

THE CLIMATE PROJECT FOUNDATION



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The Climate Reality Project



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In 2006, Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore got the world talking about climate change with his Award-winning Academy, “An Inconvenient Truth”.

It was just the beginning of a climate revolution. Later that year, Al Gore founded what would become, “The Climate Reality Project” to move the conversation forward and turn awareness into action all across the Earth. Now, the result is 30,000 plus Climate Reality Leaders mobilizing communities in over 150 countries. It has branches in 11 important nations and regions of the Earth.

The Climate Project Foundation

Al Gore and TERI established The Climate Project Foundation (TCPF) in 2008. Our work focuses on climate education and empowering communities to take climate actions and prioritize implementation of local climate solutions. The India branch supports more than 1000+ trained Climate Reality Leaders from India.

We have been consistently putting in efforts to strengthen India’s NDCs to work elaborately in the domains of tree plantation in coastal regions more vulnerable to climate change, promoting clean energy and electric mobility.

Climate Project Foundation works with like-minded organizations, focusing on building resilience through education and training combined with action on the ground. The flagship program of the trust has been building capacity in climate education in schools and colleges by training teachers, and helping them in converting to a Green Campus with resource efficient systems and low carbon footprint.

On the ground we are helping in planting trees to enhance livelihoods, rainwater harvesting to tackle water crises, supporting clean energy and electric mobility.

OUR BOARD



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PRADIP BURMAN

Trustee, Chairman, Mobius
Foundation & Ayurved
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positions at Dabur.



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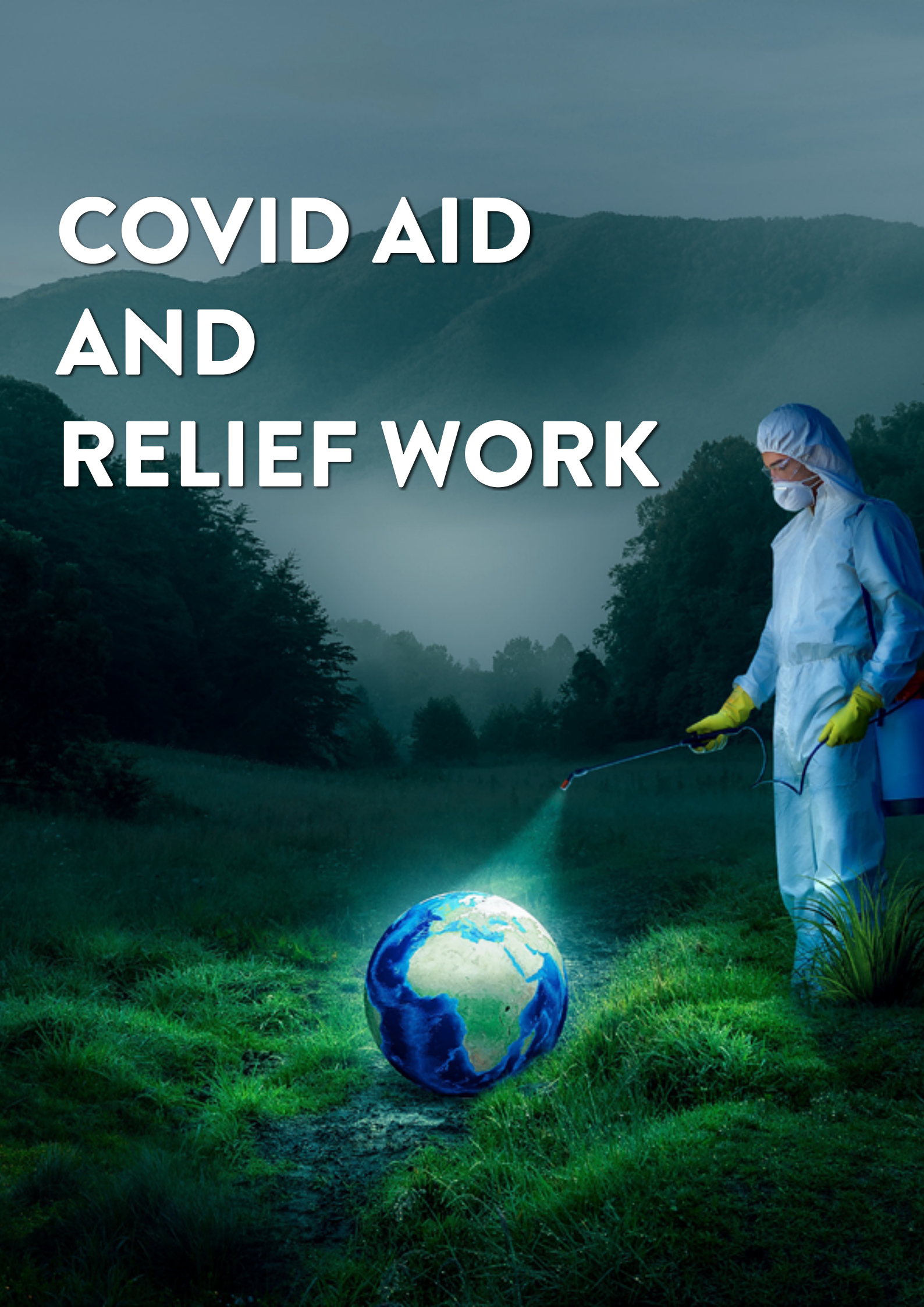
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Awardee in 1999.
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COVID AID AND RELIEF WORK



COVID STORIES OF UNITY, SOLIDARITY AND HOPE



Climate Reality worldwide is a leading voice on climate change via its 30000 climate reality leaders. These self-motivated leaders are working tirelessly for the cause of climate change awareness and ground action in more than 150 countries across the globe. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the interdependent and interconnected nature of our world. Only by acting in solidarity can communities save lives and overcome the devastating socio-economic impacts of the virus. This adverse situation has called for these leaders to come forward and show their leadership for the better cause of humanity and its survival.

Though purely voluntary, the staff at Climate Reality from various offices donated a part of their salary to various community initiatives, thus supporting the national cause of the fight against COVID. The staff also came forward and helped families in their neighbourhood with essential supplies like ration, milk, and vegetables.

The community of Climate Reality Leaders is taking action via themselves and other grass-root organizations. Some examples of their work being shared in this report.

DONATION OF 1 CRORE TO PM RELIEF FUND AND 28000 RATION KITS TO DELHI SLUMS

Mr Pradip Burman, Trustee at The Climate Project Foundation and Chairman, Mobius Foundation, donated Rs. One Crore to the Prime Minister's Relief fund besides a slew of relief activities spanning from North to South of India.

Dr Rambhooj, CEO of Mobius Foundation and a Climate Reality Leader, also helped in these donation drives across various geographies with the help of his team. Among the notable contributions were the delivery of 28,000 ration kits in the Delhi slums and distribution of PPE kits and masks. Packets of dry rations were distributed to 5000+ beneficiaries in Uttarakhand with the help of government officials.

Mr. Burman through his foundation carried out sanitisation work in 20 villages in

Haryana and distributed groceries to 750 people as a part of Covid Relief activity. In Karnataka, ventilators, PPE kits and N95 masks were distributed to the medical professionals. Dry ration kits were also distributed to meet the immediate food needs of labourers who were left jobless due to the lockdown.

