

MARCH DIARY

“The value of wetlands lies not just in their beauty but in their ability to sustain life and promote well-being and the beauty of nature is a gift that should never be taken for granted. Let’s cherish it and ensure its survival.”

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

WETLANDS FOR WELL-BEING: PRESERVING INDIA’S WETLANDS

Mobius Foundation organized a panel discussion on the 23rd of February 2024, at the premises of Travancore House, KG Marg, New Delhi, to discuss the challenges and solutions to protect and conserve wetlands in India.

The event was moderated by **Ms. Neha Sinha**, Head of Policy and Communications, WWF India, Conservation Biologist and Author. The esteemed panellists were **Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta**, IFS (Retd.), Ex Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force, West Bengal, **Dr. Ritesh Kumar**, Director, Wetlands International South Asia, **Dr. Aditya Joshi**, ex PCCF, HOFF, CWLW – Manipur, Advisor- Think Tank, Mobius Foundation, and **Mr. Suresh Babu SV**, Senior Director – Ecological Footprints, WWF India.



Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of wetlands and threw light on the role of wetlands in maintaining the balance in the planet’s ecosystems and climate. The event included a keynote speech by **Dr. Suneesh Buxy**, Member Secretary, Delhi Wetlands Authority, followed by a presentation by **Mr. Ramveer Tanwar**, popularly known as the Pond Man of India, on Pond restoration in the Delhi NCR.

Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation in conclusion highlighted the importance and necessity of protecting wetlands for a sustainable future of our planet. He also shared how Mobius Foundation is committed towards sustainability through its various initiatives.



Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation delivering inaugural speech



The esteemed panellists- from left (Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta, Dr. Aditya Joshi, Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Mr. Suresh Babu and Neha Sinha (moderator))



Mr. Pradip Burman and Mr. Praveen Garg felicitated the panellists and the invited dignitaries post-event

WORLD WETLANDS DAY CELEBRATION AT ASOLA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, NEW DELHI

Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation, has been invited as a distinguished panellist at the World Wetlands Day celebration organized by the Wetland Authority of Delhi on February 2nd, 2024. Held against the stunning backdrop of Neeli Jheel within the Asola Wildlife Sanctuary, the event featured a compelling panel discussion highlighting the critical importance of wetlands and the urgent need for heightened awareness and citizen engagement in their conservation.



Dr. Suneesh Buxy, Member Secretary, SWA, Delhi felicitating Mr. Praveen Garg, President, MF



Mr. Praveen Garg, President, MF delivering speech during the event

Mr. Garg's participation exemplified Mobius Foundation's commitment to environmental stewardship and community involvement, marking a significant contribution to the dialogue on preserving our planet's precious ecosystems.

GYAN KANYA SHAKTI: 100 SCHOOL PROGRAM



Madhya Pradesh: Arti Kol of class 8th at Govt. Girls Middle School, Unchehra, Satna, one of the schools under Mobius Foundation's Gyan Kanya Shakti –100 Schools Program, has qualified scholarship test of 12,000 per year from class 9th to 12th, conducted under National Means-cum-merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS). She belongs to village Harda, post Pahadi, block Unchehra, district Satna and currently lives in Netaji Subhaash Chandra Bose Chhatrawaas, Unchehra. Her father Shri Ramakant Kol, is a labourer and mother Smt. Rajwati Kol is a housewife. Arti is the eldest of the four siblings in her family. Her village is located in one of the remotest parts of Satna with very limited access to most resources.



Ms. Neha Chaudhary, Coordinator, MF with Arti Kol

Uttar Pradesh: Mobius remains steadfast in its commitment to empower young girls across Uttar Pradesh through collaborative endeavours. The Lotus Petal Foundation is gearing up for the endline examinations scheduled for March 2024. These assessments will play a crucial role in evaluating academic progress and identifying areas where additional support needed. Concurrently, Ms. Poonam Parihar, Operation Manager, Mobius Foundation conducted a comprehensive survey to pinpoint potential schools in Uttar Pradesh for future implementation of the Gyan Kanya Shakti program. The Education Department has granted permission for expansion into districts such as Banda, Hamirpur, Mahoba, and Kaushambi, highlighting the program's growing impact and reach.

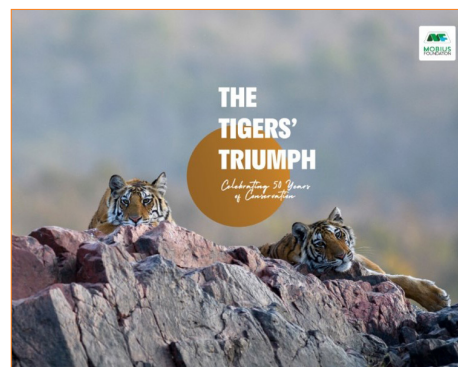


Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh

PUBLICATION

THE TIGERS' TRIUMPH: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION

The Mobius Foundation's 'Tigers' Triumph' celebrates 50 years of Project Tiger, a crucial initiative that saved the Bengal tiger from extinction. It explores the project's history, from its inception to its success in reintroducing tigers to reserves like Panna and Sariska. Emphasizing the enriching discussions held during the Mobius Foundation's "Tiger Talk" event on 4th August 2023, the publication delves into the complexities, victories, and expert perspectives surrounding tiger conservation, including the introduction of 'tiger bonds' concept. Providing profound insights into securing a brighter future for these magnificent creatures, "Tigers' Triumph" offers valuable information for those passionate about India's wildlife conservation journey.



