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FY 2024-25 KEY STATS



82000+

Youth reached out in GCP and other initiatives

20534

Total teachers trained on climate change & SDGs

2.35+ lakh

views on CC social media content

1850+

posts and reels promoting CC awareness and sustainability initiatives.

33

Educational institutions turned green and won GCP awards

*GCP: Green Campus Programme *SDG: Sustainable Development Goals *CC: Climate Change

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Who We Are

In 2006, former U.S. Vice President and Chairman of The Climate Reality Project, Al Gore, sparked a global conversation on climate change with his Academy Award-winning documentary An Inconvenient Truth. This marked the beginning of a climate revolution. A year later, he founded The Climate Reality Project.

Today, Climate Reality is a diverse network of nature enthusiasts—activists, cultural leaders, organizers, scientists, and storytellers—united by a shared commitment to addressing the greatest challenge of our time and building a sustainable future.

The Climate Project Foundation

The Climate Project Foundation is the independent India branch of The Climate Reality Project (International). It was established in March 2008 with support from TERI and formally incorporated as a trust in Mumbai in 2009, with eminent Indians as trustees.

In addition to raising awareness about climate change through presentations and training sessions, the foundation focuses on cultivating future leaders through impactful initiatives such as the Green Campus Programme, which guides educational institutions toward sustainability. Our milestone programs also include youth empowerment efforts as part of our broader climate change mitigation strategy.

The India branch supports a network of over 1,500 trained Climate Reality Leaders from across India and South Asia, who are driving climate action at multiple levels.

We also create educational and informational content to raise awareness and inspire action.
In collaboration with partners and like-minded organizations, we work to strengthen India's commitment to the Paris Agreement and a resilient, climate-ready future.

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Message from the Board

As we reflect on the past year, 2024 was likely the first year with temperatures more than 1.5°C above the pre-industrial era. The climate crisis has continued to escalate in both scale and severity. In 2024–25, South Asia witnessed a range of extreme weather events, from the devastating cyclone Remal to unprecedented urban heatwaves and floods, that reinforced the urgent need for systemic climate action. These events are no longer isolated or seasonal; they are part of a growing pattern that threatens ecosystems, economies, and human well-being, especially in climate-vulnerable regions like ours.

Amid these challenges, The Climate Project Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to build a climate-ready future. This year, our flagship Green Campus Programme reached new milestones, training 20,534 teachers and empowering over 82,000 students across India and South Asia. The program expanded its footprint in Kashmir, Odisha, and Maharashtra, turning campuses into living labs of sustainability, with initiatives like herbal gardens, renewable energy installations, waste management innovations, and rainwater harvesting models.

We also launched new pathways of learning through the Teachers' Skillshare Programme, connecting educators across 21 states for peer learning and collaborative sustainability practices. These partnerships are nurturing a new generation of educators and students who view climate resilience as a daily practice, not just an ideal.



In 2024–25, The Climate Project Foundation empowered over 82,000 students and 20,000+ teachers, expanded its Green Campus Programme, and sparked 300+ student-led projects. From COP29 to grassroots action, our work united youth, educators, and leaders across South Asia to drive climate resilience, equity, and systemic change through education and innovation.

Our work in youth engagement took a significant leap forward. The Students' Climate Action Conference (SCAC) brought together over 4,000 students from India and Nepal to research, discuss, and act on local climate issues. The Youth for Earth 2024 initiative inspired more than 300 student-led projects. And the pilot edition of Youth for COP engaged over 1,100 young people across 15 countries, amplifying their voices in global climate dialogues.

This year, we further strengthened regional collaboration by working closely with Climate Reality Leaders in Nepal, Bangladesh, and across India. These passionate individuals, our greatest strength, led awareness campaigns, policy conversations, and hands-on climate solutions at grassroots and institutional levels. Their leadership was evident across platforms, including COP29 and national conferences on sustainability, electric mobility, and clean air.

Technology and communication also played a vital role. Through 1,800+ digital posts and six major campaigns, we reached more than 2.35 lakh viewers, raising awareness, sparking conversations, and building a movement for climate action that is youth-driven and community-owned.

As we look ahead, the path is clear but not easy. Climate change is not just an environmental issue; it is a justice issue. It affects the poorest first and worst. Our response must therefore be rooted in equity, collaboration, and a sense of shared purpose. At The Climate Project Foundation, we remain committed to scaling our work, deepening partnerships, and strengthening regional resilience through education, innovation, and grassroots action.

We are deeply grateful to our partners, educators, youth leaders, and Climate Reality Leaders, who are the true agents of change. Together, we move forward, with hope, with resolve, and with the belief that we can shape a sustainable and just future for South Asia and the world.

On Behalf of the Board.



Aditya Pundir
Director,
The Climate Project Foundation



Climate Change Education Program

Climate change is accelerating, disrupting ecosystems, intensifying extreme weather, and threatening communities. The need for awareness and action has never been more urgent. Empowering individuals with knowledge and tools is key to building resilience and driving meaningful change.

At The Climate Project Foundation, our Climate Change Education Program helps teachers, students, and stakeholders understand, mitigate, and adapt to climate impacts. Through initiatives like the Green Campus Programme, Teacher Trainings, and Skillshare Exchanges, supported by interactive, multilingual resources, we're bridging the climate knowledge gap across generations and sectors. With educator training and hands-on activities, a ripple effect unfolds, from principals to teachers to students, deepening their climate engagement. We are committed to building climate-literate, solution-oriented communities that are informed, empowered, and ready for a sustainable future.

GREEN CAMPUS PROGRAMME

For Climate Action, Education and Awareness

At The Climate Project Foundation, we believe that every campus has the power to be a catalyst for change. Our Green Campus Programme (GCP), a core part of our Climate Change Education initiative, is designed to bring sustainability to life where it matters most, right in the heart of educational institutions.

GCP helps schools, colleges, and universities reimagine their spaces as vibrant, eco-friendly communities. From managing waste more thoughtfully and conserving water to improving air quality, saving energy, and nurturing local biodiversity, every small step adds up to a big impact.

But it's not just about infrastructure and operations. The program is also about people—students, teachers, staff, and even local communities coming together to learn, act, and lead the change. By making sustainability a lived experience on campus, GCP helps build habits and mindsets that last a lifetime.

What makes the program unique is its three-part approach:

- **Awareness**—sparking curiosity and understanding about climate and sustainability
- **Action**—turning ideas into meaningful change on the ground
- **Award**—celebrating campuses that go above and beyond in their green journey

Each participating institution is recognized for its efforts through certifications—Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Green Certified, based on the depth and impact of their work. These awards aren't just milestones; they're stories of hope and inspiration for others to follow. Through GCP, we're not just greening campuses, we're shaping future leaders, nurturing environmental consciousness, and inspiring a larger movement towards a healthier, more sustainable world.

