

“Today, we are in the process of tiger conservation, why is it important? Because we are destroying the eco-balance, and we have to prevent that in the long run. The conservation of wetlands, tigers is important if we want to preserve the ecosystem.”

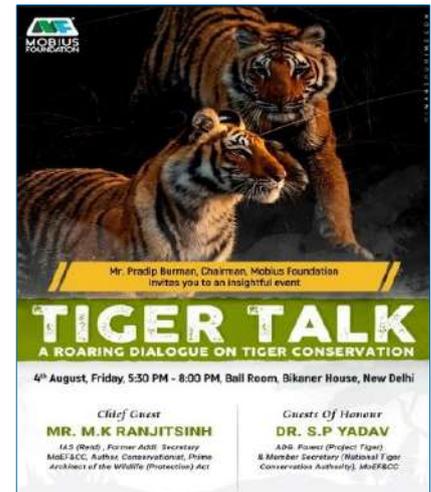
... **Mr. Pradip Burman**, Chairperson, Mobius Foundation

TIGER TALK: A ROARING DIALOGUE ON TIGER CONSERVATION

“If given the chance, animals have the incredible ability to make a comeback. Providing them with a suitable environment is crucial to their survival and prosperity.”

... **Shri. M K Ranjitsinh**, IAS (Retd) Former Addl. Secretary MoEF&CC, Author, Conservationist, Prime Architect of the Wildlife (Protection) Act

Mobius Foundation organized an event ‘**TIGER TALK: a roaring dialogue on tiger conservation**’, to raise awareness about the challenges tiger conservation is facing and to reflect on the potential solutions and innovations which could resolve them. The event took place on 4 August 2023, at Bikaner House, New Delhi, where esteemed experts- Dr. M. K. Ranjitsinh, IAS (Retd.), Dr. S. P. Yadav, Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Dr. Sejal Worah, Programme Director, WWF India and Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation discussed the latest detailed tiger census data and brainstormed creative solutions to finance tiger conservation like tiger bonds concept developed in MF Think Tank. The event also displayed curated tiger photography of renowned photographers from across the country.



5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE) 2023



The 5th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2023, scheduled on **19th & 20th September 2023** at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, is around the corner. Under the vision of

Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation, to encourage collective action to address the global challenge of climate change, the conference will focus on the need to engage the participants toward a shift from dialogue to action for sustainability and to catalyse the transition to build the knowledge, skill and attitude needed to drive meaningful transformation towards climate action and sustainability.

Adding to the significance of the event, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be gracing the inaugural ceremony of the 5th ICSE 2023 with his presence. The conference will feature six plenary sessions and



18 parallel thematic sessions, with numerous distinguished speakers and experts spreading the message on climate action and sustainability education. Among the confirmed in-person speakers are **Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai**, Founder and Director of CEE; Shri Atul Bagai, Country Head of UNEP-India; **Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi**, Founder of HESCO; **Shri Ravi Singh**, Secretary General & CEO of WWF-India; **Ms. Antonella Vassallo**, Managing Director of the International Ocean Institute in Malta and many more. Additionally, **Dr. Jane Goodall**, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace, and **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), will be sharing video messages.



To join this enriching experience filled with wisdom and grandeur, please register at <https://www.icse-esd.org/alp-registration-2023.php>.

100 SCHOOL PROGRAM: EMPOWERING UNDERPRIVILEGED GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION

Mobius Foundation is thrilled to announce the signing of a momentous Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mobius Foundation and the Lotus Petal Foundation, marking the official commencement of “100 School Project.” This project is a vital step towards providing quality education to underprivileged rural girls in Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh, and Sheopur and Satna in Madhya Pradesh.



Under the visionary guidance of Mr. Burman, and with the unwavering leadership of Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation, MF embarks on this transformative journey. Mrs. Poonam Parihar, Operational Manager, Mobius Foundation and Ms. Jessica Gill, Senior Research Associate, Mobius Foundation will be spearheading the efforts in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, respectively. Their proactive visits to the project areas have allowed them to gain valuable insights into the specific needs and challenges faced by these communities.

MF is truly excited about the positive impact it can collectively make in the lives of these girls through the power of education.

YOUTH FOR EARTH 2023



The ‘Youth for Earth’ campaign empowers youth to showcase their environment-friendly actions and tell the world that change begins with them. It involves on-ground efforts that lead to a more sustainable planet. This year around 195 teams across the India and South Asian countries participated in the campaign and submitted 74 projects in both junior and senior categories under various themes like climate change, Waste management, Air pollution, Energy efficiency and Conservation, etc. The submitted entries were evaluated by jury members actively engaged in the fields of sustainability and the environment. During the “Youth Conclave” at the 5th ICSE 2023, 5 outstanding change-makers from the junior category and 5 from the senior category will receive cash prizes.