He also adopted some orphanages at remote talukas so that the food supply for them remained consistent. Police personnel at many remote locations were supplied with protective masks as the official supply took time to reach them. They also made use of social media and other awareness drives for better preventive health measure adoption at the village level.

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Distributed essential rations in Chidana area



Donated medical supplies to Hapur, Uttar Pradesh



Distributed mattresses and food packets in an orphanage

HELPING MIGRANT WORKERS IN PATNA

Amidst the protective measures and lock-down due to COVID-19, the migrant labourers, daily wagers and their families struggled to meet their day to day needs. Thousands of these migrants slept on roads with dual risks of contracting this infectious disease and the loss of income, and hence, ending with scarcity of food. In response to this, Climate Reality Leader Avinash Kumar and his KAUSHALYA Foundation worked to support them by providing food

supplies, safety and hygiene materials and sharing information about COVID-19 and the preventive measures in Patna and other affected places in Bihar. While we work with the most affected communities, it's essential to ensure the safety of the team members and volunteers as well. Hence, a portion of funds raised was also used for their training and other protective measures.



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PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO SOCIETIES IN GURGAON

In such crucial times, Bhavesh Swami, Lead-Clean Energy Policy and Engagements helped with milk and other essential item supplies for more than one thousand residents in four societies at Gurgaon. On a community level, he was joined by his friends in supplying cooked food for relatives of patients and vulnerable people.

He also helped with [mass production of non-contact cubicles](#) (via an entrepreneur), which are now used in Gurgaon hospitals and delivery services.



PROVIDING HOPE IN REMOTEST PARTS OF UTTARAKHAND

Mr Rajmohan is one of our veteran leaders. He supported stranded people in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. Establishing communication is a problem in such locations as people live in smaller hamlets, and thus, it becomes difficult to reach out to them. He has resolved to support the population in the area by supplying ration items to the needy.



PROVIDING RATION SUPPLIES AND EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR SELF-SUSTENANCE IN GUJARAT AND PUNJAB

One of our recently trained climate reality leaders, Ms Harmeet, coordinated relief work in Gujarat and Punjab. She not only ensured a steady supply of dry ration to vulnerable communities, but at the same time, she involved them in the relief measures to the best of their abilities. She honed the skills of ladies who are otherwise

construction laborers but wanted to get involved in the relief operations. Harmeet coordinated with her friends and got sewing machines for them. With little guidance, these ladies sewed face masks that were further distributed to people in transit.



65+ DAYS SUSTAINABLE CAMPAIGN FOR EMPOWERED LIVING

Climate leaders **Mr Vivek Trivedi, Dr Sumit Arora, Karamveer Singh, Youdhvir Singh, Navneet Trivedi and Hitesh Kumar Gulati**, under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), executed a 65+ days sustainable campaign in addition to the mobilization of resources from philanthropists, civil society, religious & youth organizations and corporate under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for

extending relief by way distribution of essential commodities for living including food, hygiene related kits among migrants, economically weaker and marginalized communities, including women, children, persons with special abilities, Transgenders, old-aged, etc. In the exercise, Mr Vivek himself caught the infection, but made a recovery and emerged as a COVID warrior himself.



FOCUS ON HEALTH, HYGIENE AND EARTH: COVID RELIEF FOR 14 VILLAGES

Prof. Prafulla Kumar Dhal, General Manager SPARSH SOCIAL FOUNDATION and Ms Kamini Singh, under their organization SPARSH, distributed COVID relief kits with health essentials such as masks, soaps, detergents, sanitary napkins to 3508 households in 14 villages. They also organized awareness drives to contain the virus spread in the villages via

- Displaying posters with government guidelines (in four languages) in public spaces

They also distributed hybrid paddy seeds and essential kits to 4000 small & marginal farmers to help them sustain their livelihood during these unprecedented times.

- Distribution of 50 thousand leaflets
- Demonstration of handwashing techniques



CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The background image shows a blurred scene of a speaker on a stage in a lecture hall. The speaker is a man in a dark suit, standing and gesturing with his hands. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, seen from behind, looking towards the stage. The lighting is dim, with a focus on the speaker, creating a professional and educational atmosphere.

TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM



The Teachers Training Program (TTP) aims to train the trainers of the youth. The program is designed to give teachers confidence in facilitating climate change and sustainability education inside and outside the classroom so that they can help young people understand the causes and consequences of climate change, bring about changes in attitudes and behaviours and reduce the severity of the future climate.

Teacher's workshop: A workshop on climate change is organized where a Climate Reality staff, or leader gives a presentation on climate change to all the teachers of a school.

Online Training of Teachers: This consists of individual learning through the online program on climate change.

Resources: Teaching resources, with the latest content, is disseminated to the teachers via dedicated website and mobile application.

This year, The Climate Project Foundation has engaged schools from various states - Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Two workshops on Climate change and SDG's conducted for 40 teachers in Raigad District, Odisha

As we all know that since the last year, the global coronavirus pandemic has affected all our families, our communities, and our ways of life. Keeping the health and safety of everyone as our primary focus in these unprecedented times, we have shifted our teachers' training workshops from the offline workshop mode to the online mode. To make the online workshops interesting, interactive, engaging, and effective, pre-workshop content is shared with the teachers in advance. Online activities and polls are conducted and provided with post workshop reading material.



GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA

A week-long online training programme was held for teachers of the GAV school to make them understand the basic concepts of environment and sustainability by The Climate Project Foundation. Participants were guided through different modules of the Climate Change, 17-Sustainable Goals, Air, Water, Waste, Energy and Biodiversity. Teachers were exposed to the online sessions for 6 days using powerpoint presentations, discussions, assignments, and examples.

AMRITA VIDYALAYAM

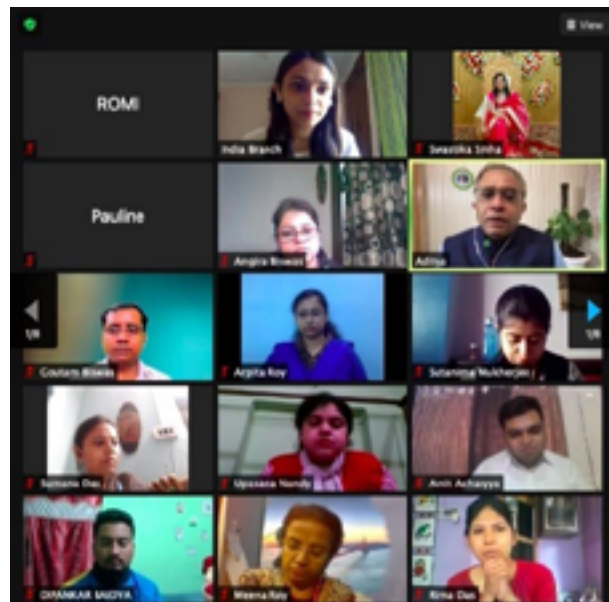
A Teachers Training workshop was organised for the Amrita Vidyalayam Schools from Kerala on 'Climate Change and Green Campus Program. The workshop was joined by the 115 Teachers and Principals of various Amrita Vidyalayam.

TECHNO INDIA GROUP

A three-day Teachers Training Workshop on Climate Change and Sustainable Development was organised for the Techno India Group Schools. Over 300 teachers joined from over 15 Techno India Group Schools from Mankundu, Panagarh, Guptipara, Burdwan & Balurghat.