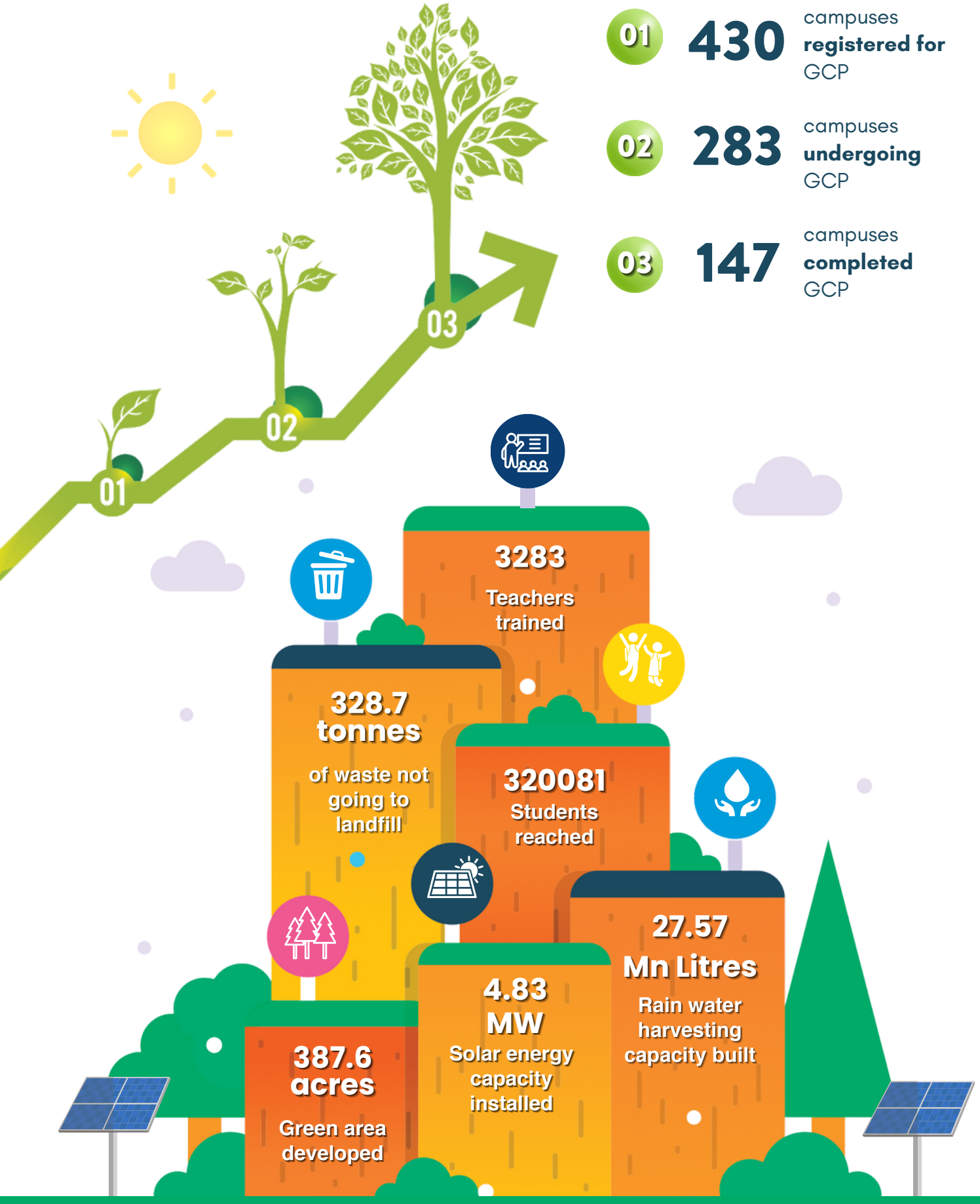


Impact of The Green Campus Programme

01 **430** campuses **registered for** GCP

02 **283** campuses **undergoing** GCP

03 **147** campuses **completed** GCP



Testimonials



Ms. Alka Singh

Principal-Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram, Haryana

We express our gratitude for providing us with the chance to participate in the Green Campus Programme (GCP) Audit. To be a part of this program has been an incredible delight. We had the chance to learn more about a sustainable environment thanks to it. We'll evaluate our performance and strive forward to win the highest GCP trophy.



MR. JAVID AHMAD BHAT

Principal-Ayesha Ali Academy, Jammu & Kashmir

Working with The Climate Reality Project brought transformative changes to the campus, focusing on sustainability & environmental awareness. Continued collaboration with The Climate Reality Project will ensure further development of sustainable practices, the introduction of new eco-friendly technologies, & engagement with the broader community to lead by example in environmental stewardship.



MR. B. VINOD

Principal-Delhi Public School, Patna, Bihar

Our engagement in the Green Campus Programme has provided invaluable insights through comprehensive audits and data collection carried out by our dedicated teachers and students. We strongly recommend other schools across India to engage in this programme to equip our future citizens with the knowledge to confront environmental challenges.



DR. RUPALI DILIP GAIKWAD

GCP Coordinator-Fergusson College, Pune, Maharashtra

The Green Campus program provided a platform to interact with students on important aspects of the environment and inculcating a carbon-neutral attitude in them to address various environmental issues, and find the best solutions to make our college campus green and clean. Guidelines and protocols provided by The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) were very useful for conducting environmental audit and activities. Data collected from the audits proved useful for preparing an action plan to make our campus eco-friendly and reduce our carbon footprint. I am thankful to TCPF for providing guidance and motivation throughout the program.



DR. APPASAHEB SUTAR

GCP Coordinator-Shri Raosaheb Ramrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Sangli, Maharashtra

When our college was chosen for the Green Campus Programme, an initiative by The Climate Project Foundation, we were thrilled about the activities. The start of this initiative doubled the enthusiasm of our students & teachers. It made us aware of the many ways to conserve & manage biodiversity, waste, energy, water, & air. These efforts are vital for securing a healthier & more prosperous environment for future generations. Thank you very much for making us a part of this initiative.

Major Events under the Green Campus Programme

a. Principals' Conclave, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh



The Principals' Conclave on Climate Change and Sustainability Education was held on April 16, 2024, at STS School, AMU, in partnership with The Climate Reality Project. The event brought together 10 principals and 34 educators from AMU-affiliated schools to discuss the role of school leadership in advancing sustainability. Key speakers included Mr. Aditya Pundir, Prof. Mohd Rihan, Prof. Asfar Ali Khan, and Ms. Rekha Lalla, who introduced the Green Campus Programme (GCP) as a pathway for schools to become low-carbon, climate-resilient institutions.

The conclave emphasized integrating sustainability into education through awareness, action, and leadership. AMU's 6.5 MW solar capacity was presented as a model of campus transformation. The discussions reinforced the crucial role of educators in shaping environmentally responsible schools and communities.

b. Green Campus Conclave, NEERI, Nagpur



The Green Campus Conclave was held on July 5, 2024, at NEERI Campus, Nagpur, to promote climate awareness and sustainable practices in educational institutions. Led by Ms. Rekha Lalla, Lead, Green Campus Programme, and Mr. Ganesh Satav, Sr. Education Officer, The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia, the event brought together educators and stakeholders to explore the role of institutions in building climate-resilient communities.

Ms. Lalla delivered a session on the science, impacts, and solutions of climate change, stressing the urgency of climate action. Mr. Satav introduced the Green Campus Programme and Teachers Training Program, outlining steps for institutions to become greener and more resource-efficient. He also highlighted the Green Schools Initiative, emphasizing the need to empower educators to integrate sustainability. The conclave reinforced the importance of collaboration among educators, institutions, and government bodies to drive environmental stewardship and build sustainable campuses nationwide.

c. Awareness Program at Resident Commission, Government of J&K

On June 5, 2024, The Climate Project Foundation, in collaboration with Hello J&K, conducted a hybrid Green Campus Awareness Programme at the Resident Commission, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, engaging over 150 participants, including staff, students, and online attendees. The session was inaugurated by Dr. Rashmi Singh, IAS, Principal Resident Commissioner, who emphasized the pivotal role of individuals—especially youth—in addressing climate change and adopting sustainable lifestyles.

Ms. Prerna Raina, Additional Secretary, welcomed the audience and introduced Ms. Rekha Lalla, Lead – Green Campus Programme, who conducted an insightful session on the science and impacts of climate change, recent environmental challenges in Kashmir, and the role of institutions through the Green Campus framework. The event concluded with tree planting, distribution of cloth bags to discourage single-use plastics, and pledges to take climate action.



Student Activities under the Green Campus Program

Under the Green Campus Program, students across registered schools have actively participated in diverse environmental activities on campus and in their communities. Around 200 student-led initiatives have been conducted so far, reinforcing hands-on learning and climate action. Key activities include community outreach, tree plantations, bird watching, and creating herbal and vegetable gardens. Students also led 'No Plastic' campaigns and practiced waste segregation and management to build awareness of sustainable living.

These efforts have enhanced environmental literacy among students and positioned them as change-makers within their local ecosystems. The program continues to encourage student-led actions that foster climate awareness, ecological responsibility, and active citizenship. Our Green Campuses are evolving into hubs of community engagement, where young minds lead by example and inspire lasting behavioral change toward sustainability.



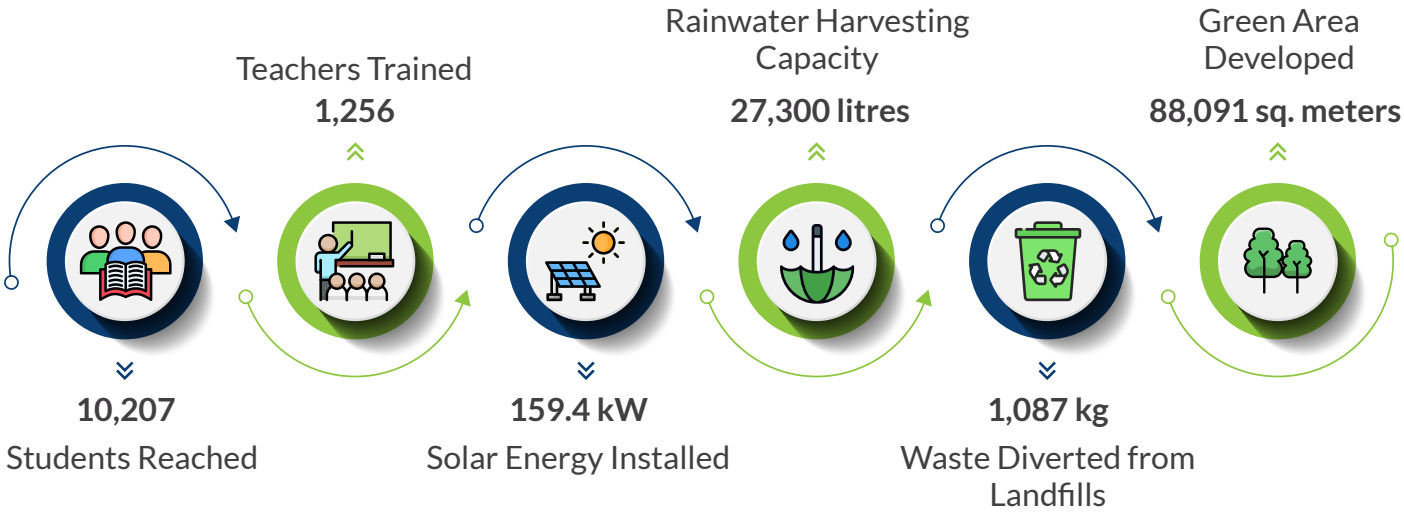


GCP Impact In Kashmir

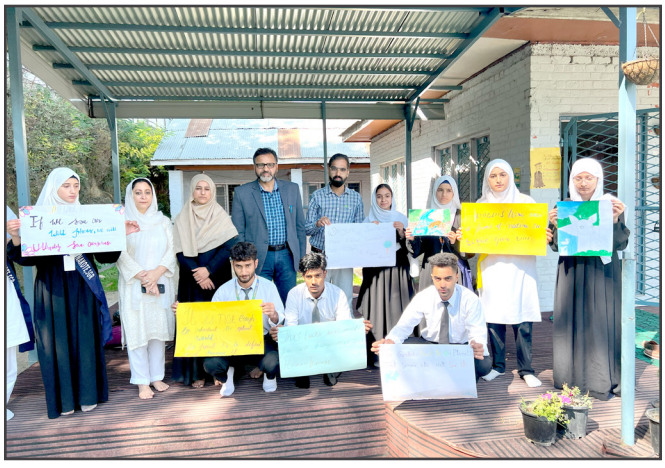
The Green Campus Programme (GCP), led by The Climate Project Foundation, is a pioneering climate education and sustainability initiative transforming schools across Kashmir. Since its inception in June 2023, GCP has expanded from 2 to 95 schools across 10 districts, empowering over 10,200 students and 1,256 teachers. With strong support from the Directorate of School Education, the programme integrates environmental literacy with hands-on action, turning campuses into models of sustainability. Through teacher training, student-led eco-projects, and climate action campaigns, schools are adopting practical solutions like composting, solar energy, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity mapping, and e-waste management.

