

MARCH DIARY

“ We are at war against the planet and we have lost a battle. We must win this war by acting in unison for the survival of future generations. ”

Mr. Pradip Burman, *Chairman, Mobius Foundation*

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

Youth for Earth Campaign

Mobius Foundation joined the Earth Day Network and Climate Reality Project India to organize the “Youth for Earth” Challenge to mark the celebration of 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020. This is the campaign for youth to showcase an activity or projects on the ground which brings about a change and leads to a more sustainable planet. Youths were invited to submit an environment projects conducted by them (between 22nd April 2019 to 30th June 2020), in the form of a written report (before & after) and a short video of 3-5 minutes. The campaign received overwhelming responses and around 50 projects PAN India were submitted by youth when schools and colleges were shut during the pandemic. The projects were based on the five categories: air, water, energy, waste and biodiversity.

Two-day ICSE II webinar organized on the first anniversary of ICSE 2019 the landmark event, one day of the webinar was focussed on youth and their role as a changemaker for sustainable planet. The youth session was attended by 500+ participants nationally and internationally. In

the webinar, top 5 finalists were invited from the campaign to share the story and ground action they are taking to tackle the environmental issues.



For the upcoming year 2021, we are inviting Indian and South Asian motivated students to join the campaign. Innovativeness and new ideas are welcomed in this COVID era. Youths are invited who is doing an activity based on the ground (Action Projects), Invention through technology and new thoughts (Innovative Ideas) and short film/ video or performance (Creative work). The best projects will be awarded in the 2nd anniversary of ICSE on 9th & 10th Sep 2021. The initiative is commemoration of both Mobius Foundation and The Climate Reality Project India. For more information about the campaign and further update please visit our website <https://www.icse2019.org/youth-for-earth.php>

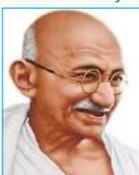
WEB DISCUSSION

Legends of India from 20th Century

What India is today, is because of the contribution of several leaders from the ages. These leaders contributed to various spheres of life which have been of great importance to the Indian Society. On the same lines in the month of February 2021, the life and contribution of 4 Indian personalities Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Sudha Murthy and S. Ramanujan were discussed. Everyone from the organization shared their views on the topic and the best presentation for each topic was recognized and rewarded by Chairman & CEO of Mobius Foundation.



Sudha Murthy



Mahatma Gandhi



Srinivasa Ramanujan



Sri Aurobindo

MISSION SUSTAINABILITY: Population Vs Planet

Mobius Foundation is working to put the spotlight back on human population growth. For this, we have partnered with Zee Media to start conversations nationwide to explain connections between population growth and environmental sustainability. The Grand launch of “Mission Sustainability- Population Vs. Planet” on channel WION, Saturday 20th Feb 2021 from 17:00 to 19:00 Hour was successfully conducted.



The program commenced with the Audio Visual which included Honorable Prime Ministers Message on Increasing Population: “Population Explosion can cause numerous new problems for us and our future generations, but there is a vigilant section of public that is aware of this issue”

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Health Minister who expressed his appreciation on launching this year long awareness campaign. He said “population boom has been affecting the planet and the human race in many ways, people in developing countries like India feel the impact of environmental problems more acutely.”

Grand Launch was held in to Four different segments and there were questions asked and addressed by the panellist during the sessions.

SESSION 1: POPULATION VS PLANET: Sustaining the Balance

Over population will become a problem when our lifestyle is such that we are exploiting the earth resources and our consumption pattern is increasing and we are not recycling the resources. Urgency of Paris agreement should be emphasised and message should be brought forwards that we are not doing enough for our next generation to survive.

- **Fire side chat with Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation** - He mentioned that the Mobius Foundation is focusing on two main objectives EDUCATION and POPULATION STABILISATION and that two solutions can be implemented right away RECYCLING and RENEWABLE ENERGY.

SESSION 2: POPULATION STABILISATION: The Road Map

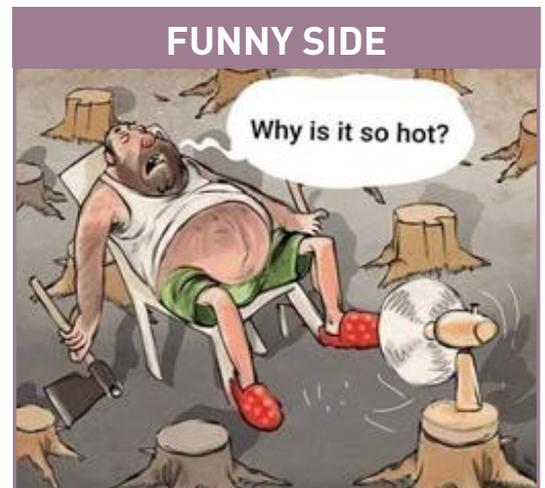
Population should be seen in terms of TRF (Total Fertility Rate). We have the huge population dividend and education and good health are imperative for young work force. We need to increase investments to provide quality family planning to women and men of reproductive age. Family planning budget which should have been significantly increased got decreased in the latest budget. Investing in human capital and family planning can increase the GDP and is the key to achieve population stabilisation.

SESSION 3: EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

The session focussed why there is lack of education and awareness around population stabilisation.

- Education leads to lower birth rates and slows population growth. This makes it easier for countries to develop. A more-educated workforce also makes poverty eradication and economic growth easier to achieve.
- Literacy rate is directly proportional to fertility rate.
- Lack of formal education on matters related to population, like family planning, sexual education, reproductive behaviour, cultural and social values, contraception is missing from educational structure

The special message at the end was delivered by AMITABH KANTH, CEO, NITI AAYOG



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