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“Buying more stuff doesn't make us happy. The planet will thank us for buying less, and investing in better and sustainable quality products.”

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

New Project Launched

Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development

The Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development programme was launched in Dimapur, Nagaland on June 12th, 2023. It aims to train and equip 15 climate leaders who will implement the Pani Pahar Curriculum developed by the University of Cambridge in 15 selected schools. This collaborative effort involves partners such as the Climate Studies and Knowledge Solution Centre, YouthNet, Hearth Education, and the Government of Nagaland, and marks Mobius Foundation's entry into the northeast region of India for environmental impact.



MF Partnership with UNESCO: State of the Education Report (SOER) 2023 on ESD



The State of Education Report (SOER) is UNESCO's annual flagship report on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Mobius Foundation's association in developing and finalisation of this report demonstrates its commitment to strengthening the Indian education ecosystem and establishing its leadership role in sustainability education.

The report will capture new trends, address climate change, highlight challenges, and present future opportunities in ESD. It will also provide recommendations to support education in addressing the multi-faceted issues of climate change.

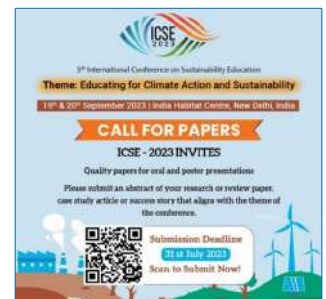
International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE)



The 5th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2023 is going to be held at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 19th and 20th September 2023. To discuss and update the partners and experts about the conference, the 15th Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, chaired by Mr. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Founder and Director of CEE, was successfully held on

15th May 2023. Deliberations on the program schedule, thematic sessions, venue, exhibitions etc. were made during the meeting.

Several esteemed national and international organizations including Centre for Environment Education (CEE), TERI, WWF, Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Population Foundation of India (PFI) etc. have confirmed their participation for the conference. The ICSE 2023 promises to be a momentous occasion, bringing together experts and partners from diverse backgrounds to share their views regarding sustainability education and climate action. Registration is open in online and offline mode for participation in the conference. The Concept note and brochure are available on the website, along with details on the call for papers, abstract submission guidelines, and scholarship proforma. For more details about the conference kindly visit: <http://www.icse-esd.org/index.php>. Let's come together to drive positive change and pave the way for a sustainable future.



Youth for Earth 2023



The Youth for Earth 2023 Campaign, a collaborative initiative by Mobius Foundation and The Climate Project Foundation, India, and South Asia, is dedicated to empowering the youth of India and South Asia in their efforts towards environmental conservation through innovative initiatives and projects. This year's campaign focuses on SDG 13-Climate Action, aiming to create a significant impact. To spread the word about the campaign, concept note, posters and various creatives have been released across various social media channels. The response has been remarkable, with an impressive 195 registrations pouring in from around the world, including countries like Uganda, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, demonstrating its global appeal. Several esteemed organizations, including Eco-Network, Global Shapers (Gurugram and Nagpur), and TalVer Ventures, have partnered with the campaign to inspire and mobilize youth towards taking tangible actions in protecting the environment. Participants are encouraged to submit their project reports following the format, available on the website <http://icse-esd.org/youth-for-earth-2023.php>. A noteworthy incentive awaits the winners of the Junior and Senior categories, as they will be recognized and honored for their exceptional projects at 5th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2023. The conference will take place at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on September 19 and 20, 2023, making it a fantastic opportunity to showcase their efforts on a global stage.



Join Youth for Earth 2023 Campaign! Together, let's take action and contribute to a greener and more sustainable world.

Aakar



Project Aakar: Empowering people of High TFR districts to take informed decisions in shaping their family size

The Mobius Foundation's Project Aakar operates in 100 villages, 50 each in the High Total Fertility districts of Bahraich and Shravasti. Its goal is to address population stabilization as a root cause of overconsumption and climate disasters by bridging the gaps in unmet needs, education, and awareness related to family planning methods. The project has gained acceptance from district administration, health officials, and various stakeholders since its launch on July 11th, 2022. Project Aakar focuses on eliminating social barriers faced by newlywed couples in rural areas, where discussing family planning is considered taboo. Specialized counseling services are provided to help couples navigate these constraints and make informed decisions.

To expand the reach of project Aakar, the Mobius Foundation has partnered with the Population Foundation of India to operate in the Jarwal block. This partnership aims to develop a model for family planning mechanics and seek approval from the state government for scaling up at the district and state levels.

Ongoing activities in Bahraich and Shravasti districts include distributing morning-after pills, providing the Champion Maa Baap (parents) card, celebrating Khushal Parivar Diwas (Happy Family Day), facilitating Antara Injection administration, offering IUCDs to willing females, and supporting counseled individuals ready for tubectomy and Non-Scalpel Vasectomy procedures.



World's Largest Climate Clock Assembly and Display Event



Mobius Foundation joined Energy Swaraj Foundation's Climate Clock event on Earth Day 2023. The Clock showcased the limited time left to prevent 1.5°C global warming, emphasizing the urgent need for climate action as the world faces the consequences of a changed climate.