Glimpses of “TEAM TAMIRA” Winner from senior category

GLOBAL ESG CONFERENCE AND PRITHVI AWARDS



Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation attended the esteemed Global ESG Conference and Prithvi Awards at Hotel Shangri la Eros, New Delhi. He had the privilege of being a Guest of Honour and jury member for selecting the winners of Prithvi Awards. It was an inspiring experience for him, witnessing outstanding talents being recognized and celebrated for their remarkable contribution. The event was testament to the growing recognition that sustainable practices are not just an ethical imperative but also a vital component of building resilient and successful organization.



AAKAR

Project Aakar has completed one year of its dedicated service in Bahraich and Shravasti districts of Uttar Pradesh. Over the past 12 months, the team has tirelessly worked to address the critical family planning requirements and bridged the gaps of unmet needs.

With unwavering commitment, Project Aakar has achieved significant milestones including the facilitation of 262 tubectomy, 31 Non-Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV), administrations of Antra injections and distribution of 472 morning-after pills. These numbers are not just statistics, they are a testament to the positive impact that the project made on the lives of individuals and families in these communities. Mobius Foundation extend its heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team, and the resilient communities of Bahraich and Shravasti.



Distribution of Mala-D



Male with Non-Scalpel Vasectomy certificate



GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)

Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV) organized a fire training session under the direction of Dr. Poonam Minhas, Principal, GAV, Mr. Dheeraj Kumar, Group4Security and Mr. Bahadur Rai. During the session, information about methods and practices of fire-fighting were presented to the students through activities. They were also described safety measures such as avoiding elevator in case of emergency alarm and use of fire extinguishers. Mrs. Sarika, Vice-principal, GAV concluded the session by acknowledging the fire brigade team and fire officers for sparing their invaluable time for students.



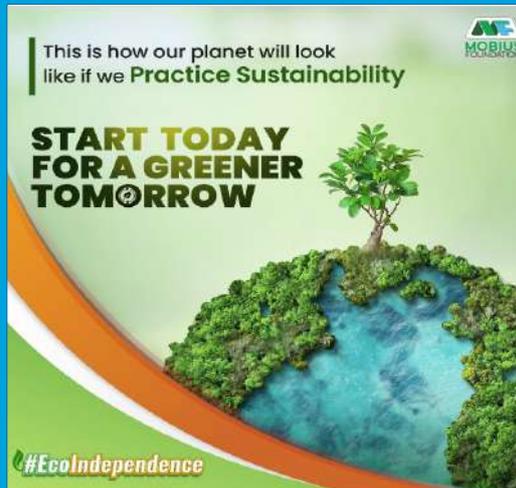
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Impressions 318,044

Reach 272,846

Engagement 11,324



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Imperilled kidneys of nature
Governmental endeavours, though praiseworthy, lack the depth required for safeguarding the vast expanse of wetlands scattered across India, all of which yearn for equal attention.

Pradip Burman & Sandip Tanu Mandal

Wetlands, one of the most productive ecosystems on the planet, which called the 'kidneys of nature', are facing a dire future. A recent study published in 2021 in the *Science of the Total Environment* estimated that 71 per cent of the world's wetlands have been lost since 2000. The loss of wetlands is a major concern as they are home to a vast array of biodiversity and play a crucial role in regulating the climate, filtering pollutants, and providing a natural buffer against flooding and drought.

In India, the loss of wetlands is a significant concern. The country has lost over 50 per cent of its wetlands since 2000. This is primarily due to the rapid pace of urbanisation, industrialisation, and agricultural expansion. The loss of wetlands is not only a threat to biodiversity but also to the livelihoods of millions of people who depend on them for their survival.

Governmental efforts to protect wetlands in India have been limited. The Wetlands Conservation and Management Rules, 2002, provide a framework for the protection of wetlands, but the implementation of these rules has been slow and uneven. Many wetlands are still being lost to development and agriculture.

It is time for the government to take a more proactive approach to the protection of wetlands. This includes strengthening the regulatory framework, increasing the budget for wetland conservation, and involving local communities in the management of wetlands.

Wetlands are not just a natural resource; they are a lifeline for millions of people. We must act now to protect them for the future.

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