BIOGAS/COMPRESSED BIOGAS (CBG) PROJECT

Mobius Foundation is working towards renewable energy by aiming to establish a pilot-scale Biogas/CBG Plant capable of processing 20 tons per day of cattle dung at the Gaushala of Dhyan Foundation in Chakulia Block, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. The goal is to address the challenge of cow dung disposal at the gaushala, currently managed in open heaps emitting methane.

MF team visited the Gaushala for proposed Biogas/CBG project on February 26th-27th, 2024 where they assessed the site, gauged its operations, examine the conditions and determined the optimal technology for the Biogas Plant.



Dhyan Foundation's Gaushala in Chakulia, Jharkhand



Map view of Gaushala at Jharkhand

YOUTH FOR EARTH



Youth for Earth (Y4E) campaign, a joint initiative of Mobius Foundation and The Climate Project Foundation, India & South Asia, aims to celebrate and spread the actions and projects undertaken by youth leaders and change makers towards environmental conservation. Youth for Earth 2024 was successfully launched on February 15, 2024. This year, the Y4E campaign is focused on "Green Education and Action for a Sustainable Future." The Concept Note and FAQ for Y4E 2024 have been uploaded to the website, and the project submission process for reports is now available on the website. Registration is open, and the deadline for registration is April 15, 2024. The deadline for project submission is July 15, 2024. We invite youth to be a 'Change Maker for Greener Planet' by joining the 'Youth for Earth 2024' campaign.



Registration link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNoYwBic_KbMM_4OwfV6LEuu5f8ES4W0bcWUHGACu1FionQ/viewform.

For more information and updates, please visit our website at <https://www.icse-esd.org/>

AAKAR



Advancing Sustainable Population Management and Social Welfare in Uttar Pradesh

In February 2024, Mobius Foundation continued its relentless efforts toward sustainable population management and social welfare through Project Aakar and Project Ummeed in Uttar Pradesh. A significant achievement was the formal collaboration between Janani and Mobius Foundation, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to commence Project Aakar in the Uttar Pradesh district of Siddharthnagar. By means of this partnership, Project Aakar now has a presence in eight contiguous districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Additionally, Mobius Foundation, in collaboration with the Population Foundation of India, signed an MoU to expand Project Aakar in six districts: Sitapur, Bahraich, Barabanki, Balrampur, Gonda, and Unnao. This expansion was supported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, as evidenced by the approval received from Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Director General, Health Family Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh.



MoU signed with Population Foundation of India



MoU signed with Janani

GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)



Inter House Quiz Competition

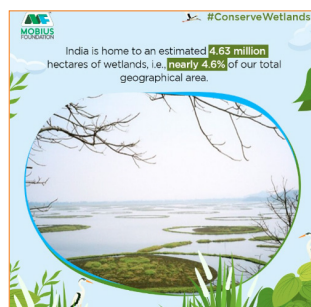
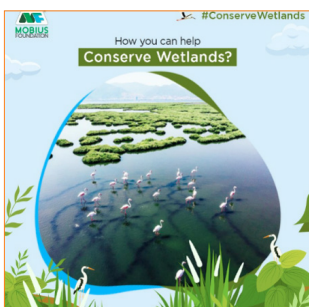
An inter-house quiz competition was held at Gyan Anant Vidyalaya on the 8th of February 2024. This competition was among four houses Pawak, Neer, Vasudha and Marut. Every house had 7 participants from grades 3 to 9. 'Know your leaders' was the sole topic of the quiz with questions centred around it. Students participated with great enthusiasm and zeal.

Dr. Poonam Minhas, Principal, GAV praised the winning team and educated the children about the qualities of outstanding leaders. She underlined to the students and encouraged them that we shouldn't let a loss depress us. Taking part is what matters most.



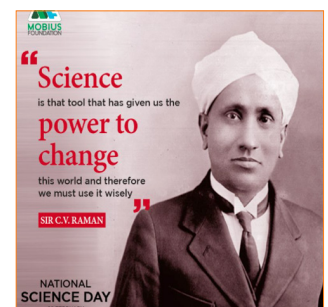
DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

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Impressions 1,107,841 | Reach 935,460 | Engagement 26,738

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Impressions 122,267 | Reach 91,440 | Engagement 4,855

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