ACS COLLEGE, LANJA

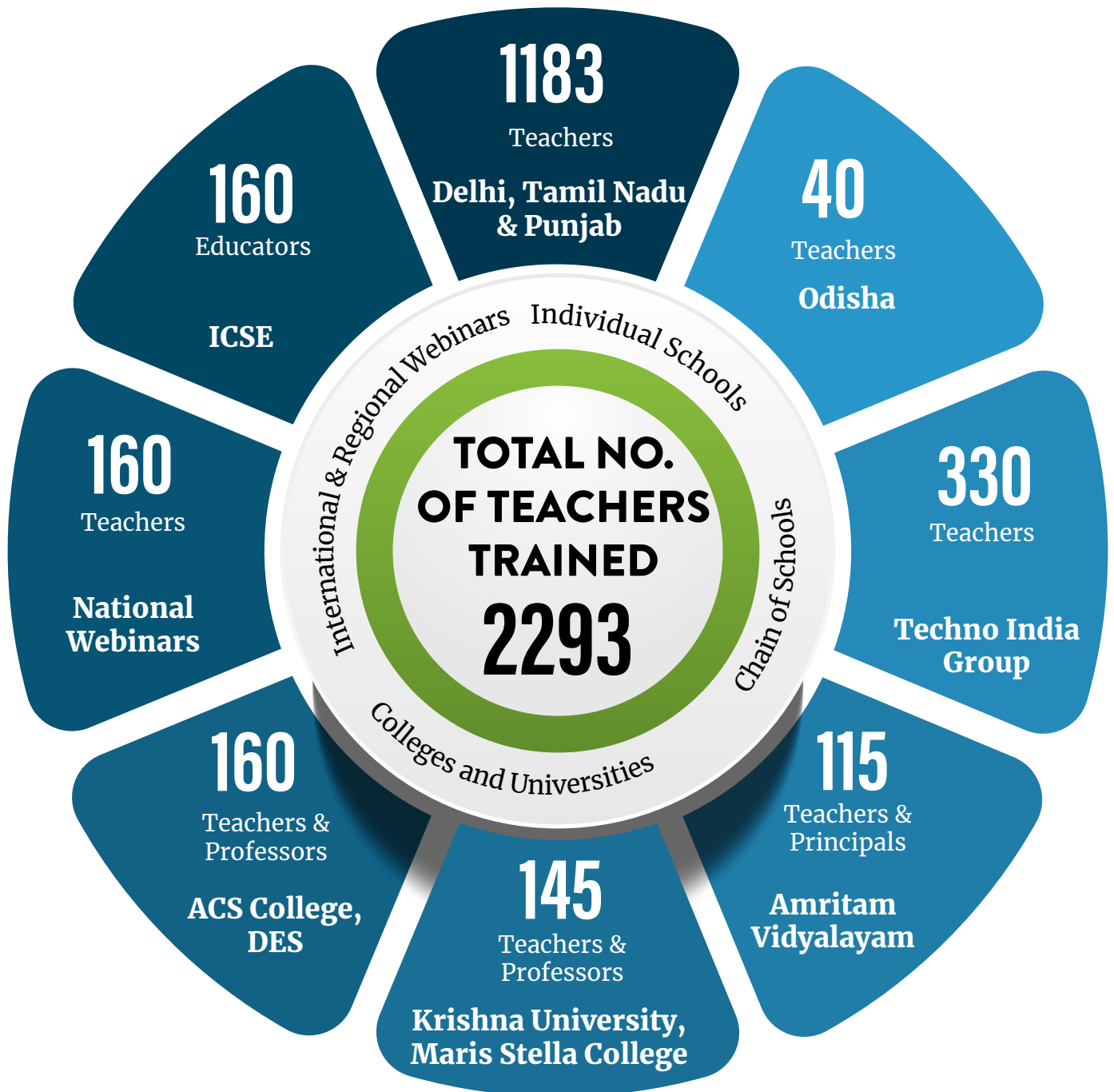
A Teachers Training workshop was conducted for the Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja. The workshop was attended by 50 teachers of the ACS and nearby College.



LIST OF SCHOOLS UNDERGONE TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN 2020-21

- Alchon Public School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
- AMM Matriculation School, Chennai
- San Academy, KKN Colony, Chennai
- Vels Vidhyaashram, Pallavaram, Chennai
- SD Vidya school Ambala, Chennai
- Gyan Anant Vidyalaya, Meerut
- Vels Vidyaashram, Thalambur, Chennai
- Mann Public School, Delhi
- Brain International School, Delhi
- Ramjas Public School, RK Puram, Delhi
- Evergreen Public School, Delhi
- Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, Chandigarh
- Delhi International School, Delhi
- St. Xavier School, Gurgaon Haryana
- Mount Abu School, Rohini Delhi
- Sadhu Vaswani School, Delhi
- Oxford Public School, Trivandrum
- Dayawati School, Modinagar
- Blue Bells Model School, Gurgaon
- Techno India Group Schools
- Government (SSD) High School, Badakhilapadar
- Government (SSD) Higher Secondary School, Kailashpur

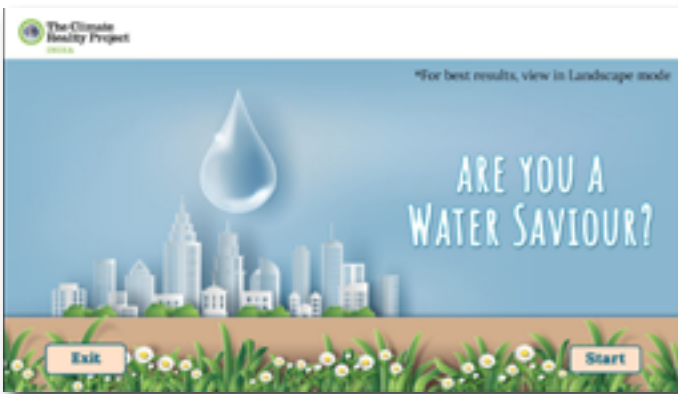
NUMBER OF TEACHERS TRAINED THROUGH THE TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMS



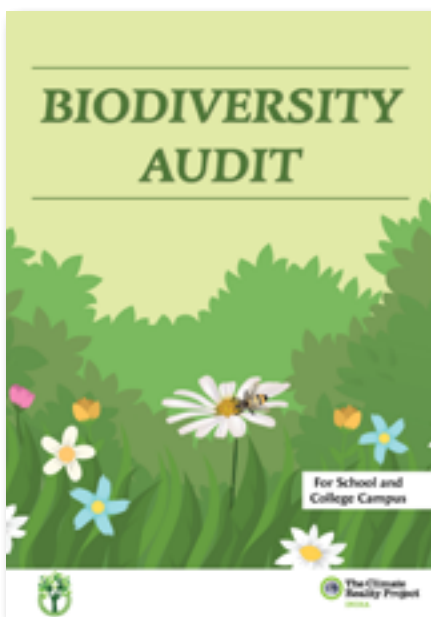
Educators (including teachers, principals, professors, and Head of departments from colleges and universities) were engaged and sensitised on the importance of green and sustainable practices for campuses and many of them are trained on climate change issues. Special online modules were also designed to help teachers in learning about green and sustainable practices at campuses.

DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Online content and educational resources are continuously being created in the form of guides, posters, and interactive quizzes to support the Climate Education Program to support educators and young minds.