The programme also includes flagship initiatives such as the Students' Climate Action Conference, where two Kashmiri students earned second place at the South Asia level for their climate research. As the programme enters its next phase—targeting 60 additional government schools—it seeks strategic funding to scale training modules, resource development, and implementation support. This initiative directly contributes to climate resilience, youth leadership, and sustainable development in one of India's most climate-vulnerable regions.

Key Impact (April 2024 – March 2025):







GCP Impact In Maharashtra

In the academic year 2024–25, the Green Campus Program (GCP) in Maharashtra made significant transformations toward environmental sustainability through campus-based action, capacity building, and community outreach. These efforts aligned with our broader vision of fostering climate consciousness and sustainable development in educational institutions and rural communities.

The Maharashtra team collaborated with six campuses—04 under Rayat Shikshan Sanstha and 02 in Kusumbi village—to drive campus sustainability. Initiatives included infrastructure upgrades and behavior change efforts, promoting green practices among students and faculty. Some key achievements are as follows-

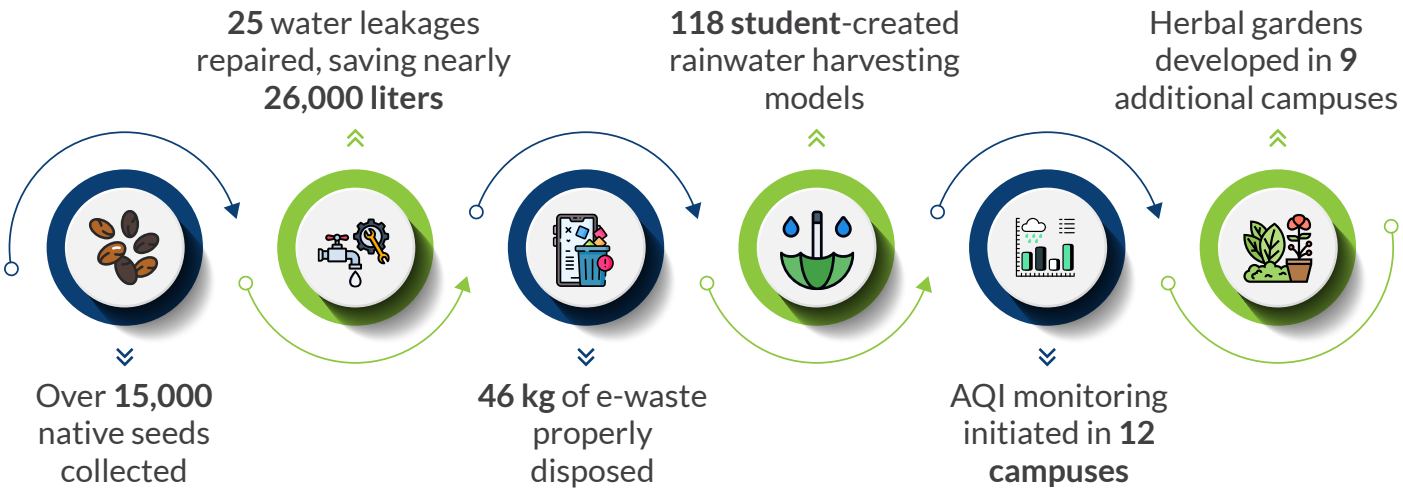
- Solar panels with a **total capacity of 16 kW** were installed across 04 Rayat campuses, encouraging the shift toward renewable energy and reducing campus carbon emissions.
- Rainwater harvesting systems were implemented in 02 Rayat campuses in Satara, covering **880 sq. m of catchment area** and enabling the collection of approx. **5.9 lakh liters of rainwater annually**.
- Two Kusumbi village campuses developed herbal gardens covering **1,600 sq. ft**, cultivating **380 medicinal plants from 33 native varieties**. These gardens served as living laboratories for traditional knowledge and biodiversity education.





Impact of Teachers' Training Program (TTP)

The team successfully trained 349 teachers across 22 campuses (20 from Rayat and 2 HEIs) in climate literacy and sustainability practices using an engaging, hands-on model. The program generated meaningful environmental outcomes:



Community Outreach: Climate Change Training For Rural Women

The Maharashtra team conducted a climate change awareness session for 40 women in Kusumbi village, including the Sarpanch and Gram Panchayat members. Delivered in the local language, the training explained climate change, its local impacts, and simple, actionable solutions.

This initiative strengthened community understanding and empowered women to take climate-friendly actions, fostering greater local ownership of environmental issues.





GCP Awards 2024-25

- Delhi International School, Dwarka, New Delhi
- Kothari International School, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, New Delhi
- East Point School, Vasundhra Enclave, Delhi
- S.D. Public School, Patel Nagar, New Delhi
- The Kalyani School, Pune, Maharashtra
- Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram, Haryana
- Delhi Public School, Patna, Bihar
- M.L. Khanna DAV Public School, Dwarka, New Delhi
- ODM Global School, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Suncity School, Sector 37D, Gurugram, Haryana
- Ayesha Ali Academy, Jammu & Kashmir
- Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Rainawari, Srinagar
- Government Degree College Kulgam, Jammu & Kashmir
- Government Boys Higher Secondary School Zainakote, Kashmir
- Govt. Sheikh-Ul-Alam Memorial Degree College, Budgam
- Government Higher Secondary School, Hawal Pulwama
- St. Columba's School, New Delhi
- Agurchand Manmull Jain School, Meenambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Dharwad International School, Dharwad, Karnataka



List of Winners

- Bansal Public School, Sanganer, Rajasthan
- Manjusri Public School, Country Campus, Sikkim
- San Academy Tambaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Firdous Educational Institute, Tapper Pattan Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir
- Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Soura, Srinagar, Kashmir
- Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nawakadal
- Srinagar International School, Pampore, Jammu & Kashmir
- Life School, Jammu & Kashmir
- St. Joseph's Convent, Kalimpong, West Bengal
- DAV Model School, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal
- Islamia High School Pampore, Jammu & Kashmir
- Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Nawakadal, Kashmir
- Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Amirakadal, Kashmir

Platinum Gold Silver Bronze



GCP in Higher Educational Institutions

In 2024–2025, the Green Campus Program (GCP) expanded with **05 new institutions** — including Loreto College (Kolkata), Government Polytechnic for Women (Chandigarh), Chandigarh Group of Colleges (Jhanjeri), RP Institute of Hospitality & Management (Mumbai), and JECRC University (Jaipur) — signing MoUs with The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) to advance sustainability and Net Zero goals.

We trained **303 faculty members** and sensitized over **1,000 students** to climate solutions and sustainable practices across participating HEIs. Our Youth 4 COP 2024 initiative engaged students from **20+ HEIs**, reinforcing youth leadership in global climate action.

Two flagship events — commemorating **World Energy Conservation Day** and **World Wetlands Day** — collectively reached **500+ participants.**

- The dialogue "Clean Rides, Bright Futures", held in collaboration with four universities, gathered **300+ participants** to advocate for clean campus transport.
- World Wetlands Day webinars, co-hosted with four institutions, engaged **200+ participants** to champion wetland conservation.



Teachers' Skillshare Program

The GCP Skillshare Programme was launched in 2025 to promote peer learning and collaboration among schools across 21 states under the Green Campus Program. By connecting institutions from diverse regions, it allows teachers and students to share sustainability practices, explore innovative teaching approaches, and understand climate challenges in different local contexts.

In one exchange, Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (Uttar Pradesh) and St. Mary's School (Delhi) came together to discuss eco-friendly initiatives and student-led green practices, creating a valuable dialogue around what works in their respective contexts. In a more in-depth exchange, Tagore International School (Delhi) hosted educators from Mothers Public School (Odisha) for a two-day teacher exchange visit. The visitors were taken on a guided tour of the school's green infrastructure, including water conservation systems and composting units, and observed how climate education is seamlessly integrated into classroom teaching. Discussions also covered interdisciplinary curriculum planning, leadership building through assemblies, and creative expression via arts and cultural programs. These exchanges helped participants gain new perspectives on embedding sustainability into both academics and campus life.

These interactions have sparked meaningful dialogue, strengthened school partnerships, and encouraged the replication of effective practices. The program continues to build a growing network of climate-conscious schools committed to learning from each other and leading sustainability efforts in their regions.



STUDENTS' CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE

An initiative under the Green Campus Program

The Climate Project Foundation launched the inaugural Students' Climate Action Conference in August 2024 to empower students from classes 8 to 12 across South Asia in identifying and addressing local climate issues. Over 4000 students from various schools in India and Nepal participated, with several joining the final event via Zoom and YouTube Live, and many others attending via classroom broadcasts.

