nadu

- GTA Vidhya Mandir, Chennai
- San Academy, Velachery
- Sree Gokulam Public School, Chengalpattu
- Vels Vidyashram Senior Secondary School, Chennai
- Maharishi International School, Sriperumbudur

### Odisha

- DAV Public School, Paradeep Port
- Mother's Public School, Bhubaneswar
- Mother's Public School, Unit-1, Bhubaneswar
- Mothers' Public School, Puri
- DPS Kalinga, Cuttack
- D.A.V Vedanta International School, Lanjigarh

### Mixed Group (Telangana, J&K, West Bengal, Maharashtra)

- Birla Open Minds International School, Hyderabad
- Boys Middle School, Zadibal, J&K
- Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Srinagar, J&K
- Shiksha Sangh HS School, Darjeeling
- St. Teresa's Girls' Higher Secondary School, Darjeeling

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