Interactive Quizzes



Posters and Audits for Schools

GREEN CAMPUS PROGRAM



Climate Reality India launched Green Campus Program in 2018. Green Campus Programme is a platform wherein schools are suggested measures to improve the sustainability factor and green practices. The Green Campus Program is built on bringing change and help campuses in reducing their carbon footprint.

It stands on the pillars of Awareness, Action, and Award. GCP helps the school in adopting green practices in their campus and motivates them to get certified using

the globally recognized green school rating system of the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

“Green campus program enables schools to conserve natural resources, use less water, optimize energy efficiency, generate less waste, and teach climate change and sustainable education and addresses the well-being of children as compared to conventional school.”

Green Campus Program involves taking action by adopting critical green measures in the campus. These essential practices involve the adaptation and implementation of practices on the five thrust areas: Clean Energy, Waste Management, Air Quality, Biodiversity and Water Conservation.



Vels Vidhyaashram, Pallavaram



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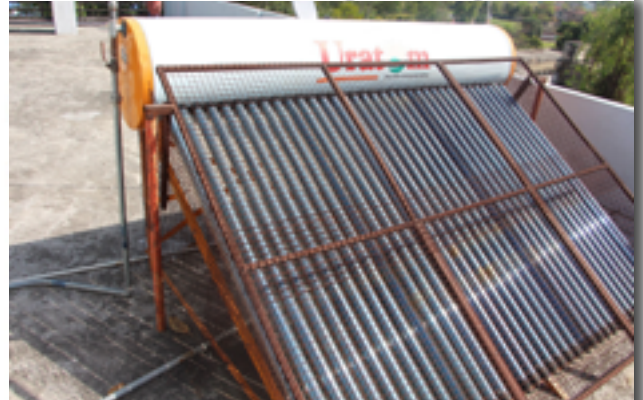
Eklavya Model Residential School, Siriguda



Fergusson College, Pune



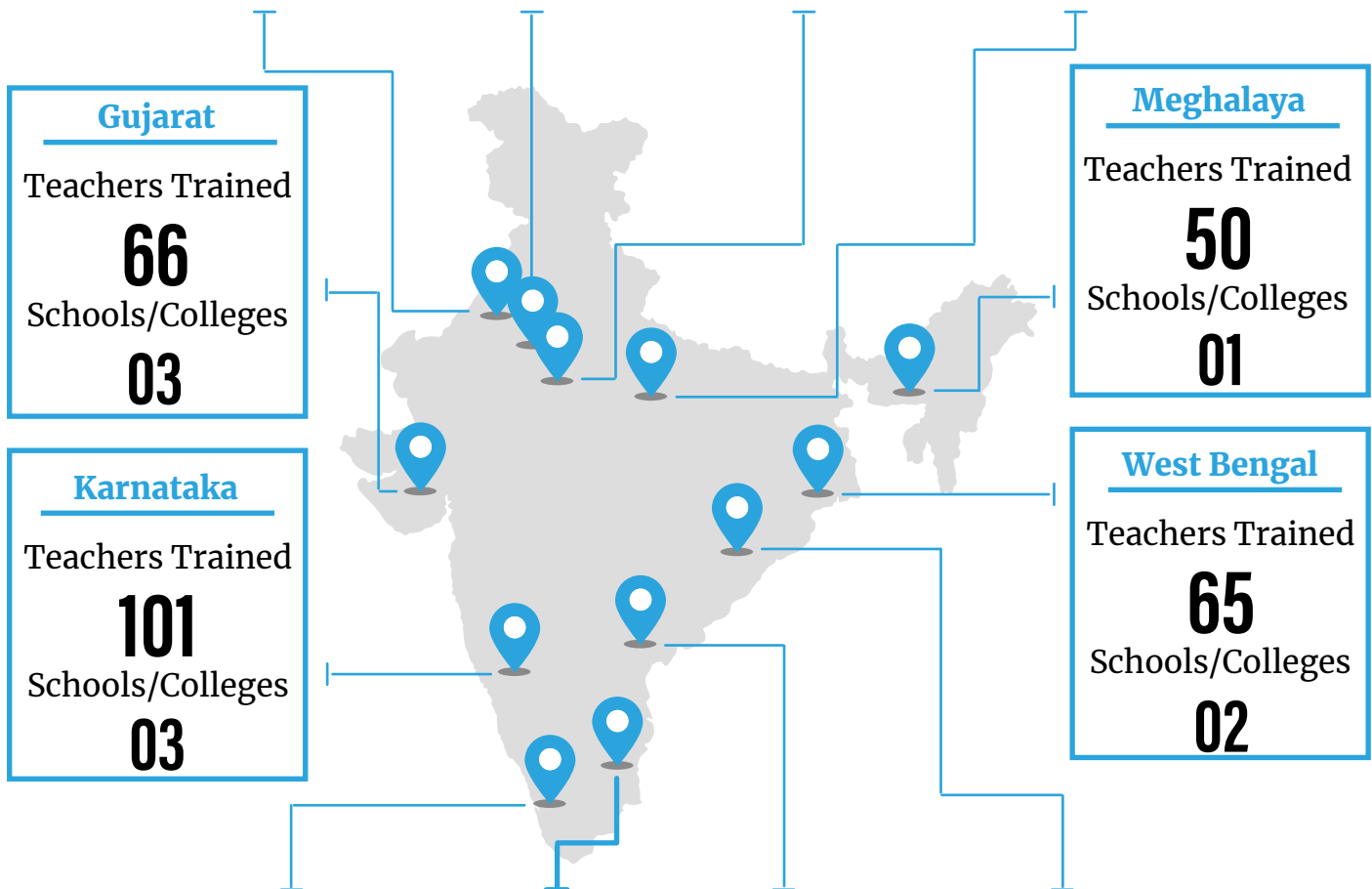
Maa Anandmayee Memorial School, Raiwala



52 schools registered for Green Campus Program in 2020-21 1788 teachers took special green campus modules training

Modules on air, water, waste management, biodiversity and clean energy were virtually conducted for Green campus teachers and online resources were provided to support them in difficult pandemic times.

Punjab	Haryana	Delhi	Uttar Pradesh
Teachers Trained 350	Teachers Trained 164	Teachers Trained 288	Teachers Trained 87
Schools/Colleges 09	Schools/Colleges 06	Schools/Colleges 08	Schools/Colleges 04



Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Andhra Pradesh	Odisha
Teachers Trained 95	Teachers Trained 95	Teachers Trained 199	Teachers Trained 228
Schools/Colleges 02	Schools/Colleges 02	Schools/Colleges 06	Schools/Colleges 06

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



NATIONAL WEBINAR



IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 ON THE EDUCATION SECTOR AND WAY FORWARD FROM THE LENS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

NATIONAL WEBINAR WITH DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

On May 16th, a webinar titled, 'Implication of COVID on Education Sector and the way forward from the lens of Climate Change and Sustainability' was organised by The Climate Reality Project Foundation -India in association with Deccan Education Society's Kirti College, Maharashtra.

Reputed academicians and domain experts shared their viewpoints with respect to sustainability; and how their universities and educational institutes are treading the green-way, making systemic and thematic

changes while tackling the situations in the COVID era. They firmly believe that sustainability and climate-change education are inevitable parts of our lives, and by continuing to implement them in different versions, they set examples for their students and other stakeholders to nurture seriousness and learning-action oriented prospects. Around 110 professors and teachers from various higher education institutes of the Deccan Education Society attended the webinar.