What Made SCAC Special?

- **Cross-border Collaboration:** Students from India and Nepal participated actively, with interest from Bangladesh being paused due to local conditions.
- **Skill-building Sessions:** A series of 6 expert-led mentorship sessions helped students learn to conduct interviews, create surveys, analyze data, and present findings.
- **Grounded in Community Wisdom:** Students interviewed local people, including elders and farmers, bringing traditional knowledge and real-world climate experiences to the forefront.

Final Showcase - August 24, 2024

- **Live Participants:** 700+ joined live via Zoom & YouTube
- **Wider Reach:** Over 4000 students watched from classrooms across South Asia
- **Certificates:** 909 students claimed instant digital certificates
- **Social Buzz:** 21,000+ views on our event promotion video

And the Winners Are

1st Place: Mothers Public School, Odisha
2nd Place (tie): Satisar Educational Institute & Muslim Educational Institute, Kashmir
3rd Place: St. Teresa's Girls' High School, Darjeeling, West Bengal
4th Place (tie): San Academy Velachery, Tamil Nadu & The Kalyani School, Pune

Most Popular School Awards

- **1st:** St. Teresa's Girls' High School, Darjeeling
- **2nd:** Mothers Public School, Odisha

"When students take the mic, climate solutions find a voice."
— A Jury Member

Voices from the Ground

"We never thought we'd get to talk about climate change from our village to an international audience."
— A student participant from Nepal



Community Awareness on Water Conservation by St. Teresa's Girls H.S School, Darjeeling, West Bengal



Students in Nepal campaigning to protect the 200-year-old Kanti Tal Wetland—raising their voices against motorboats to save local biodiversity.



Students from New Delhi interviewing residents about the water and power issue in the state



Students from Kashmir discussed the impacts of climate change on the Dal Lake with the locals



Students from Tamil Nadu, discussing the issue of plastic waste and waste management with the community workers



Students from Pune, Maharashtra spoke to the officials regarding the rising pollution and worsening air-quality

TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Teacher Training Program is one of the flagship and long-standing initiatives of The Climate Project Foundation. Designed to build climate literacy among educators, the program equips teachers with comprehensive knowledge about the science, impacts, and solutions of climate change.

By empowering teachers with relevant tools and resources, the program enables them to confidently integrate climate education into their classrooms. This approach helps develop critical thinking and environmental awareness among students while nurturing a generation of climate-conscious citizens. Trained educators emerge as influential voices for sustainability and climate action within their schools and communities.

Maharishi International School, Tamil Nadu

A teachers training workshop was conducted on 9th and 10th September 2024 at Maharishi International School, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, under the Green Campus Programme. Led by consultants from The Climate Project Foundation, the training engaged 125 teachers, focusing on enhancing their understanding of environmental issues such as waste management, air quality, and energy conservation. The sessions aimed to equip educators with the knowledge and practical tools needed to incorporate sustainability into everyday teaching.

The program emphasized the role of teachers in fostering environmental responsibility among students and promoting eco-friendly practices in schools and communities. A notable highlight was the active follow-up by participating teachers, who conducted ground-level activities post-training, reflecting the workshop's immediate impact. The initiative supports long-term sustainability goals by creating a network of environmentally conscious educators across Tamil Nadu.



Prometheus School, Noida



A **Teacher Training Program (TTP)** was conducted on **15th January 2025** at **Prometheus School, Noida**, led by **Ms. Rekha Lalla** under the Green Campus Programme. The in-person session aimed to enhance teachers' understanding of climate change, its impacts, and practical strategies for integrating environmental education into the school curriculum. Topics included climate change science, curriculum integration, eco-friendly practices, and the introduction of the Green Campus framework to help schools move towards sustainability.

The session encouraged active engagement, with teachers exploring subject-wise approaches to embed climate education and discussing real-world projects students could lead. Teachers responded enthusiastically to the session and showed keen interest in implementing sustainable practices like waste segregation, reducing single-use plastics, and involving students in green initiatives. The workshop concluded with actionable recommendations, setting the stage for Prometheus School to become a model of environmental leadership in education.

Mater Dei School, New Delhi



On April 24–25, 2024, Ms. Rekha Lalla led a two-day training session at Mater Dei School, New Delhi, introducing 67 teachers to the Green Campus Program by the Climate Reality Project. The program offers a comprehensive framework for schools to assess and reduce their environmental impact across key areas like air, water, waste, energy, biodiversity, and climate innovation. Educators were encouraged to take leadership in embedding sustainability into school systems and to guide students in adopting climate-conscious behaviors.

Teachers explored a step-by-step approach to implement sustainable practices, from conducting environmental audits to forming eco-committees and engaging students through green clubs and community outreach. The session highlighted long-term benefits such as cost savings, healthier school environments, and climate leadership among students. The training laid a strong foundation for Mater Dei School to become a model of environmental responsibility through education.

6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION



The 6th edition of the International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) was successfully held on 19–20 September 2024 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Organized by the Mobius Foundation under the theme "Greening Education for a Sustainable Future," the event served as a vibrant platform to bring together educators, environmental leaders, and youth changemakers. The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia was proud to be associated as a key partner in this landmark gathering. The sessions emphasized the critical role of sustainability education in addressing climate challenges and advancing the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Day 1 Highlights: Pledge Selfie Campaign

The event was inaugurated with participation from esteemed guests and partner organizations. The Climate Reality Project Foundation hosted an interactive stall designed to engage attendees through the "Pledge Selfie" initiative. The campaign encouraged participants to commit to green practices including water conservation, biodiversity protection, responsible waste management, and adoption of electric vehicles.

More than 230 individuals took the pledge, clicked selfies with their selected green action cards, and proudly wore badges to symbolize their commitment. This interactive activity helped create a strong sense of personal accountability and encouraged dialogue around individual climate action.





Day 2 Highlights: Youth for Environment (Y4E) Awards

The second day of the conference featured the much-anticipated Youth for Environment (Y4E) Awards Ceremony, a celebration of young changemakers making a tangible impact on the ground. The event opened with an inspiring address by Mr. Aditya Pundir, Director of The Climate Project Foundation, who highlighted the vital role of youth in accelerating climate action and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Winners across both junior and senior categories were recognized for their creative and community-driven solutions to pressing environmental issues. Their initiatives—ranging from waste management innovations to campus-based conservation efforts—demonstrated how youth leadership can be a powerful force for positive environmental change.

The ceremony concluded on a high note with the felicitation of the evaluators by Mr. Pundir and Dr. Ram Boojh, CEO of the Mobius Foundation, acknowledging their guidance and support in nurturing the next generation of sustainability leaders.





YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



With over 20% of South Asia's population under the age of 30, empowering youth is essential for meaningful climate action. Young people bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas that can shape effective climate solutions. By engaging them through education, awareness, and active participation, we strengthen both current initiatives and long-term resilience.

The Climate Project Foundation is committed to nurturing young environmental leaders through its youth-led programs. These initiatives equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead change in their communities—building a generation that's informed, proactive, and ready to create a more sustainable future.

Youth for Earth 2024



Youth for Earth (Y4E), an initiative by Mobius Foundation and The Climate Project Foundation, continues to empower youth to lead sustainability efforts through action-driven projects. Since 2020, it has been a vibrant platform for youth engagement.

In 2024 edition, over 300 student projects were submitted from schools and colleges across India, covering themes like renewable energy, waste reduction, biodiversity, and sustainable living. After a rigorous evaluation, 10 standout projects (5 junior and 5 senior) were awarded for their innovation, impact, scalability, and alignment with the SDGs at the International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE). The award ceremony featured an inspiring keynote address by Mr. Aditya Pundir and was hosted by Mr. Bhavesh Swami. Winners were honored for their impactful contributions and exceptional grassroots work. The event concluded with the acknowledgment of evaluators, reinforcing the campaign's commitment to nurturing youth-led climate solutions across India. Here is the list of winners:

Youth for Earth 2024 – Award Winners

JUNIOR CATEGORY



1st Prize – Project Kishi Kalyan
Promoting sustainable agricultural practices through innovative methods.

2nd Prize – Project Vaayu
Raising awareness and offering solutions for clean air and improved air quality.

3rd Prize – Project Ecosaviours
Community-based ecological conservation efforts.

4th Prize – Project Shrishti
Creative environmental education and awareness initiatives.

5th Prize – Project 404
Addressing urban waste segregation challenges.

Special Recognition Award – Project Resource Revival
Repurposing waste materials into useful resources at the grassroots level.

SENIOR CATEGORY



1st Prize – Project Planet Simulators
Climate simulation model for youth education on climate systems.

2nd Prize – Project Waste to Wealth
Converting waste into valuable resources.

3rd Prize – Project Beach Guardian
Beach clean-up and marine ecosystem restoration.

4th Prize – Project Decentralised Waste Management
Community-led and scalable waste management solutions.

Youth for COP

Youth for COP 2024 marked the pilot edition of a pioneering youth-focused initiative that brought young climate advocates from across South Asia to the forefront of international climate policy. Launched by The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia in collaboration with the Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) and six other partner organizations, this debut edition set a bold precedent for youth engagement in global climate negotiations. Designed to prepare the next generation of climate leaders, the program created a unique platform for learning, leadership, and action—placing youth voices firmly within the UNFCCC and COP discourse.

