

NOVEMBER DIARY

“Our cultures, economics, and financial system may avert abrupt extinction of planet’s species and ecosystems if governments can come to terms with goals outlined in new Biodiversity framework.”

. . . Mr. Pradip Burman, *Chairperson, Mobius Foundation*

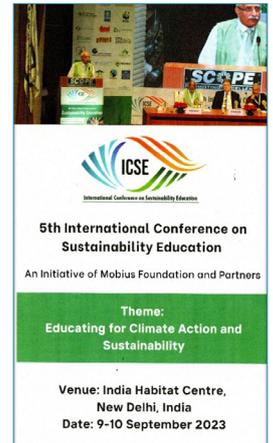
ICSE 2023
Announced!



5th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2023

The 5th version of ICSE is being planned on **9th and 10th September 2023** at **India Habitat Centre** on the theme **Educating for Climate Action and Sustainability** focussing on the urgent need to take actions through strengthening climate education at all levels.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is “a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity” encompassing economic, social and environmental dimensions within the different 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ever increasing greenhouse gas emissions, growing energy crisis, extreme weather events and rapid loss of biodiversity have taken the shape of a global crisis for humanity. In this scenario, whole world has its eyes and spirit set to a sustainable world for which sustainability education and climate action must take the lead since sustainability education has been considered as a major catalyst and a transformative agent having the potential to find solutions to these planetary crises and to make the world a better place to live sustainably. On these lines, ICSE 2023 will focus on education for climate action through various sessions, activities, workshops and other related discussions.



Towards Shaping the Family Size: Project Aakar



An Initiative by Mobius Foundation

The activities such as door-to-door awareness campaigns, distribution of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, and the counselling of target groups, have yielded some promising results. There are many challenges faced by the team working on the ground. Many a times,

the team encounters opposition from minority communities due to the fact that family planning is perceived against their religious precepts. Also, Shravasti district faced flooding because of which project had to be put on hold for a number of days. Fortunately, activities have now resumed and the ground team is working hard to inform and educate eligible couples about the advantages of having a small family and motivated them to undergo permanent sterilization procedures. Motivated by awareness campaigns, 40 eligible females (37 in Bahraich and 3 in Shravasti) have successfully undergone permanent sterilization, which has been endorsed by district health officials. In the coming month, a baseline dataset will be developed which will enable the team to assess the effects of ongoing activities.



Health Extension Officer with Female Sterilization Technique beneficiaries

Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)

Clean and green is a perfect dream

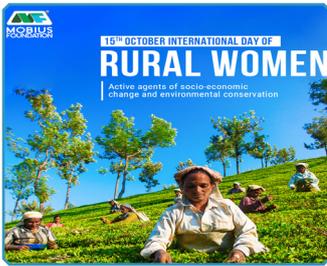
On 1st October 2022, under cleanliness drive for Swachh Bharat-Swachhta Abhiyaan, students of Gyan Anant Vidyalaya, class VII and VIII, prepared slogans and took out a rally to the nearby community to spread awareness about importance of cleanliness. The students participated in this cleanliness drive enthusiastically.

Furthermore, students of class II made beautiful posters related to the campaign. Their creative work spoke manifolds of desires, from how to keep our surroundings clean to maintaining good character by keeping mind, body and soul clean and peaceful. It was truly a zestful experience for all the students.

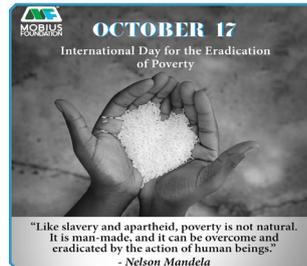


Digital Campaign

The below days were observed by sharing posts on social media with the aim to create awareness on the need to eradicate poverty and address social factors like hunger, gender equality etc.

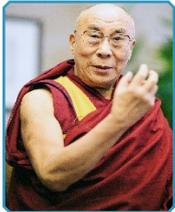


This year, the UN theme for International Day of Rural Women was “Rural women confront the global cost-of-living crisis” focussed on claiming the rural areas with equal opportunities for all.



The umbrella theme of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty for 2022-2023 is **Dignity for all in practice** aimed to acknowledge dignity as the basis of all other fundamental rights that should be at the heart of every poverty eradication initiative.

Impressions: **49,065** | Reach: **1,01,636** | Engagement: **5,014**



“Where ignorance is our master, there is no possibility of real peace”

... Dalai Lama

A web discussion was organized on Dalai Lama reflecting on his life journey and teachings.

Study Visit to Govardhan Eco Village (GEV)

A team from Mobius Foundation (MF) visited Govardhan Eco Village (GEV) during last week of October 2022. The team witnessed GEV, a model village that encompasses environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainability. Its mission is to demonstrate alternative sustainable model of the world based upon values striking harmony with self, nature and humanity; combining contemporary sustainability technological interventions with powerful optimized scalable action models.

Addressing the environmental aspects, GEV team has implemented various initiatives. They have constructed a zero-waste system of **waste management** handling 500 Kg of organic waste on daily basis converting it into manure and **generating** wealth out of it. Wastewater treatment is done up to secondary level which is then used for irrigation and in fish ponds. Rain water harvesting pits have been constructed in the area having capacity of more than 9 Cr litres water. Plastic waste is pyrolyzed to form fuel. The **green building structure** in the ecovillage made up of mud blocks is rated **5- star** by IGBC and **platinum** by GRIHA Council.

Social aspects at GEV consist of skill development programs, primary health facilities and provision of education to the tribal communities around them. Agricultural interventions include converting wasteland into cultivable land using organic methods for which GEV has been listed the Limca book of records. They also run a livelihood program in which 1000s of micro- enterprises and women self-help groups are supported. In two decades, the average annual salary of tribal families has risen from INR 15,000 to ~ one lakh per annum.

MF team met **Mr Gauranga Das**, Director, GEV and discussed the vision behind the model eco village along with the possible future prospects.

The sustainable village model holds the potential of being an excellent learning experience, providing motivation and hope to believe that sustainable world can be a reality.



Glimpses of the educational trip to Govardhan EcoVillage

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