A TWO-DAY WEBINAR ON ‘CREATING CLIMATE FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE CAMPUSES’

A two-day webinar on ‘Climate-friendly and Sustainable Campuses’ was organised by Climate Reality India and Krishna University, Andhra Pradesh.

The webinar focused on the need for green campuses, which are environment friendly and sustainable, where experts in the field talked about the climate crisis, the need for sustainability education in the campuses and climate action.

The second day saw academicians and professors (Climate Reality Leaders) from different universities presenting case studies on inculcating sustainability and climate action in their campuses and sharing their experiences.



The webinar was attended mainly by 80 faculty members, professors teaching staff, along with Research Associates and some masters’ students of Universities and affiliated colleges.

Watch the webinar here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So4tuZotoXM>



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE)



The First International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) launched in 2019, New Delhi under the banner of Mobius Foundation, The Climate Reality Project India and UNESCO New Delhi, and joined by many other partners.

ICSE was planned with a view to explore pathways to address current and emerging sustainability challenges through education by empowering learners with new skills, values, and attitudes that lead to

more sustainable societies. The Conference received an overwhelming response from over 750 attendees from over 40 countries, including sustainability educators, leaders, policymakers, teachers and practitioners from across the disciplines and professions.

The two-day-long events witnessed some 15 keynote addresses in 5 plenaries, 15 thematic parallel sessions, 25 exhibitions, 45 oral and 27 poster presentations besides inaugural and concluding plenaries.

ICSE FORUM 2020 - PRINCIPAL'S CONCLAVE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION



To take the ICSE's objective forward, the ICSE Forum was created as a follow up of the recommendations of the 4th Technical Advisory Committee of the ICSE. The objective of the Forum is to provide a platform for continuous exchange of ideas, networking and for providing strategic direction and leadership to strengthen sustainability education with national, regional and international professionals and development of future activities in this domain.

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2019, a two-day International Webinar was jointly organized by Mobius Foundation, The Climate Reality Project India and

The webinar is available on our [YouTube Channel](#)

other partners. The webinar deliberated on the inter-linkages between the COVID-19 pandemic, biodiversity and how sustainability education can be a strategic asset to address both the environmental and pandemic challenges.

The objective was to sensitize teachers, principals and educators about sustainability concerns and provide an opportunity for partnership between schools and research networks in ESD.

It was attended by 160+ Principals and educators from various states. The online broadcast was further viewed by 6000+ viewers from across the globe.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

We, at The Climate Project Foundation firmly believe that the role of the youth is of critical importance to transform societies. Young minds are a fresh source of creativity, enthusiasm, and are drivers of social change.

The Teachers Training Program and the Climate Youth Leadership Program, the

flagship programs of The Climate Project Foundation realizes the need of the hour and therefore advocates that an environmentally conscious society can be created only if the youth of that society are empowered with sufficient knowledge, enabling skills, and appropriate attitude and values.

PLANETFIX CHALLENGE

Sparsh Social Foundation in collaboration with The Climate Project Foundation organized an environmental sustainability competition- PlanetFix for the students of Lakshmipat Singhania Public School, Jaykaypur. PlanetFix challenged students to seek potential ways to support the transition to sustainability and gave them the knowledge, skills and ability to thrive in the future green economy.

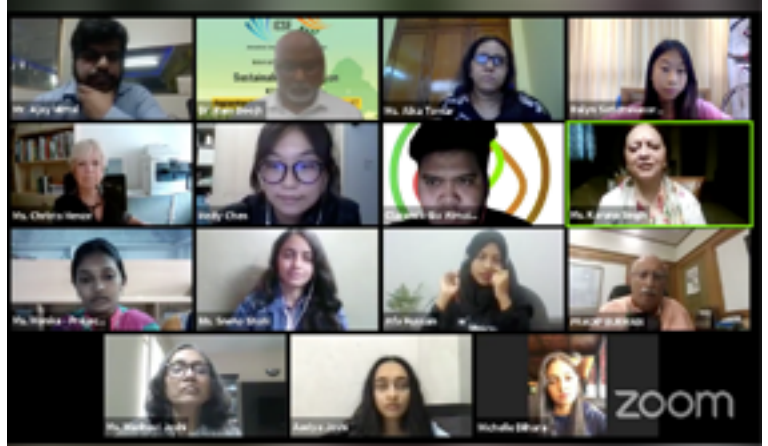
Students were divided into five groups (Air, Water, Biodiversity, Waste, and Energy). Each group was given an environmental issue affecting their community. They came up with potential solutions using their critical thinking and research skills.



YOUTH FOR EARTH

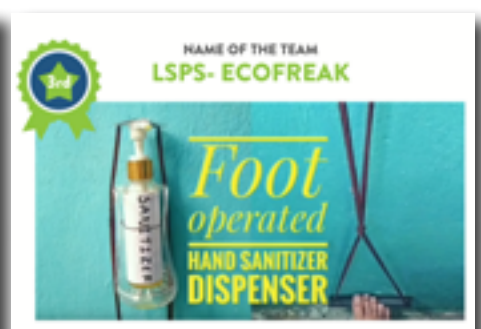
Earth Day celebrated its 50th year in 2020 and to honour the same, the Climate Reality Project India, Earth Day Network and Mobius Foundation organised the youth campaign “Youth for Earth”. The campaign involved youth in showcasing ground activities which they did from 22 April 2019 onwards to bring a positive change for a more sustainable lifestyle.

Young leaders shared their action-based project work done in a group or individually on the five thematic areas- Air, water, waste, biodiversity, and energy. The students did some tremendous work and showcased exceptional results through



their project work proving that they are the changemakers and champions for the earth.

The selected participants presented their project work at ICSE Forum 2020 webinar in front of the esteemed climate experts. The winners were announced during the webinar and were presented with prizes and certificates.





WATER CONSERVATION

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Water is among the most precious resources available and an indispensable need for all living beings. But now, the world is heading towards water crises due to the excessive and uneconomical use of water by the large human population. The water woes are further exacerbated by the intensifying of the global water cycle due to climate change resulting in wetter regions becoming more wet, and dryer regions becoming even drier. The Climate Reality Project India is working on the ground for water conservation with its Climate Reality Leader's network and partner organizations to sensitize the masses and bring about meaningful change.

The work initiated in the drought-affected Kamkheda village of Beed in Maharashtra has been replicated far and wide. Now, we are working with partner organizations in more taluks to help implement rainwater harvesting structures, thus trying to make them 'Jal Atma Nirbhar'. Besides this, detailed technical workshops on Water Efficiency, Rain Water Management, and similar concepts are also planned in online as well as offline mode so that more and more on-ground partners are created thus augmenting the bigger cause of water conservation.

RAINWATER HARVESTING TRAINING WITH TERI

The Climate Project Foundation organised three workshops with TERI SAS focused on the need for community-level water conservation in the light of variability in the rainfall due to climate change and consequently build capabilities in rainwater harvesting (RWH) techniques, called SWASH (Save Water Save Humanity).

The Climate Project Foundation shared how it is making a difference on the ground working with leaders in the water-stressed regions of the central and western part of India. Their successful water conservation model of sensitization about concepts and installation of Rain water harvesting infrastructure being carried out in the

Kamkheda village of Maharashtra and how nearby villages have themselves turned water positive by learning from Kamkheda residents.