Structured around the COP 29 timeline, the program was delivered in three phases—pre-COP, during COP 29 in Baku, and post-COP. It featured 6 online sessions, 3 workshops, and interactive events with over 1,100 registrations spanning 15+ countries. More than 300 participants engaged in discussions on NDCs, loss and damage, climate finance, and Global South priorities, while 8 youth representatives participated directly at COP 29. The initiative also leveraged digital platforms and media to amplify youth voices and foster cross-border solidarity through storytelling, blogs, and strategic campaigns.

One of the program's key achievements was the launch of www.youth4cop.org, a comprehensive digital hub for youth-led climate advocacy. The pilot received wide acclaim for its inclusive approach, expert engagement (with over 25 distinguished speakers), and collaboration with more than 20 academic institutions. As a first-of-its-kind initiative in the region, Youth for COP 2024 successfully bridged the gap between grassroots energy and global policy, empowering young changemakers to shape a more equitable and sustainable climate future.

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LCOY India 2024

Held from August 15–18, 2024, in Mysore, Karnataka, LCOY India 2024 emerged as the country's largest youth-led climate event, bringing together 190 youth and 50 children from across India. Organized by Bring Back Green Foundation and partners, with The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia as a key knowledge partner, the event featured interactive sessions on climate justice, clean energy, and UNFCCC processes. The Climate Reality Project also sponsored a five-member delegation and contributed content, media, and design support.

Highlights included sessions by Climate Reality Leaders on COP processes, just transitions, youth entrepreneurship, and policy recommendations. An important outcome was the drafting of the National Youth Statement (NYS), shaped by 1,832 youth voices and presented to MoEFCC and UNICEF officials. The event closed with field visits and rich exchanges, with Dr. Sakshi Grover playing a key role in engaging youth and amplifying voices from TCPF's Youth for COP cohort.









Awareness, Advocacy and Partnerships

The Climate Project Foundation has been actively engaging in awareness and advocacy for climate change. We started the Climate Change Awareness Program to sensitize people about climate change and encourage individual and collective action. Under this program, well-trained and expert Climate Reality Leaders (CRLs) deliver customized and curated presentations on the science, impacts, and solutions of climate change. In addition, CRLs organize and lead events, seminars, and webinars to celebrate important environmental days, helping to raise awareness and community engagement.

Through this program, we collaborate with our partners to organize and conduct presentations and activities. We have been proactively engaging businesses, commercial associations, government bodies, media houses, educational institutions, and resident communities in climate change conversations. This initiative strengthens understanding and commitment to climate action across diverse sectors and regions.

Earth Day 2024 Webinar

On April 22, 2024, The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) hosted a special Earth Day webinar on the theme "Planet vs. Plastics" in collaboration with Earth Day Network, Jane Goodall Institute India, and Chitkara University. Aimed at students and faculty from Green Campus Program (GCP)-registered Higher Education Institutions, the event drew 720 attendees. Moderated by Mr. Bhavesh Swami, the session featured speakers including Mr. Aditya Pundir (TCPF), Ms. Karuna Singh (Earth Day Network), Ms. Shweta Khare Naik (JGI India), Ms. Aruna Chowbay N (APChemi), and Dr. Charu Khosla (Chitkara University).



The speakers shared diverse insights: Mr. Pundir spoke about TCPF's Green Campus Program and its role in building plastic-free communities, while Ms. Singh reflected on Earth Day's youth-led legacy. Ms. Naik discussed marine plastic pollution and biodiversity threats, and Ms. Aruna addressed the health impacts of microplastics and the need for sustainable alternatives. Dr. Khosla stressed academia-industry collaboration to drive plastic-free innovation. The webinar concluded with a call for urgent, collective action to phase out single-use plastics in line with the global Earth Day movement.

World Environment Day

On June 5, 2024, The Climate Project Foundation and Mobius Foundation hosted a webinar on "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience" to mark World Environment Day. With over 1000 registrations and 520 attendees from India, Nepal, and Bangladesh, the event aimed to engage youth in environmental action and introduce them to the Youth for Earth 2024 project submission process. Speakers from both organizations shared insights on climate challenges and sustainable land practices.



Mr. Aditya Pundir emphasized soil restoration, the role of wetlands, and sustainable agriculture, while Mr. Bhavesh Swami highlighted the impacts of drought and shared success stories from past Y4E projects. Reporting guidelines for Y4E were explained by Dr. Sakshi and Dr. Bhagyashree, followed by a Q&A session. The webinar concluded with updates on upcoming youth training for COP and a collective call to action.

NYCCC event by NYCA, Nepal



The 9th edition of the National Youth Conference on Climate Change (NYCCC), organized by Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA) from July 26–28, 2024, brought together 80 youth participants from South Asia. The Climate Reality Project India and South Asia partnered as a global outreach partner, and six selected Nepali students from TCPF's Youth for COP sessions were recognized for their upcoming representation at COP29.

Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai, National Coordinator for Climate Justice at TCPF, led a session on "What Next after 9th NYCCC," emphasizing the importance of strengthening youth networks, capacity building, policy advocacy, and community engagement. He urged participants to stay committed to climate justice beyond the conference and outlined strategies to sustain momentum through collaborative action and grassroots initiatives.

Decarbonization India Alliance-Ten City Campaign



On July 10, 2024, The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) partnered with the Decarbonization India Alliance (DIA) for the Ten City Campaign event at Hotel Renai, Kochi. Co-organized with SEEM, ASAR Social Impact Advisors, and India Blockchain Alliance, the event promoted low-carbon development and sustainable technologies across key industries. It brought together 85 engineering professionals from sectors like iron and steel, cement, pharma, and hospitality. The DIA Sensitization Camp, themed "Awake, Arise, Decarbonize," featured sessions by energy and sustainability experts.

The event also launched the CEO Sustainability Forum for Kerala to drive leadership in decarbonization. Guest speaker Dr. Harikumar from the Energy Management Centre emphasized aligning business strategies with India's carbon neutrality targets (2050–2070). TCPF reaffirmed its support through the DIA platform to accelerate green solutions. The event successfully built momentum for collaborative climate action and positioned Kerala as a leader in the decarbonization journey.

US Consulate Tech Camp



The US Consulate Tech Camp on Waste Management began on September 24, 2024, at Symbiosis International University, Pune, bringing together dignitaries, experts, and youth to explore innovative waste solutions. The inaugural ceremony featured speakers such as Mr. Robert Anderson (US Consulate Mumbai), Dr. Erach Bharucha (Bharati Vidyapeeth), Mr. Aditya Pundir (The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia), and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar (Symbiosis International University).

Moderated by Mr. Shivam Singh (ExploreiT and National Coordinator, Climate Reality India & SA), the session offered diverse insights. Mr. Anderson emphasized global cooperation and innovation in waste management, while Dr. Bharucha highlighted the need for environmental education and public engagement. Dr. Yeravdekar spoke on academia's role in sustainability, and Mr. Pundir linked climate change with waste, advocating grassroots action. The ceremony concluded with a symbolic presentation of Green Kits and a vote of thanks by Dr. Manikprabhu Dhanodkar, reaffirming the camp's focus on sustainability.

SEEM Awards 2024



The SEEM Energy Awards 2023 were held on September 26–27, 2024, in New Delhi, celebrating excellence in energy efficiency and innovation. Organized by the Society of Energy Engineers and Managers (SEEM) in collaboration with The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF), the event brought together 200 industry leaders and experts. Represented by Mr. Bhavesh Swami, TCPF led a special session on carbon management, highlighting sustainable industrial practices and supporting the Decarbonization India Alliance (DIA).

Over two days, 100 awards were presented across categories such as facility management, innovative practices, and energy leadership. Expert sessions covered trends like software-driven inventory management and low-carbon growth strategies. TCPF's efforts to strengthen stakeholder engagement for DIA and promote upcoming roadshows were acknowledged by organizers, reinforcing its role in advancing industrial sustainability and collaborative climate action.

SHAPE South Asia 2024



Held from September 27–29 in Jaipur, **SHAPE South Asia 2024** brought together 200 Global Shapers to explore the theme "The Global Rise of South Asia: Shaping the Decade Ahead." Organized by Global Shapers with **The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF)** as a key partner, the event highlighted South Asia's growing global influence and emphasized collaboration for climate action. **Mr. Bhavesh Swami** represented TCPF, sharing insights into its programs and future partnership opportunities. Sessions showcased initiatives like Jaipur's plantation drive supported by TCPF.

Over three days, participants engaged in networking, breakout sessions with **Climate Reality HQ**, and field visits on sustainability practices. Dialogues with youth brands like **Zostel**, project showcases from hubs like **Nagpur**, and discussions on climate leadership set the tone for future action.
The event also sparked conversations on expanding the **Decarbonization India Alliance (DIA)**, reinforcing TCPF's commitment to a sustainable South Asia.

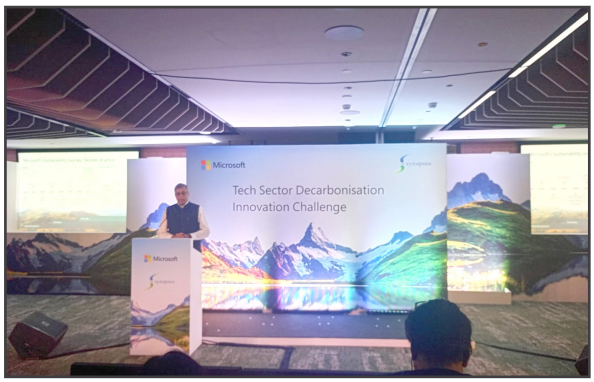
International Eco-Visionary Dialogue on Advancing Sustainable Urban Future (IEDASUF)

On October 9, 2024, The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia partnered with APSWDP to host the International Eco-Visionary Dialogue on Advancing Sustainable Urban Future (IEDASUF), marking World Habitat Day. With over 1,400 registrations and 700+ attendees, the event brought together stakeholders from 35 countries and across India to discuss urban sustainability ahead of COP29.



