

## **CLIMATE LITERACY CONCLAVE FOR SOUTH ASIA**

Earth and every life supported by her face a threat to its existence, owing to the climate crisis. The global rise in temperatures leads to an escalation in the severity of disasters. All across the globe, the world witnessed many calamities, like the Australian Bushfire, Cyclones in southern parts of India, floods in Assam and Kerala, and locust attack in North India, to name a few. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the impact of such disasters.

These are not mere "natural" disasters, as human interference is also responsible for disrupting environmental harmony. As responsible citizens, the first step towards curbing this predicament is "Awareness". People across generation must grasp the grave situation we are collectively facing and its threat to our future. A well-structured Climate Education curriculum can create ripple effects in terms of action towards sustainability.

The Government of India has pledged to reduce emissions as per the Paris Climate Agreement. At institutional levels, schools and colleges conduct various national and international campaigns, eco-club activities, community outreach programmes and competitions. Resource persons are invited to share their expertise in climate action projects. Collaborations with Delhi Government, CBSE (India) and many NGOs are also conducted to sensitize students towards conservation.

Policymakers and world leaders should ensure stricter reinforcements and transparency, and the consumers should initiate dialogues with them to work together for this common cause. Everyone should participate and realise their duties towards managing the climate crisis to achieve significant progress.

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