Further discussions were carried on the following focal points -

1. Understanding Water Demand
2. Water Pricing for Demand Management
3. American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Audit Software for urban water utilities
4. FAO's CROPWAT for calculating crop water requirements and irrigation requirements based on soil, climate, and crop data.



MISSION PAANI



Climate Reality India joined hands with TV Network 18, one of the biggest media platforms in India, to spread awareness on water conservation and hygiene issues. The event named 'Mission Paani' kick-started in November 2020 with Nobel laureate Al Gore, Chairman and Founder of The Climate Reality Project, joining in and making an appeal for developed as well as developing nations to come together and put their best and collective efforts on the important issue of water conservation. The central water minister and ministers from other departments also joined Mr Al Gore in this endeavour.

Besides this, noted musician AR Rehman also launched the theme song that was

appreciated by one and all. The program also saw the launch of 'water pledge', a combination of online and offline events to make people talk and learn about the topic.

The campaign culminated with more than a million pledges. The episode featured initiatives done by National Coordinators Col. Shashikant Dalvi (Retd.), Elsie Gabriel and Rituraj Phukan shared how they are working on the ground for the cause of water conservation. Mr Aditya Pundir, Director, The Climate Project Foundation, made an appeal to the audience to be more water conscious and do their best efforts for the common cause of water conservation. The campaign was extensively promoted on social media as well.

Along with the CRLs and Mentors from The Climate Project Foundation, there were a lot of renowned people and Water Heroes who support water conservation and water sustainability and voiced it. Among them were Vikas Kataria (Water Aid), Zakka Jacob (Managing Editor, CNN News18), Akshay Kumar (Indian Actor), Cyrus Broacha (Indian VJ and Actor, Smriti Mandhana (Cricketer – Indian Women Cricket Team), Neha Dhupia (Indian Actress and TV Host), Mandira Bedi (Indian actress, fashion

designer, and television presenter), Dia Mirza (Indian Actress), Gul Panag (Indian Actress), Kusha Kapila (Internet Influencer), Mini Mathur (Indian television host, actor and model), Mira Rajput Kapoor, Prasoon Joshi Indian poet, writer, lyricist, screenwriter, and communication specialist and marketer), A R Rahman (Indian film composer, record producer, singer, and songwriter), Rajkummar Rao (Indian Actor) and more.



WATER DAY 2021 'VALUING WATER' CELEBRATION

World Water Day highlights the importance of freshwater and creates awareness and action for sustainable management of freshwater resources. This year's theme for World Water Day 2021 is 'Valuing Water' and is truly relevant to the current and projected impacts of water stress around India.

Taking cognizance of the importance of water management, The Climate Reality Project India organized a webinar to discuss the Indian water crisis and solutions, as well as focusing on the institutional and individual initiatives, successes, and best practices from around the country.

The 1.5-hour session was divided into two sections, broadly focusing on the diverse water challenges from different regions within India. The eminent speakers stressed about the grim situation of water in India, its impacts, and solutions at hand like rain water harvesting technique that has resulted in making numerous districts water sufficient.

To inspire the participants to take action, the event concluded with the video message from the Water Man himself, Mr Rajendra Singh and 'Forest Man of India' Mr Jadav Payeng.



TREE PLANTATION



MISSION MILLION FRUIT TREES



Progressing Mission Million Fruit Trees in Odisha, 93 thousand saplings were planted in Puri in 2020 for community-level resilience and recovers of greenery, local livelihoods and food security.

On the backdrop of cyclone Fani, 2019, the Mission Million Fruit Trees was launched by The Climate Reality Project India in partnership with One Tree Planted, SGI India, CII Odisha State Unit, Sparsh Social Foundation and other local NGOs.

The mission will plant at least 1 million fruit trees in Odisha coastal districts, particularly in Puri district, during 2019-2025, in five year time for ensuring food security to small marginal farmers & recovering the green coverages lost due to cyclone and generate employments on for youths on agriculture & horticulture sectors. The mission was launched by the Odisha Speaker Dr S N Patro.

In the first phase, the mission planted 100

thousand fruit plants with the local small & marginal farmers covering 11 blocks of Puri district. The survival rate was above 75 % as per recent assessments.

In 2020, total 93 thousand saplings were planted in Puri in four blocks . Every

family has been given 10 saplings each in the villages, covering over 9000 families. It is expected that distributed saplings will start providing fruits in two years time of plantation, as some of the guava plants from phase 1 plantation have started fruiting already.



CLEAN ENERGY AND MOBILITY



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The Climate Project Foundation is working closely with stakeholders in the clean energy space to support India's NDC. Electric Vehicles (EVs) form an integral part of this transition as it solves the dual issue of pollution, caused majorly by IEC vehicles and at the same time lower oil imports thus less and less dependence on traditional transport fuel.

However, it has been observed that markets are still evolving on the EV adoption front and needs more information made

available locally to help choose the right product suiting a prospective customer. On the other hand, the manufacturer, charging and after sale–service ecosystem also needs better integration. We are working with dedicated EV media partners for such knowledge dissemination and at the same time, relations are forged with Industrial associations in the EV space to help policy percolation.

MOU WITH THE EV UPDATE MEDIA

To undertake Electric Vehicle (EVs) related awareness and adoption in various formats among stakeholders (individual, industry, mass transport, local and hyper local last mile connectivity) a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between The Climate Project Foundation, New Delhi and EV Update Media, Pune. This is a step towards augmenting sustainable transport projects for mitigations, adaptation & resilience on Climate Change.

This partnership will help accelerate the awareness of EVs and green transport in general along with environment, resource conservation and climate change issues. Teacher's Training Program/Green Campus Programs conducted by the Foundation in the schools across India would share how greening their transport will not only help the environment in general but is cost effective too.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ADMINISTRATORS

A four-day training program focusing on Clean Energy was organized by the Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurgaon (training arm of Administrative offices) from 26th Oct – 30th Oct, 2020. Climate Reality India was invited to interact with the audience along with the Senior Government officials and state RE project implementation partners.

Climate Reality India shared its works done on Climate Change awareness and those on climate change adaptation, which was widely appreciated by the officials. Our staff

having expertise of implementing projects spearheaded by multilateral and bilateral agencies was one of the highlights where measurable CO₂ (reduction) numbers were shared along with methodology on how to implement such long-term projects with defined deliverables and tasks. The recognition of the project at the UNFCCC submission during the Paris Agreement 2015, made the conversation even more interesting as the officers were keen to dive deep and learn about these policy instruments.



**AWARENESS,
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CLIMATE ACTION**

24 HOURS OF REALITY



WE HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

This year the theme for 24 hours of Reality was 'Countdown to the future'. It was a day-long global conversation on the climate crisis, COVID-19 pandemic, and racial injustice that shape our moment and how we can face these challenges and together build the just and sustainable future we want.

The Climate Reality Project joined hands with TED Countdown for 24 hours of presentations and live conversations on the future we want, and the moment we are living in. These online conversations went on for 2 days, 10th and 11th of October, 2020. However, the spirit of fight against climate change and standing up for climate justice kept the fire on for a week for this event, through a series of presentations by

Climate Reality Leaders around the world.

The Founder of The Climate Reality Project Foundation, Al Gore was LIVE for both the days. He brought in many pioneers to the conversation table for a healthy and insightful discussion. Not just climate justice, he also underlined an array of challenges that our world is currently facing, starting with COVID, racial discrimination and injustice, and inequities in addition to the climate crisis.

