

“Continuous environmental degradation stems from two primary factors: the evolving nature of our economy driven by rapid technological advancements, and the exponential growth of the human population.”

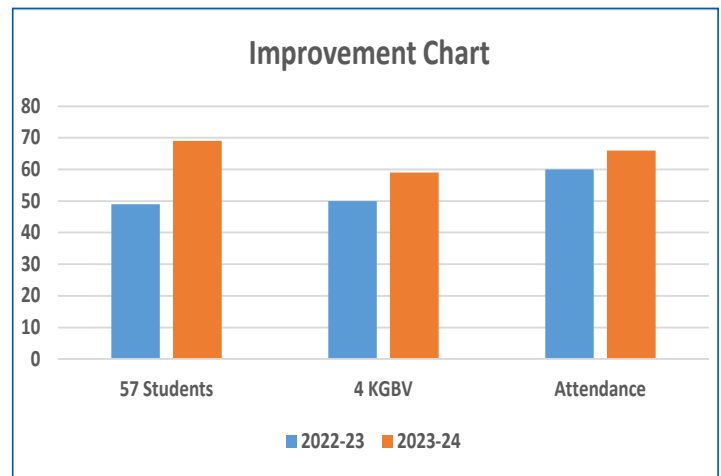
. . . Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation

GYAN KANYA SHAKTI: 100 SCHOOL PROGRAM



In **Uttar Pradesh**, this May, Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS) project has conducted formal examinations, revealing significant improvements compared to the previous year. The students' scores reflected the positive impact of interactive classes and efforts to foster interest in studies.

Analysis of the results shows a **9%** increase in average marks compared to the 2022-23 academic year. Additionally, **57 students** exhibited remarkable progress, with their marks improving by **17%**. Attendance also saw a **6.75%** increase compared to last year, further demonstrating the project's overall impact.



As part of the project, a room was set up with BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) paintings and stocked with library books at KGBV Shivrampur to cultivate reading habits among students. Moreover, the Health Department organized an MHM (Menstrual Hygiene Management) workshop for adolescent girls at KGBV Pahari on International MHM Day.

Encouraged by the positive outcomes of the pilot project in Chitrakoot's 4 KGBV, the program will expand to new districts after the summer break, aiming to continue motivating and empowering students.



BaLA Painting, KGBV, Shivrampur, Uttar Pradesh MHM Day, KGBV, Shivrampur, Uttar Pradesh Government Girls School, Ganaur, Panna, Madhya Pradesh

In **Madhya Pradesh**, on 14th May 2024, a Govt. Girls High School, Gunaur, Panna, Madhya Pradesh, is one of the new schools being adopted by Mobius Foundation under Gyaan Kanya Shakti. Nearly 500+ girls are enrolled in the school to which Mobius Foundation will sponsor the new borewell in tandem with the technical support from the Panna Dist. Administration as there is shortage of clean water. On 15th May 2024, Ms. Jessica Gill, Senior Research Associate and Ms. Neha Chaudhary, Program Coordinator had a meeting Mr. Suresh Sharma, IAS, Collector, Panna who took cognizance of the borewell issue and offered full technical support from the administration end.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE) 2024



Registrations for the 6th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2024 are now open! The deadline for 'Early Bird' registrations is 15th July 2024. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of a ground-breaking event shaping the future of education for sustainability. To register, please visit <https://icse-esd.org/alp-registration-2024.php>.

The ICSE Secretariat is diligently working to ensure that the 2024 conference will be a landmark event. We are curating insightful sessions, and forging partnerships with esteemed national and international organizations for collaboration. We are also preparing a comprehensive database of universities, consultancies, corporations, and schools that prioritize environmental education. Additionally, we are shortlisting thematic areas for the sessions to ensure a diverse and impactful range of discussions.

Join us at ICSE 2024 to be part of this crucial dialogue on sustainability education and to contribute to the global effort in greening education for a sustainable future.



YOUTH FOR EARTH



The Youth for Earth campaign has received an overwhelming response with **306 projects submitted nationally and internationally, including participants from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka**. This year's competition promises to be more intense than before, featuring a new evaluation process designed to ensure the highest quality projects and to encourage each participant to strive for excellence and make their projects stand out.

The jury teams for project evaluation have been finalized. Participants must submit their project reports by July 15, 2024. The campaign guidelines and report format are available on our ICSE website.

Winners and their projects from the Junior and Senior categories will be showcased and awarded at the **6th International Conference on Sustainability Education 2024 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on September 19 and 20, 2024.**

For guidelines and the report format, please visit <https://www.icse-esd.org/youth-for-earth-2024.php>.



AAKAR



Enhancing Family Planning and Community Health: Insights from Janani, Ummeed 2.0, and Ummeed Initiative

Aakar- Sidharthnagar

The Janani initiative currently provides Clinical Outreach Team (COT) services in the district, focusing on the mini-lap service. The COT team comprises an OT technician, staff nurse, counsellor, surgeon, manager, and multitasking staff. By the end of May 2024, the team performed 24 Female Sterilization Techniques (FST) procedures. The Janani initiative is addressing the community's needs effectively through COT services. Strengthening on-ground reach and mobilizing beneficiaries will enhance the impact, making it a significant intervention in the district.