TCPF's Mr. Bhavesh Swami led a youth-focused panel featuring Climate Reality Leaders Gayathri Kuppendra Reddy and Shivam Singh, highlighting community-driven initiatives and youth leadership. The dialogue showcased scalable, youth-led solutions for sustainable cities and emphasized cross-sector collaboration. It also stressed the importance of integrating youth voices in international climate discussions, particularly at COP29. The event concluded with a strong call to action for greater youth engagement in building resilient, inclusive urban futures.

Innovation Challenge Conference by Synapses and Microsoft



Held on November 19, 2024, at the Microsoft Office in Gurugram, the Innovation Challenge Conference marked the finale of the Tech Sector Decarbonization Challenge, jointly organized by AIC Synapses and Microsoft. Over 20 teams presented innovative low-carbon solutions, including low-cost refrigerants, hot air exhaust capture systems, and waste-to-wealth construction materials. The event featured a keynote by Christopher Young, Executive Vice President at Microsoft, highlighting AI, collaborative innovation, and the tech sector's net-zero commitment.

The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) played a key mentoring role, with Mr. Bhavesh Swami, Dr. Sakshi Grover, and Dr. Amruta Deshmukh leading workshops on energy solutions and market trends. Promising teams received mentorship and incubation support, strengthening the journey from innovation to impact. TCPF's involvement underscored its dedication to empowering youth and advancing sustainable, scalable decarbonization solutions.

International Conference on EVs by MSMECCII



The **International Conference on EVs**, held from November 19–21, 2024, at **Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi**, brought together key players to advance electric mobility in India. Organized by **MSMECCII** and inaugurated by the Union Minister for MSME, the event spotlighted government schemes like **FAME I and II** and the expanding EV footprint in metro cities.

The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF), represented by **Mr. Bhavesh Swami**, shared insights on dual battery charging patents, battery swapping solutions, and the **Bus-Karo** campaign promoting sustainable urban transport. With participation from 20+ OEMs, 100+ entrepreneurs, and education stakeholders, the event fostered rich dialogue on clean mobility. TCPF's contributions were recognized as the conference reinforced the importance of sustained policy support and innovation to accelerate EV adoption and drive India's transition to a greener, more sustainable transport ecosystem.

Prakriti 2025



The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) participated in Prakriti 2025, organized by BEE on February 24–25, 2025, focusing on the evolving carbon market landscape in India. Represented by Mr. Bhavesh Swami, TCPF engaged in key discussions around stakeholder consultations, the introduction of the "Carbon Traces" initiative, and collaboration opportunities with higher education institutions to promote green careers and climate finance. The event aligned with India's Net Zero roadmap and highlighted TCPF's commitment to supporting sustainable market development.

TCPF also built important networks with experts from the World Bank and Yale School of Economics, discussing Digital MRV systems and auditing frameworks. A presentation on the Global Steel Industry's Net Zero roadmap was shared with BEE leadership. With over 1000 professionals attending, Prakriti 2025 provided a valuable platform for TCPF to advance partnerships and strengthen its climate and carbon finance contributions.

World Wetlands Day Celebration



On February 3, 2025, The Climate Project Foundation, in collaboration with Chitkara University, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Loreto College, and Sattvik Soul Foundation, celebrated World Wetlands Day with over 200 enthusiastic participants. Moderated by Dr. Fawzia Tarannum, the event featured insightful discussions led by Dr. Ram Boojh, Dr. Ritesh Kumar, and Mr. Satyabrata Samal, focusing on the ecological importance of wetlands, the role of water management, and the value of community-driven conservation efforts, particularly around sites like Chilika Lake.

The session emphasized integrating indigenous knowledge into wetland conservation, managing water regimes sustainably, and encouraging youth participation in preservation efforts. A vibrant Q&A session followed, fostering deeper engagement with students and faculty members. The event reinforced TCPF's commitment to environmental stewardship, inspiring collective action towards protecting India's vital wetland ecosystems.

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

In FY 2024–25, The Climate Reality Project India & South Asia significantly expanded its digital presence, engaging audiences through impactful storytelling, campaign advocacy, and educational content. With a total of 21,526 followers across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (now X), and LinkedIn, our platforms served as powerful tools to inspire and mobilize climate action. Over the course of the year, we published 1,825 posts, which collectively garnered 235,000 views—a testament to the growing interest in our work and mission.

We successfully rolled out six major digital campaigns aligned with key environmental moments and youth-driven initiatives, including Earth Day, Environment Day, Youth for Earth, SCAC, LCOY India 2024, and Youth for COP (COP29). These campaigns achieved 160,122 views and reached over 196,282 accounts, effectively expanding our climate message across the region. Campaign videos on LinkedIn alone drew 8,873 views, with a cumulative watch time of 168 hours—equivalent to more than 7 days of sustained climate content consumption. Total engagements across platforms stood at 9,956, highlighting an active and responsive community.

In addition, our bimonthly newsletter continued to serve as a hub for climate updates, leader blogs, and organizational highlights—receiving over 9,000 views. We also developed a suite of 20 multilingual infographics and posters on diverse topics such as climate change impacts on agriculture and the Himalayas, rising temperatures, and sustainable travel. These resources enriched our educational outreach and extended the conversation to new and diverse audiences across India and South Asia.

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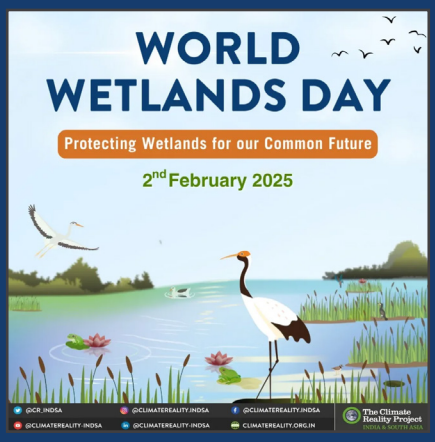
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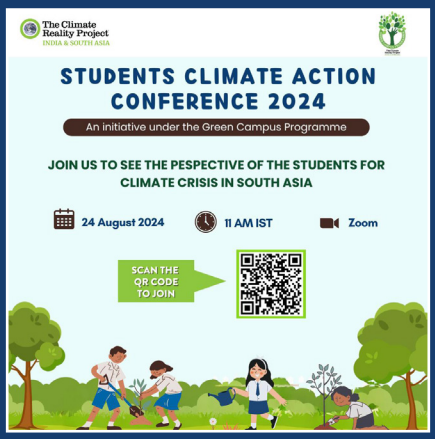
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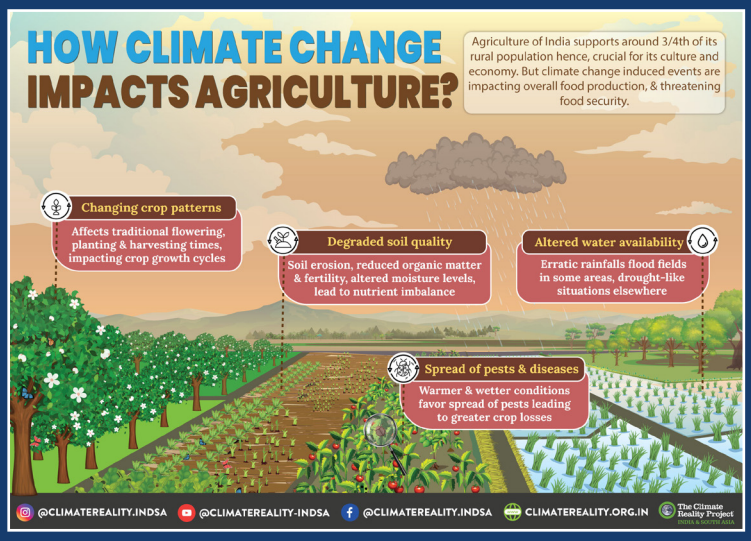
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Agriculture of India supports around 3/4th of its rural population hence, crucial for its culture and economy. But climate change induced events are impacting overall food production, & threatening food security.
Changing crop patterns
Affects traditional flowering, planting & harvesting times, impacting crop growth cycles
Degraded soil quality
Soil erosion, reduced organic matter & fertility, altered moisture levels, lead to nutrient imbalance
Altered water availability
Erratic rainfalls flood fields in some areas, drought-like situations elsewhere
Spread of pests & diseases
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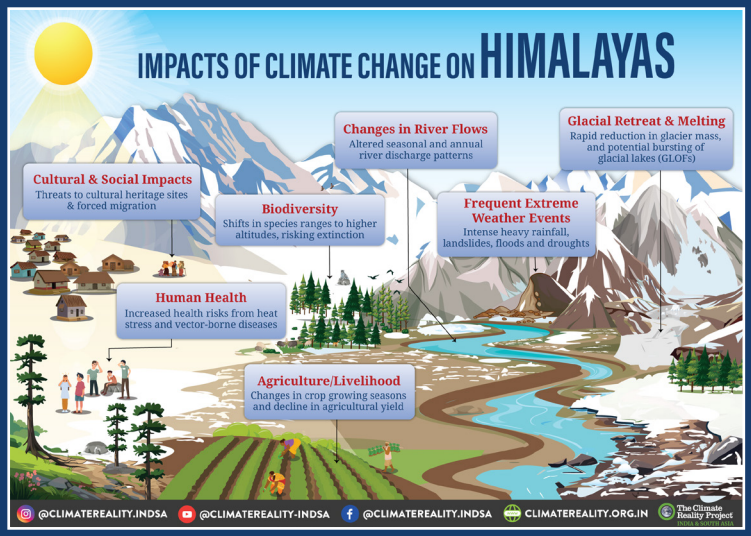
IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HIMALAYAS
Changes in River Flows
Altered seasonal and annual river discharge patterns
Glacial Retreat & Melting
Rapid reduction in glacier mass, and potential bursting of glacial lakes (GLOFs)
Cultural & Social Impacts
Threats to cultural heritage sites & forced migration
Biodiversity
Shifts in species ranges to higher altitudes, risking extinction
Frequent Extreme Weather Events
Intense heavy rainfall, landslides, floods and droughts
Human Health
Increased health risks from heat stress and vector-borne diseases
Agriculture/Livelihood
Changes in crop growing seasons and decline in agricultural yield
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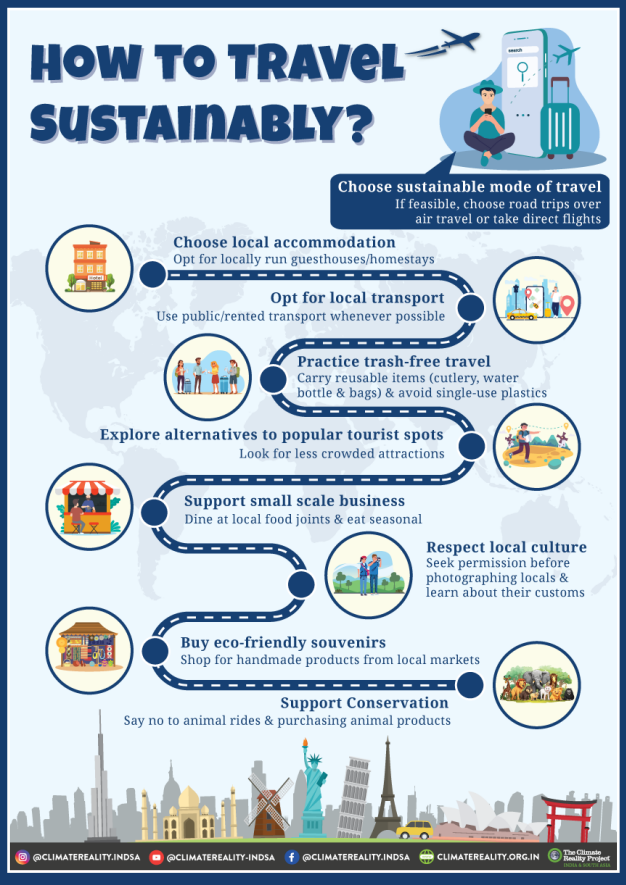
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Choose sustainable mode of travel
If feasible, choose road trips over air travel or take direct flights
Choose local accommodation
Opt for locally run guesthouses/homestays
Opt for local transport
Use public/rented transport whenever possible
Practice trash-free travel
Carry reusable items (cutlery, water bottle & bags) & avoid single-use plastics
Explore alternatives to popular tourist spots
Look for less crowded attractions
Support small scale business
Dine at local food joints & eat seasonal
Respect local culture
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Climate Reality Leaders