We saw an incredible display of community activism as Climate Reality Leaders from across the globe came together to present for this year's 24 Hours of Reality: Countdown to the Future.

EVENT IN NUMBERS



2362

Presentations given on social media



90

Countries participated



174

Presentations from India



140K

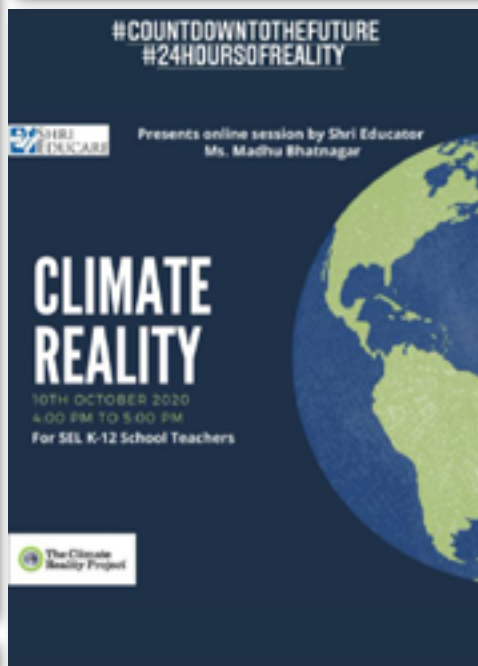
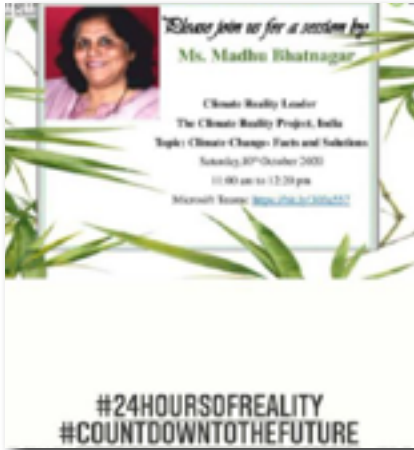
Times shared by people



4000

Trees were planted

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION

There has been a sharp increase in the extreme weather events across the globe. Climate change has become one of the most heated topics that require immediate attention and urgent actions. With more than half of the population of different demographics, spending at least 2 hours on social media makes digital platforms, to be precise social media platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, a great tool to raise awareness and engage the audience regarding the issues of climate change.

At The Climate Reality Project India, we have been trying to create the latest and engaging content like videos, infographics,

blogs and posts on climate change news, facts, and solutions at hand. The content is being well received and readily liked and shared by the audience. It is so exciting to see our inbox flooded with messages from our younger audiences who are willing to associate with our organisation as volunteers to contribute towards reversing climate change chaos.

This year, we also ran social media campaigns on waste and water management to engage our audience, give them an opportunity to take actions towards environment conservation and bring about a behavioural change. The campaigns were aimed at actionable communication.



MISSION PAANI PLEDGE

To promote and take TV NEWS18's 'Mission Paani' forward, we launched a 'Mission Paani Campaign' on our social media platforms. The campaign required the participants to take our 'Water pledge' and to further share it on their handles and share the stories of 'water conservation' using the power of social media. Our audience pledged to save every drop of water and motivate others to do the same.



ZERO WASTE CAMPAIGN

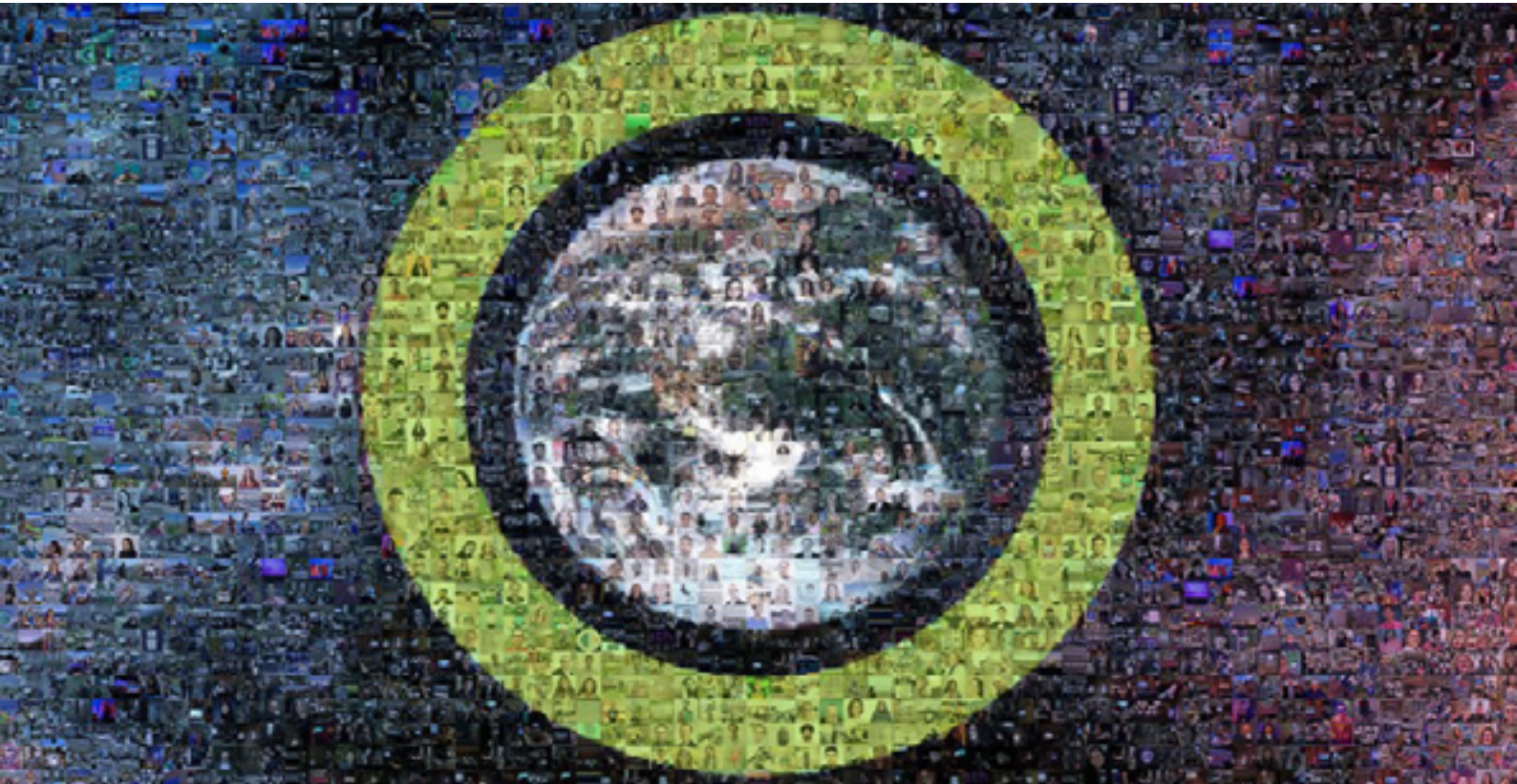
The Climate Reality Project India launched the online Zero Waste Living Challenge. The social media challenge was to create awareness about the daily consumption patterns and slowly transform those everyday choices to a more sustainable lifestyle contributing to a Zero Waste Lifestyle. The participants shared the sustainable changes they made in their everyday lifestyle choices. Over 120 activities like reuse, up-cycling, plantation and innovative practices were shared by participants to reduce their daily waste. These activities were shared by participants on their social media handles and received over 5000 likes.