Viram: Agenda Sustainability

The project 'VIRAM- Agenda Sustainability', a year-long campaign of Mobius Foundation in partnership with 'TV Today Network', is focused on the impact of overpopulation on the most pressing environmental problems. Following the launch event, episodes on climate change, air pollution, water pollution and biodiversity has been released which showcased the connection between population being the key factor for driving climate change, environmental degradation, increased pollution in urban areas. The latest episode on World Biodiversity Day illustrated the importance of biodiversity and what we can do to protect it. The related posts were shared on MF's social media handles as well.



Articles

Tiger bonds will encourage private capital participation in conservation

The article discusses the concept of Tiger Bond, developed at the think tank, which is a financial instrument that will augment funding for the effective management of tiger reserves and will empower our initiatives towards the conservation of tigers.

Author: Mr. Praveen Garg, Advisor, Mobius Foundation and Mr. Pawan Rathore, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation

Published in: Business Standard, 14 April 2023

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/opinion/columns/tiger-bonds-will-encourage-private-capital-participation-in-conservation-123041400596_1.html



Turning a blind eye? As forgetfulness around the Joshimath crisis can pave way for similar disasters, there is a need for transparent and accountable recalibration of development projects

The article critically evaluates the incidents of land subsidence in Joshimath. It highlights the consequences of 'turning a blind eye' to the warnings by experts and environmentalists about the fragility of the Himalayan ecosystems. Further, the authors also advocate for the need for more balanced development, sustainable tourism and a rigorous environmental clearance process for developmental projects to protect the fragile ecosystems in the Himalayas and prioritize community safety.

Author: Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation, and Dr. Sandip Tanu Mandal, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation

Published in: Millennium Post, 31st May 2023

Link: <https://www.millenniumpost.in/opinion/turning-a-blind-eye-520386>



A challenging opportunity: GH2 technology can lead India's energy security in a decarbonising world, but only if challenges of technological adoption, water management, and infrastructure development are addressed

The article discusses the potential of green hydrogen as a game-changing fuel for achieving energy security and reducing carbon emissions. It emphasizes the need for technological advancements, water management, and infrastructure development to successfully transition to green hydrogen. Proud to contribute to the conversation on clean energy and its impact on India's future.

Author: Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation, and Dr. Arun Kumar, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation

Published in: Millennium Post, 20th June 2023

Link: <https://www.millenniumpost.in/epaper/pdf/delhi/2023/06/20/delhi-20june2023/5791>



Participation and Representation

► An event was organised by prestigious Miranda House College (NIRF Rank 1, NAAC A++), University of Delhi on 17 May 2023, at India International Centre, New Delhi in collaboration with The Geostrata, a youth-led Indian think tank standing for a distinctly Indian take on world affairs. Dr Ram Boojh was a part of the panel discussion on Global South Priorities at CoP 28: Public Policy Innovations.

► Dr. Ram Boojh's article on E-Waste Management Rules (2022): The Expert Opinion was published in H.M.E Waste Management's Eco Tech Talks a quarterly newsletter on Sustainability and Waste Management.



E-WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES (2022): THE EXPERT OPINION



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Electronic waste rules have been evolving over the years in India. The first set of rules were introduced in 2011 and implemented in 2012, which included the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to ensure safe disposal of electronic products by producers. The 2016 rules, amended in 2018, introduced provisions to promote product stewardship and authorization, along with the establishment of Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO).

Major issues with earlier versions (2011-2018) of e-waste rules

- Although stakeholders' authorization is crucial, a deficient monitoring system and a lack of transparency have led to non-compliance.
- The majority of refurbishers and repair shops operate without authorization from the Central Pollution Control Board of India.
- Many formal recyclers only handle e-waste up to the pre-processing or segregation stage, and then transfer it to the informal sector, which is a clear violation of the law.

Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)



A workshop on Menstrual Health Management was conducted by teachers of Gyan Anant Vidyalaya in AKP Inter College, Hapur. It was organized by Sandesh Foundation.

Good menstrual health and hygiene practices can prevent infections, reduce odours and help girls to stay comfortable during period. The objective of the program was to enhance the knowledge regarding menstrual hygiene and increased the awareness among the students. During the workshop, the students are told about the science behind menstruation and the myths surrounding it.



Digital Campaign

#BEESustainable

Impressions 83,954 | Reach 56,618 | Engagement 10,555



#ThinkTank

Impressions 31,890 | Reach 13,455 | Engagement 4,499



Wisdom Hour

MF in its wisdom hour has covered 4th episode 'Coastal Seas' of Our planet, a British nature documentary, narrated by David Attenborough. The episode investigates the abundance of life that resides in the shallow water along the different coastlines of our world. 90% of marine life, including deadly sharks and menial urchins, is found in coastal seas. The human race must triumph in the conflict of protecting these habitats.



Environmental Days

July 2023	11 World Population Day		14 World Chimpanzee Day	26 International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystems
	28 World Nature Conservation Day		29 International Tiger Day	
August 2023	10 World Lion Day	12 World Elephant Day	19 World Orangutan Day	22 National Honey Bee Day
September 2023	12 World Dolphin Day	15 World Cleanup Day	16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	18 World Water Monitoring Day
	21 Zero Emissions Day	22 Car Free Day/ World Rhino Day	26 World Environmental Health Day	29 World Rivers Day/ International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

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