Climate Reality Leaders are a diverse and dynamic network of passionate individuals united in their mission to tackle the climate crisis—the defining challenge of our time. This global community includes activists, educators, scientists, cultural figures, organizers, and storytellers, all committed to building a just, equitable, and sustainable future for people and the planet.

Each leader is personally trained by Nobel Laureate and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore through the Climate Reality Leadership Corps. During the training, they gain cutting-edge knowledge from world-renowned scientists, policy experts, and communicators to effectively advocate for climate solutions.

Globally, more than 51,000 trained Climate Reality Leaders are creating change in their communities—leading initiatives, spreading awareness, and advancing sustainable practices. In India and South Asia, over 1,500 trained leaders are actively working at local, regional, and national levels to drive climate action. Together, they represent a growing movement of changemakers, empowering communities and advancing real, science-based solutions to the climate crisis.

Branch meet, Nepal

Held on April 28, 2024, the Climate Reality Leaders (CRL) Meet-Up brought together trained climate leaders from across Nepal for a dynamic and collaborative session focused on South Asia's pressing climate issues. Organized by The Climate Reality Project India and South Asia, the meet-up aimed to strengthen regional adaptation efforts, with special emphasis on the Green Campus Program, youth engagement in climate negotiations, and collective action planning. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Phurpa Lama, Nepal Country Coordinator, followed by a strategic overview by Mr. Aditya Pundir, Director of The Climate Reality Project India and South Asia. The session fostered dialogue around grassroots solutions, regional alignment, and collaborative planning, culminating in a brainstorming session to draft a forward-looking action plan.

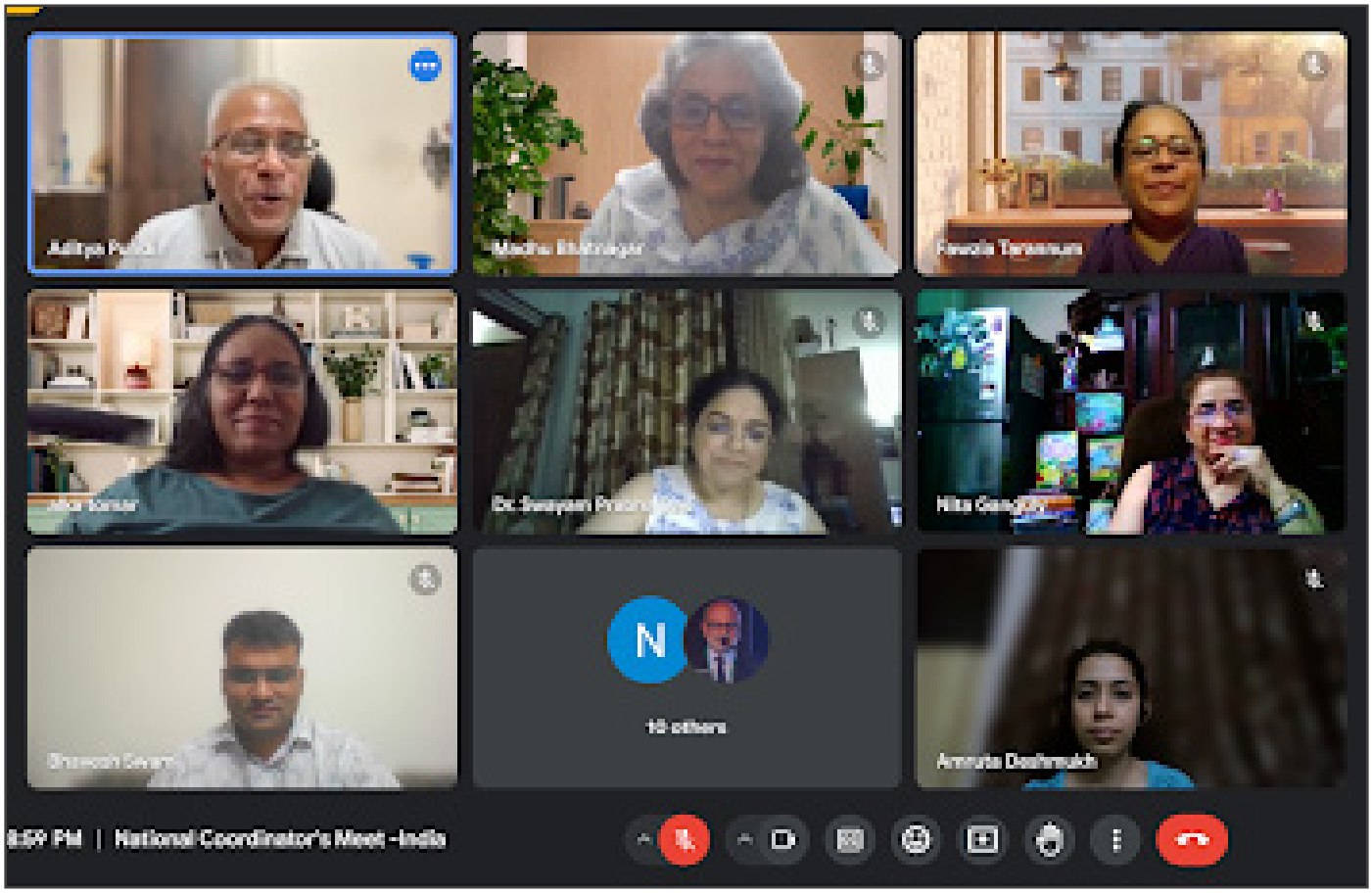
Participants contributed valuable perspectives rooted in local experience. From advocating for pilot Green Campus projects in Nepal and leveraging youth networks (Pradeep Bhattarai, Surya Ghimire) to integrating existing educational resources like WWF's school curriculum (Ugan Manandhar), the meet-up encouraged synergies across sectors. Ideas such as organizing principal meets, launching symbolic high-impact events in regions like Kalapathhar, promoting bottle gardening in schools (Alok Pokharel), and adopting zero-waste models (Sushila Regmi) were shared. The conversation also touched upon policy frameworks, including carbon trading (Article 6), green taxonomy, and climate finance mechanisms. With over a dozen actionable recommendations and a shared sense of urgency, the meet-up reinforced the potential of cross-border collaboration and the leadership role of CRLs in advancing climate action in Nepal and South Asia.