CLIMATE REALITY LEADERS

CLIMATE REALITY VIRTUAL GLOBAL TRAINING



This year, the Climate Reality Leadership Corps Global Trainings were hosted online due to the COVID-19 public health risk to mobilize and grow the global movement of activists committed to combating the climate crisis. There were two training sessions held in July and August for the global audience, which saw more than 15000 people from across the globe. Over the course of multiple days, participants were trained about the science, impacts and solutions of Climate change through live broadcasts, panel workshops, networking meetups, and skill-building sessions – all

taking place online and led by renowned experts, scientists, and activists.

This training was the first of its kind and proved to be a powerful joining of forces across the world to create a new tide of motivated and inspired Climate Reality Leaders. **The Climate Reality Leadership Corps has trained over 31,000 change makers worldwide since 2006. India branch added around 500 new Climate Reality Leaders through global training, making it a strong network of 1000+ leaders across the country.**

FACILITATING THE NETWORK

To strengthen the network of Climate Reality Leaders from India and South Asia, branch meetups were organized by the Climate Reality India branch in September and October for the newly trained Climate Reality Leaders who got trained in the two global virtual trainings this year. The meet and greet sessions were organised region wise- North, South, East and West which were also joined by the Climate Reality Leaders trained earlier.

The New Climate Reality Leaders were introduced to the branch and presented with the plans for the future. The newly inducted Climate Reality Leaders brainstormed on climate change impacts, their mitigations and adaptations concerning the region. These regional and interest wise meet-ups and networking sessions aims to foster partnerships within the network and amplify ground action on climate change by collaboration of like minded organisation organisations and individuals.

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CLIMATE REALITY LEADERS**
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LEADERSHIP STORIES



HUMANS FOR EARTH CAMPAIGN

Shivam Singh, Climate Reality Leader and National Coordinator for Youth, launched a ‘Humans for Earth’ social media campaign. The online campaign was organized to mark the 46th World Environment Day and address the climate emergency. The campaign witnessed an overwhelming response and received 800 entries for the competition, and winners were announced on 8th June.

Shivam has been actively organising events, webinars and training sessions to engage and sensitize youth about climate change.



CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE FIGHT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

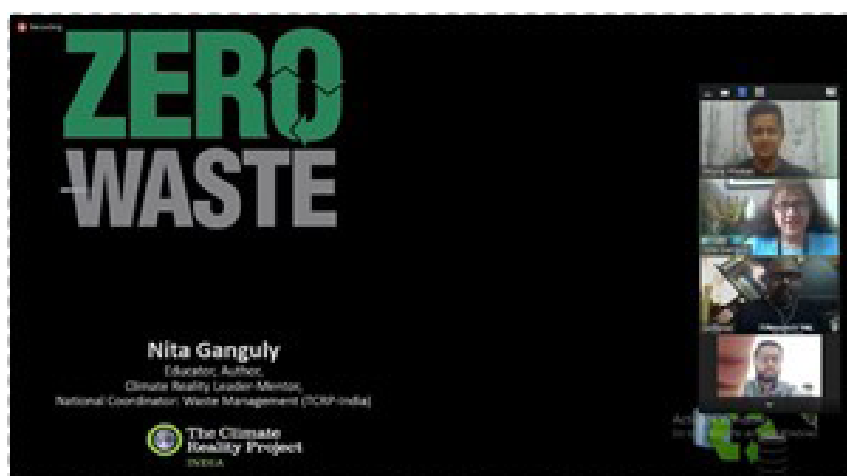
Elsie Gabriel, Climate Reality Leader and National Coordinator for Oceans, organised a National Webinar celebrating Women in the Climate Fight on March 6th 2021, with over 300 participants making it an immensely interactive two-hour session.

This year's theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 (IWD 2021) was, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world." The theme celebrated the tremendous efforts by women and girls in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme celebrated the tremendous efforts of women and girls worldwide in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



PROMOTING ZERO WASTE

Nita Ganguly, Climate Reality Leader and National Coordinator for waste, has been working extensively on creating awareness about waste management at home, colleges, offices. She has written books for children, and this year during the lockdown phase she conducted various webinar sessions where she talked about how we can manage the waste generated around us. She explains how we



can prevent tons of trash from reaching the landfill by making simple lifestyle choices and saving resources.

CLIMATE CRISIS: CREATE YOUR OWN CLIMATE STORY

Climate Reality Leaders Vivek Trivedi, Founder and Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Director, APSWDP, commemorated a Virtual Dialogue, Series II on Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story. The objective was to address the emerging risks and collectively navigate the gap, if these mega-trends continue. The UN75 Dialogue, Series II was inaugurated and chaired by Mr Aditya Pundir, Director, The Climate Project Foundation. The topics for the virtual dialogue were as follows-

1. Climate Education and Awareness
2. Climate Change is not Gender Neutral
3. My Green Initiatives
4. Climate Action Story

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What Future We Want

THEME
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Get Inspired with Solutions and Inspire Others

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Aditya Pundir
Country Manager,
The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India

Guest Guest
Sushmita B. Jeyaraman
Indian Forest Service (IFS),
Research Fellow, UoM, Finland

Panelists

- Shreya Anil
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Professional
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CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATIONS

Krishna Kalra, Trustee, The Climate Project Foundation gave the presentation on 'Climate change: its science, effects and mitigation strategies' to the students and faculty members of Galgotia University.

He has been giving climate change talks to universities, rotary clubs, associations on a regular basis.

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ONE STEP AT A TIME TOWARDS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Rituraj Phukan, National Coordinator for Biodiversity, The Climate Project Foundation, is an environmentalist, adventurer and an expert in the field of biodiversity conservation. He has been working extensively towards the sensitization and conservation of biodiversity across the country. He has spoken about the issue of climate change and the need to conserve biodiversity at various platforms from TEDx, national news channels, webinars.



He has written many blog posts on climate change impacts on regional and Himalayan biodiversity and ways to conserve it.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Pournima Agarkar Climate Reality Leader and a Sustainability enthusiast. She has been working towards sensitizing people on various issues like sustainable cooking through solar devices, sustainable waste management practices and women empowerment through her blogs, social media outreach and webinars.



GREEN LIVING CHALLENGE

In pursuit of promoting the concept of green and sustainable living, the Jaipur hub of Global Shapers envisaged the '21 days of Green Living' led by Avi Agarwal, a Climate Reality Leader and a Global Shaper. The Climate Project Foundation collaborated as the in-house partner for the campaign.

The 21 days of green living challenge was a quest where the participants had to complete 21 green and sustainable living tasks divided into 3 levels. The campaign was designed to promote sustainable living and brought about a behavioural change amongst the individuals. Total 547 green tasks were



completed by participants, and 25 of them started their own vegetable garden. As a partner, The Climate Project Foundation planted trees for every participant and winner of the challenge.

EDITORIAL SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN MARATHI MEDIA

Dr Nandini Deshmukh, National Coordinator - Climate Education and Mentor, has been writing a weekly editorial series dedicated to climate change and the related environmental issue at a popular regional newspaper. Her articles are very well-received and reaching the masses.



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