Ummeed 2.0

This May was dedicated to assessing family planning needs across selected districts- **Sitapur, Unnao, Barabanki, Gonda, Bahraich, Balrampur**. The team visited Community Health Centre (CHCs), Primary Health Centre (PHCs) and Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), completing checklists and questionnaires to evaluate existing family planning services and identify locations for establishing FP corners. These FP corners are planned to be inaugurated on World Population Day, 11th July 2024, with key stakeholders from State and district levels invited.



Ummeed

Ummeed project team actively engaged in community activities and on-ground efforts. Field facilitators and officers covered various blocks, attending cluster meetings and conducting workshops on family planning methods. Key events included an ANM Cluster Meeting at the CHC on May 14th, discussing weekly oral contraceptive pills, Chaya, with Ummeed project managers, field officers, and ANMs. On May 28th, World Menstrual Hygiene Day was celebrated at Fatima Girls Inter College in Jarwal, featuring educational plays, Q&A sessions, games, and distribution of gifts and sanitary pads, attended by students and local officials. Lastly, a Jan Arogya Samiti meeting on May 31st was held at CHC to discuss the structure and functioning of JAS, with participation from CHOs, Medical Officers, DCPM, and PFI representatives.

Ground Realities: A success story from the field

“I need to lead by example”, says Babita Devi, FP Champion, village Bhambhaura, block Jarwal, district Bahraich

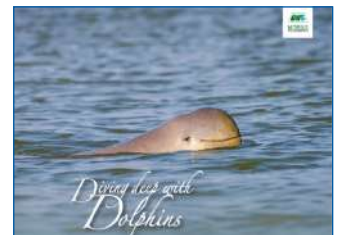
Babita Devi, is a Samuh Sakhi (SHG leader) in her village. When she came into contact with Awdhesh, Field Officer, UMEED project, Babita was inspired to join the project activities as a volunteer and work for empowering women in her community to adopt family planning as a means to achieving better physical and mental wellbeing. For months Babita helped the UMEED team mobilize and sensitize women on family planning. But the real test came when her own family started planning the wedding of her 17 year old daughter. Babita stood steadfast by her daughter's side and ensured that the marriage plans were called off. Today, Babita specifically visits households with teenage daughters and counsels the parents against marrying them young. She says “I have counselled nearly 250 families against child marriage. I too will not marry my daughter early and others will follow my example”



PUBLICATIONS

‘Diving Deep with Dolphins-From Surviving to Thriving’ - Publication in the MF newsletter.

The Mobius Foundation's ‘Diving Deep with Dolphins-From Surviving to Thriving’ publication offers a comprehensive overview of dolphins, exploring their historical significance and current status in India. It offers insights into dolphin populations and explores the intricate ecology and biology of species such as the Ganges River Dolphin, Indus River Dolphin, and Irrawaddy Dolphin. Additionally, the publication underscores the myriad threats facing these majestic creatures, including habitat degradation, poaching, pollution, and human-induced disturbances. It goes beyond mere depiction of challenges by providing actionable recommendations to mitigate these risks and ensure the sustained conservation of dolphin populations in India. Furthermore, it delves into the captivating subject of the ‘Personhood Status of Dolphins in India’, adding another layer of depth to the discourse.



ARTICLES

Biogas Slurry for Sustainable Agriculture

The article highlights the transformative potential of biogas slurry (BGS) in sustainable agriculture, exploring how government initiatives like GOBARdhan promote eco-friendly farming. It examines BGS's role in improving soil health and enhancing crop yields, while also discussing biogas production, biogas slurry benefits, and applications in agriculture. Furthermore, the authors address the connection between biogas slurry and organic farming benefits, provide specific examples and case studies from India, expand on how BGS can directly replace chemical fertilizers, and address potential challenges or limitations in implementing biogas slurry at scale.

Authors: Dr. Deepti Rai, Senior Research Fellow, Mobius Foundation and Dr. Bhagyashree Kesharwani, Project Associate, Mobius Foundation.

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Link: <https://agriculturetoday.in/magazine/magazine-april-2024>.



‘India’s Wetlands: The Economic Marvels’

The article highlights the often-underestimated economic prowess of India’s wetlands, portraying them not as mere ecological sanctuaries but as economic marvels driving the nation’s prosperity. It discusses the diverse of wetlands in water management, flood control, biodiversity support, fisheries, eco-tourism and more. Despite their economic significance, wetlands face threats like land conversion, unsustainable resource extraction and pollution. It is imperative that their economic value be recognized and integrated into national planning and decision-making processes. This necessitates comprehensive economic valuation studies, community involvement, and the implementation of incentive schemes for conservation. The path forward involves empowering local communities, raising awareness, and securing funding for long-term conservation efforts. It’s time to embrace these natural treasures as vital assets for our economic well-being and pave the way for a future where prosperity flourishes in harmony with nature’s silent riches.