National Coordinator's Meet

The National Coordinators Meet, held online on May 25, 2024, brought together newly appointed and existing National Coordinators of The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) for an insightful discussion on strategic focus areas and upcoming collaboration opportunities. The session, moderated by Mr. Bhavesh Swami, began with a warm welcome and an introduction round, where National Coordinators shared their backgrounds, ongoing climate work, and areas of expertise. Appreciation was extended to outgoing coordinators for their past contributions.

Mr. Aditya Pundir, Director of The Climate Reality Project India and South Asia, presented TCPF's overarching strategy and emphasized four key focus areas: reducing emissions, international cooperation, financing a just transition, and combating greenwashing. He also outlined the Green Campus Program and encouraged coordinators to collaborate and integrate their expertise into ongoing initiatives. The coordinators expressed enthusiasm to contribute towards these strategic goals and explore synergies through joint efforts. The session concluded on a positive note, fostering a spirit of collective action and deeper engagement, with a vote of thanks from Mr. Swami.



ACTS OF LEADERSHIP



MR. DEBABRATA RAJKUMAR

Climate Reality Leader

Debabrata Rajkumar was felicitated by the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad, for leading an impactful awareness session on Swachhata (Cleanliness) on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. His session emphasized the importance of sanitation and behavioral change, aligning with national efforts toward a cleaner India. He also proudly represented the rich traditions and cultural heritage of Northeast India during the event, showcasing the region's deep-rooted environmental consciousness. This recognition underscores his dedication to sustainability, civic engagement, and cultural advocacy at the national level.



DR. KETNA ATUL MATKAR

Climate Reality Leader

Dr. Ketna Atul Matkar is actively engaged in building the capacity of municipal officials and elected representatives, focusing on solid waste management and sanitation under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0. As a panelist and expert speaker at conferences and workshops, she advocates for sustainable practices, emphasizing the importance of the circular economy and effective waste management. Through her efforts, Dr. Matkar is promoting cleaner, more sustainable cities across India.



MR. MOHAMMAD NAYEEM HOSSAIN

Climate Reality Leader

Mohammad Nayeem Hossain, National Coordinator for the Green Campus Programme, organized a seminar on environment and climate change at Abdus Samed Secondary School, Kathalia Upazila, Jhalokathi District, Bangladesh, for World Environment Day 2024. Despite Cyclone Remal's impacts, he travelled from Dhaka to engage 95+ students, teachers, and community leaders on climate resilience, waterlogging, cyclones, and the preservation of the Sundarbans. A plantation drive was launched, with trees monitored for three months to reinforce environmental stewardship.
He also introduced sustainable living practices by distributing food using natural, fallen leaf packaging. More seminars are planned in Dhaka in June 2024.



MR. P.K.C. BOSE

Climate Reality Leader

P.K.C. Bose, Climate Reality Leader, engaged in high-level discussions on green energy with regional leaders. He met H.E. Nguyen Thanh Hai, Ambassador of Vietnam to India, to discuss Vietnam's strides in green energy, green hydrogen initiatives, and its commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. He was also invited by Erry Herjuno, Minister for Economic Affairs at the Embassy of Indonesia, to explore green energy solutions for Indonesia's new capital, Nusantara. With a goal of 23% renewable energy by 2025, Indonesia and other Asian nations are drawing inspiration from India's leadership in the green energy transition.



MR. ANAND PENDHARKAR

Climate Reality Leader

Anand Pendharkar co-organized the two-day conference “Women and Workers in Energy Transition: Just and Sustainable Futures for All” with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Sustainable Design Research Consortium in Chennai (Aug 12–13, 2024). He also participated in the Accelerating Climate & Clean Air Action conference in Maharashtra and met Ms. Claudia Lopez, ex-Mayor of Bogotá, to discuss low-emission urban models. On October 6 and 8, Anand led bird walks in six cities across India for children aged 9–13, creating immersive nature experiences through sightings of Golden Orioles, Waterhens, and even wild muggers!



DR. VIVEK TRIVEDI

National Coordinator, Climate Disaster and Livelihood

Dr. Vivek Trivedi is not only the National Coordinator for Livelihoods and Disaster resilience but is also among the earliest trained leader from the sub-continent. He organised massive tree plantation drive around World Environment Day with youth groups from Chandigarh. He also led a delegation to COP29 with many Climate Reality Leaders also joining him including Mr. Karamveer Singh, Mr. Rajiv Kumar and Mr. Ripudaman Singh to name a few. A side event titled ‘Dialogue on Advancing Sustainable Urban Futures’ was also organised by APSWDP in association with TCPF during COP29. He also mentored a team of Eco-Works on sustainable waste practices in the month of February 2025.



DR. NANDINI DESHMUKH

Climate Reality Leader

Dr. Nandini Deshmukh has been a teacher, author and practitioner of inspiring sustainability measures herself. She has adopted a school to help turn it green, mentoring student to take up Coral transplantation (that involves moving healthy corals from damaged reefs to locations where they have a better chance of survival and growth, helping to restore degraded reefs). Above all, taking inspiration from her, students who used to study under her, have themselves become Climate Reality Leaders now. She was featured in Maha MTB (a Marathi News channel) sharing her journey of green endeavours on Environment Day. Sakaal, a prominent newspaper, felicitated her with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for her environment stewardship journey in the month of October, 2024.



MR. AVI AGGARWAL AND GAURAV SHARMA

Climate Reality Leader

The Jaipur Hub of Global Shapers led by Gaurav Sharma and Avi Aggarwal have been supporting the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to help them go 'zero waste' for every match they play. This involves implementing waste segregation, recycling, and composting systems at the stadium. The team is also focusing on renewable energy sources like solar-powered lighting and wind energy, and reducing their reliance on conventional resources (all matches at the M Chinnaswamy stadium are powered by Green Energy).



DR. NITA GANGULY

National Coordinator, Waste Management

She has been one of the most active leader and keeps an engaging calendar of events throughout the year on waste management and allied activities. She conducted session for farmers, organised under the banner of 'Shop for Change', an initiative by Fair Trade working on equitable and rightful share among all partners in the market supply chain with a special focus on environmental stewardship . On similar theme, she was a lead speaker at the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce flagship event 'Empower Her – 2024' held in Mumbai in Sep. 2024. She co-organised 'Colours' Winter Festival' along with Indian Ex – Defence Service Employees Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Dec. 2024. She was also invited as a speaker at the Indian CAN forum organised by Alka Jalan Foundation in Feb. 2024.



DR. POOJA CHOPRA

National Coordinator, Biodiversity

Besides her works on nature interpretation centres and eco-park development, she is also helping corporates/ businesses embark on their transformative journey towards Sustainability and ESG / Net Zero. Her efforts were recognised at the International Women's Film Forum with the Sarojini Naidu International Award for Working Women, bestowed upon her.



MR. RITURAJ PHUKAN

National Coordinator, Biodiversity

He kept his present felt at various national and international forums including the W7 (Women Seven) forum in May 2024 at Milan, focussing on highlighting the Indigenous communities' importance in securing a greener future. He strengthened the Govt. of India's flagship initiative on sanitation by being the expert speaker on Swachta Pakhwara at NIT, Silchar in Sep. 2024. He was observer at the COP29 held in Nov. 2024 as well as at the COP16 (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in Dec 2024). He also talked on 'Students and Sustainability' at ICFAI University, Hyderabad and IIT, Mumbai in 2024.



MS. VARSHA RAJKHOWA

Climate Reality Leader

Avid swimmer, ocean lover and Miss Scuba International, Varsha Rajkhowa was featured in the cover story of We Connect, in Dec. 2024 edition of the popular magazine that featured her journey in ocean sustainability and awareness campaigns. She shared how seeing the deplorable coral bleaching made her work with corporates to highlight the alarming situation. She saw education and other practical means (like diving) as a knowledge sharing exercise for the youth to better understand the problem and asked them to come forward and find solutions. Earlier, in June 2024, as part of Ocean's Day celebration, she appealed for a wider engagement and more active programs that speak on importance of marine life. She also interacted with the honourable Minister and other officials at the Ocean Cell working under Ministry of Earth Sciences to suggest possible programs that can be undertaken.



DR. SWAYAMPRABHA DAS

National Coordinator, Marine Ecosystems

Govt. of India is working in a mission mode to abate the looming water crisis and keeps an active engagement with sectoral experts to share their perspectives for a wide landscape like India. Dr. Swayamprabha Das was invited as part of the Indian Govt's 'National Water Week – Sep. 2024 celebrations, where she shared her journey of water stewardship in the region of Bundelkhand, MP. Earlier, she was invited to be a part of the prestigious 'Underwater Domain Awareness, a specialised program focussing on Marine eco-system and Youth' as part of Environment Day celebrations 2024.



MR. NIKHIL KAMATH

National Coordinator, Communication

As part of the Core Team at Asian Environmental Youth Network (AEYN), he ran a flagship Mentorship Program to guide Asian Youth to pursue climate and environmental careers. Alongside, he was also leading the India developments for the Politics for the Planet Campaign. In 2024, many countries across Asia including went into general elections and the goal of the campaign was to inform voters of the climate agendas the respective candidates and parties in their country to make a better informed decision while voting. He was also involved in developing storytelling for climate change for school students (October 2024) and represented TCPF at the Climate Communications Roundtable organised by Purpose India (December 2024). Lastly, he has been actively engaged in curating resources and books on the themes of climate change, environment, wildlife and biodiversity which has led him to interact with prominent authors writing on these topics.

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