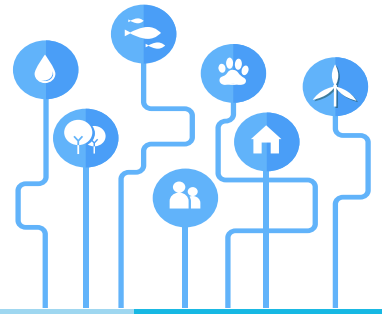




# MOBIUS FOUNDATION

## QUARTERLY BULLETIN



“*The greatest threat to the Earth and us is IGNORANCE. Teaching and emphasizing the need to respect and conserve nature will help us save the next generation.*”

Mr. Pradip Burman,  
Chairperson, Mobius Foundation



## International Conference on SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE)

A conference of great minds of the world discussing on a common goal is a valuable asset and pioneering step towards a desired change. With the ambition to promote sustainability education and build necessary alliances and networks, the 4<sup>th</sup> ICSE 2022 was successfully organized on **September 9 and 10, 2022** through **hybrid mode** at **SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi, India** in partnership with some of the key environment and sustainability organizations on the theme **Building Connections and Partnerships for a Sustainable Future**. The conference provided platform for building collaborations, both for interpersonal relationship among learners and educators as well as for sharing learnings and experiences on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

The journey of ICSE 2022 started with a pre-conference **Youth Conclave** on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 where hundreds of young people from all over the world joined virtually to share their climate action projects and initiatives. The two days **main event** brought together more than **400 delegates** belonging to **multi-disciplinary and diverse group of**

**stakeholders** in person as well as via zoom. The entire conference and technical session broadcasts received **more than 40,000 views on social media platforms** which are still counting. The conference had 5 plenaries, 17 parallel thematic sessions and a specific session for **paper and poster presentations** contributed by experts and young professionals. There were also variety of **exhibits** showcasing the works related to environment of partners and other organizations. Post-conference, a **nature trail** to Sunder Nursery was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for everyone to experience the bounties of nature.

Recently, the ICSE 2022 special edition newsletter has also been released and can be accessed through the website link:

<https://www.mobiusf.org/mobius-newsletter/>

Taking a step further in this process of transformation through sustainability education, the **5<sup>th</sup> version of ICSE** is being planned on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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. ICSE 2023 will focus on education for climate action through various panels, thematic tracks/ sessions, workshops and related deliberations.



### 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Education

An Initiative of Mobius Foundation and Partners

Theme:  
Educating for Climate Action and  
Sustainability

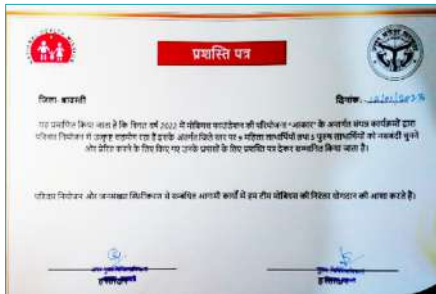
Venue: India Habitat Centre,  
New Delhi, India  
Date: 9-10 September 2023





The fourth phase of the project Aakar was launched on World Population Day, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. It aimed to spread awareness about responsible reproductive behaviour and to facilitate shaping family size through counselling, contraceptive distribution and the right medical assistance for family planning. Currently, the foundation is active in **two high total fertility rate (TFR) districts (Bahraich and Shravasti)** of Uttar Pradesh. For each district, MF in close coordination with each district health office has identified **two blocks**, each with **25 villages**. Some of the **major activities** of this project are door-to-door awareness campaigns, distribution of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, counselling of males/females of reproductive age groups, monthly celebration of khushal parivar diwas, facilitation of diabetes, blood pressure check-up and doctor's consultancy through telemedicine mode. MF also supplements the NHM program "NSV Pakhwara", which aims to increase the participation of men in the decision-making process related to family planning. Over the course of four months, the MF team counselled and mobilised **100 females** of reproductive age to undergo **permanent sterilization (tubectomy)**. In addressing the need for breaking down barriers and bringing men into family planning decisions, our male-focused awareness and counselling activities have yielded some encouraging results as **eight eligible males** have undergone **No Scalpel vasectomy (NSV)**. Among the major challenges our team faces on the ground is opposition from minority communities because of religious sentiments and taboos.

**CMO Offices** of both districts have officially **acknowledged the role of the Mobius team** and their efforts by awarding appreciation certificates. Several prominent newspapers have also covered the Foundation's efforts, including **Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala and Hindustan Times**.



Appreciation certificate: CMO Shravasti



Health check-up camp



Appreciation certificate: CMO Bahraich



29 November, 2022, Dainik Bhaskar



24 November, 2022, Hindustan

## VIRAM: AGENDA SUSTAINABILITY

Mobius Foundation and India Today Group unveiled "VIRAM: Agenda Sustainability" on 23rd November 2022, a year-long campaign to highlight the impact of rising population on environment and sustainability. The launch event was organized as Thought Leadership Conclave having two sessions of panel discussions each in English for India Today and in Hindi for Aaj Tak. The panellists were eminent academicians, policy professionals, and researchers from the fields of demography and policy. The programme began with a fireside chat between the host, Ms. Akshita Nandagopal, Anchor, India Today, and Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation. It was followed by the panel discussions: 'Overpopulation: Everything Connects' moderated by Ms Akshita Nandagopal and 'बढ़ती आबादी, घटते संसाधन: सतत विकास की चुनौती' hosted by Mr. Sayeed Ansari.

Speaking as the guest of honour, Mr Zakir Khan humorously and wisely addressed the issue of over- population.

The event was a great success and the launched episodes were aired on India Today television on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm and the following day, on Aaj tak channel dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 2:00 - 2:30 pm. A total of 12 episodes will be telecasted on both the news channels each in a year's time.







## GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)

GAV organized a **workshop on climate change** on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 and was attended by principal, teachers and all other staff members. Chief guest **Ms. Rekha Lalla**, The Climate Project Foundation India & South Asia, a teacher trainer, author, TEDx speaker, and CII Certified Expert on Climate Change & Sustainability made everyone understand the need of climate emergency that demands action from all of us in contemporary times. GAVians, being a school based on SDG, pledged to play a vital role in this field. Teams of teachers were assigned to seven major groups of Air, Water, Energy, Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Innovation, and Community Outreach for projects in which they will be working with the students on Air quality index, Water preservation and conservation, Energy conservation, Waste management, Biodiversity support, Innovative ideas and measures to stop and reverse climatic change and how to reach the community to spread the mission.



## STUDY VISIT TO GOVARDHAN ECO VILLAGE (GEV) AND RALEGAN SIDDHI

A team from Mobius Foundation (MF) visited Govardhan Eco Village (GEV) and Ralegan Siddhi during last week of October and November 2022 respectively.

The team witnessed **GEV, a sustainable village model** that demonstrates 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. GEV team has implemented various initiatives including Waste Management System, Soil Biotechnology Plant, Rain Water Harvesting System, Plastic Pyrolysis Plant, Green Building Structure and many more. MF team also met **Mr. Gauranga Das**, Director, GEV and discussed the vision behind the model eco village along with the possible future prospects.



**Ralegan Siddhi**, considered as a **model of environmental conservation**, has carried out programs like tree planting, terracing to reduce soil erosion and digging canals to retain rainwater. For energy, the village uses solar power, biogas and windmill. Indian social activist **Anna Hazare**, leader of the village, is recognised for his contributions to the development of the village. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan-the third-highest civilian award-by the Government of India in 1992 for his efforts in establishing this model village. The team was honoured to meet him.

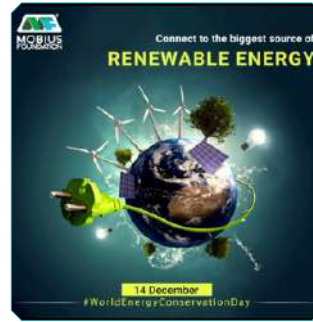


## DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

### Special Days

Observing special days of the last quarter of 2022, Mobius Foundation aimed to create awareness on various topics. MF observed **Human Rights Day on 10th December 2022** connecting it to the basic human right of clean environment and natural resources.

Sharing post on **World Energy Conservation Day (14th December 2022)**, the importance of switching to renewable sources of energy, protecting our natural resources, conservation, combating climate change, reducing carbon emissions, and safeguarding the environment was highlighted since all of these improve energy efficiency and lead us to sustainability.



Impressions – 55,612 | Reach - 51,730 | Engagement - 6,630

### #MFViram

MF shared post on social media regarding the recent mission launch “**Viram: Agenda Sustainability**” with the tag #MFVIRAM focussing on the need of population stabilization.

Impressions - 77,572 | Reach - 69,695 | Engagement – 20,084



## KNOWLEDGE HOUR



When we talk, you are only repeating what you know; but when you listen, you learn something new.

**Dalai Lama**

*Buddhist Monk, Writer, Philosopher, Politician, Educator*



Change is the nature of life but challenge is the future of life. So, challenge the changes. Never change the challenges.

**Amitabh Bachchan**

*Actor, Producer, Singer, Television Presenter, Former Politician*



I never wanted to be an Olympian. All I wanted was to keep breaking my own record. I never competed to defeat anybody.

**P. T. Usha**

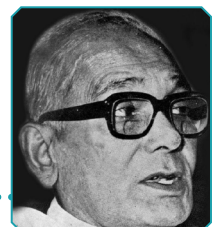
*Indian Track and Field Athlete*



My interest is not in the capture of power, but in the control of power by the people.

**Jayaprakash Narayan**

*Indian Activist and Politician*







The battle is not over yet, the one who oppresses is not the only sinner, the one who stands on the side-lines (Read neutral) will be held equality guilty.

**Ramdhari Singh Dinkar**

*Poet, Essayist, Journalist, Literacy Critic*



## WISDOM HOUR

The Wisdom Hour, an initiative of Mobius Foundation, is a creative time space for motivating staff members towards environment and sustainability through positive movies and documentaries. During the span of last three months, we have covered:



**Climate Change – the fact (2019)**, a documentary presented by David Attenborough that discusses climate change and possible solutions to counteract it.



**Jane Goodall: The Hope**, a two-hour special documentary following Goodall throughout her never-ending travels, capturing her relentless commitment and determination to spread a message of hope.



**Avatar**, a science fiction film directed, written, co-produced, and co-edited by James Cameron and starring Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Stephen Lang, Michelle Rodriguez, and Sigourney Weaver. It is set in the mid-22<sup>nd</sup> century, when humans are colonizing Pandora, a lush habitable moon of a gas giant in the Alpha Centauri star system, in order to mine the valuable mineral unobtainium.

**Our Planet – Episode 1, 2 and 3.** Our Planet is a Netflix original documentary series and a ground breaking four-year collaboration between Netflix, Silverback Films and WWF. It explores the rich natural wonders, iconic species and wildlife spectacles that still remain, and reveals the key issues that urgently threaten their existence.



## ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS



5 National Bird Day	19 International Flower Day	26 World Environmental Education Day	31 World Aquatic Animal Day
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2 World Wetlands Day	3 World Wildlife Day	18 World Pangolin Day	20 World Sparrow Day
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3 World Wildlife Day	14 International Day of Action for Rivers	18 Global Recycling Day
20 World Sparrow Day	22 World Water Day	23 Meteorological Day, World Bear Day

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