Authors: Mr. Praveen Garg, IAS (Retd.), President, Mobius Foundation and Ms. Paridhi Jain, Project Associate, Mobius Foundation.

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Link: <https://www.millenniumpost.in/opinion/an-economic-imperative-563111>

Booming tourism in Lahaul and Spiti district: Boon or doom?

The article highlights the challenges and opportunities surrounding the recent tourism boom in Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. Tourist arrivals in 2023 have skyrocketed by 524% since 2019, bringing economic benefits to the region. However, this rapid growth also raises concerns about the impacts of ‘over-tourism’ on the eco-fragile high-altitude cold deserts of Lahaul & Spiti. The newly opened Atal Tunnel has made the area more accessible year-round. This area is now experiencing similar struggles as Ladakh, with increased waste, water scarcity, and pollution from tourism. The National Green Tribunal has even issued a notice to MOEF&CC, state government and local governments due to environmental degradation. Limited hotel and homestay capacity during peak seasons could further strain infrastructure. To ensure sustainable tourism, authorities need to implement regulations on the number of tourists and vehicles, promote eco-friendly practices, and develop efficient waste management systems.

Authors: Dr. Aditya Joshi, Mobius Foundation and Dr. Sandeep Tanu Mandal, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation.

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Great Place to Work

We Did It Again! Celebrating Fourth Year as a Great Place to Work

We are thrilled to announce that for the fourth year in a row, Mobius Foundation has been recognized as a “Great Place to Work”! This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and positive spirit that each of our employees brings to the workplace every day.



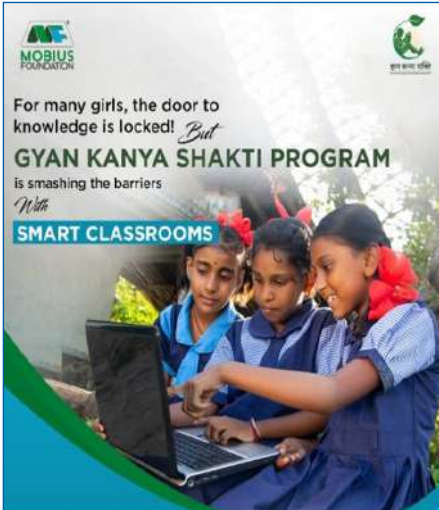
GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)



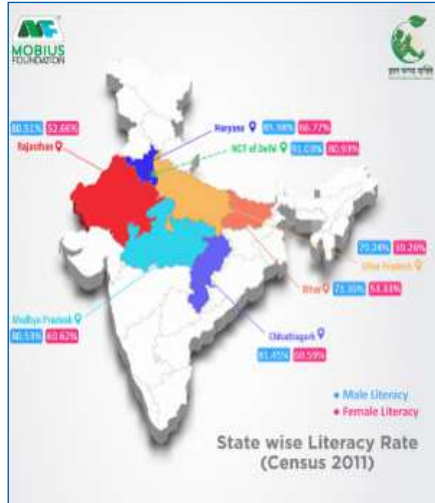
We are delighted to announce that GAV has successfully achieved CBSE affiliation up to Class 12th. Previously affiliated up to Class 10th, this new milestone allows our students to complete their education through to Class 12th without any interruptions. This achievement underscores our commitment to providing comprehensive and continuous education for all our students.

DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

#GyanKanyaShakti



Impressions 48,567 | Reach 15,458 | Engagement 4,784



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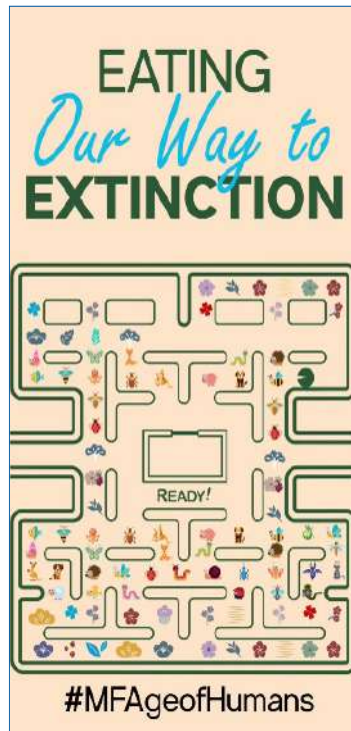


Impressions 84,641 | Reach 61,539 | Engagement 1,454

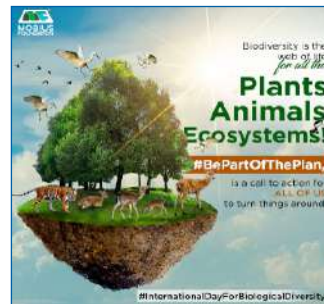
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Impressions 1,47,602 | Reach 1,22,711 | Engagement 7,610



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Impressions 82,469 | Reach 37,122 | Engagement 5,723



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Impressions 18,181 | Reach 8,052 | Engagement 4,694

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