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"One thing leads to another: deforestation accelerates climate change, which then triggers the loss of ecosystems, ultimately threatening our livelihoods. It's a vicious cycle that we cannot afford to ignore. What happened in Kanchan Gachibowli, Hyderabad, is heart-wrenching. If we are to ensure that future generations have access to clean water and food, we must take immediate action to halt all deforestation in India. The time to act is now."

- Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation

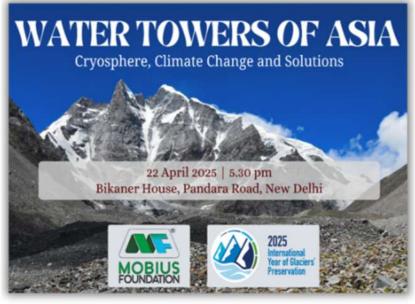


Panel Discussion –

Water Towers of Asia: Cryosphere, Climate Change, and Solutions

The United Nations has declared 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation. Also, starting in 2025, 21st March will be recognized as the World Day of Glaciers. To address these pressing issues and celebrate the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, Mobius Foundation will organize a panel discussion titled 'Water Towers of Asia: Cryosphere, Climate Change, and Solutions' on 22nd April, 2025 at Bikaner House, New Delhi.

The esteemed panelists for the event include Mr. Brij Mohan Singh Rathore, IFS, Ex-Joint Secretary - Ministry of Environment, Forests and



Climate Change; Ex-Chief Policy Advisor, ICIMOD, Kathmandu; Prof. A.P. Dimri, Director of the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism in Mumbai; Prof. Anil Kulkarni, Distinguished Visiting Scientist at the Divecha Center for Climate Change, IISc Bangalore; Captain (Retd.) Anurag Bisen, Senior Fellow at the Vivekananda International Foundation in New Delhi; and Dr. Sulagna Chattopadhyay, Secretary General of the LIGHTS Foundation and Editor-in-Chief at Geography and You, who will serve as the moderator. This event will bring together academics, experts, and stakeholders to explore challenges and solutions related to the Himalayan cryosphere, climate change, ecosystems, water security, and policies.

Registration link: https://forms.gle/BGmhdL7GxFpSnaYc9

Here are some fascinating facts and stats about glaciers

Global

- Coverage: Glaciers cover approximately 10% of the Earth's land surface, totaling around 15 million square kilometers (5.8 million square miles).
- Freshwater Storage: Glaciers store about 68-75% of the world's freshwater, making them the largest reservoir of freshwater on Earth, far surpassing rivers and lakes.

Hindu Kush Himalaya

There are an estimated 54,000 glaciers in the Hindu Kush Himalayas. These glaciers cover 60,000 square kilometers and serve as a major source of the water in the region's rivers, including as much as 40% in the Indus River system.

Indian Himalayas

- Number of Glaciers: There are approximately 15,000 glaciers in the Himalayas.
- Glaciated Area: These glaciers cover an area of about 33,000 square kilometers.
- Significance: The Himalayan glaciers are a major source of water for the Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra Rivers, and they are shrinking due to climate change.



7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE) – 2025

We are thrilled to announce that the 7th International Conference on Sustainable Education (ICSE) 2025 will be held on 17th & 18th September, 2025, at the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. This year's theme, "Sustainability Education for Green Jobs," will explore the role of education in empowering learners, educators and professionals with the skills required for sustainability-driven careers.



The conference will bring together global experts, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss transformative approaches to sustainability education.

The official **ICSE** website is now live and registrations will open at the end of April.



YOUTH FOR EARTH

The 6th edition of Youth for Earth is now live. The **registration** deadline has been extended until 30th April.

This initiative aims to encourage, engage and inspire youth to become changemakers for a better tomorrow. Register your innovative project today and gain recognition on a prestigious 7th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) platform.

Register now and learn more at: Y4E 2025 Website





GYAN KANYA SHAKTI: 100 SCHOOL PROGRAM

UTTAR PRADESH

- **1. Health Camp: Promoting Well-being** Comprehensive health check-ups, consultations, and medication distribution were conducted across all 17 KGBVs, ensuring the health and well-being of every girl student.
- **2.** Eye Camp: Clear Vision, Brighter Futures Free vision screenings were held, and 138 students received spectacles, restoring their sight and boosting their confidence across five districts.
- **3. Women's Day Celebration: Empowering Future Leaders** On 8th March, we commemorated International Women's Day with students attending both online and in-person at Shivrampur and Mau. Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman and Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation addressed all 17 schools virtually, offering words of wisdom and extending Holi greetings.
 - Shivrampur students were gifted a badminton kit from Mobius.
 - Mau students received a cricket kit, fueling their passion for sports.
 - Go Green T-shirts were distributed to promote environmental sustainability awareness.
- **4. District Recce: Charting the Path Forward** Strategic field visits were conducted to explore new expansion opportunities for the upcoming academic year, with 19 additional schools under consideration. Coordinator meetings and planning sessions were held to define the roadmap for future interventions.
- **5. LPF & LSE Classes: Enriching Minds and Skills** Interactive Life Skills Education (LSE) and Lotus Petal Foundation (LPF) sessions were held regularly across all 17 KGBVs, fostering both personal development and academic growth for students.
- **6. Government Collaboration: Building Stronger Partnerships** Mrs. Poonam Parihar delivered a presentation at the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Office in Lucknow, showcasing the project's impact and strengthening collaboration with the Education Department. Key recommendations from the Director of Education were noted, with a focus on aligning GKS initiatives with government educational programs for greater impact.



Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius
Foundation, addressing girls on Women's Day



Girls in Mau playing with cricket kits on Women's Day



Mrs. Poonam presenting at the SSA Office in Lucknow

MADHYA PRADESH

- 1. Health Camps in Sidhi: Reaching the last mile population Health Camps were organized in collaboration with M.P. Birla Hospital, Satna. Over 50 students were screened, and no major health concerns were identified. A team of four doctors conducted the screenings and issued health cards for all the students.
- 2. New Schools Alignment: Forging a way forward: School visits were conducted by Lotus Petal Charitable Foundation (LPCF) team, to assess new schools for the upcoming academic year. A total of 22 schools across five districts—Chhatarpur, Niwari, Umaria, Shahdol and Katni—have been finalized. Baseline needs assessment and IT assets installation are scheduled for June 2025

- 3. Online Training for Ayojikas by LPCF: Empowering the local women Mobius Foundation has onboarded 14 Ayojikas across MP. A training session was organised to familiarize them with their daily responsibilities, including the process of updating online attendance and managing the daily operations of online classes.
- **4. New Session Commences: New Session, New Dreams** Academic Session 2025-26 has officially started with online classes being conducted by LPCF team and life skills sessions by MiVirtue team. Students are exited and enthusiastic, looking forward to their classes.



Health camp in Sidhi organized in collaboration with M.P. Birla Hospital, Satna



School Recce conducted by theLotus Petal
Charitable Foundation (LPCF) team



GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)





Class 5 & UKG Graduation Days – 8th March & 11th March, 2025: Both ceremonies were a testament to the students' hard work and growth, featuring inspiring performances, achievement certificates and encouraging words from the school's leadership team.





Glimpses from UKG and Class 5 Graduation Days with Dr. Poonam <mark>Minhas, Principal and Ms.</mark> Sarika Christopher, Vice Principal



PROJECT AAKAR:

Aakar Janani Project - Siddharthnagar

The team conducted **183 female sterilizations**, often running **two Fixed-Day Service (FDS) sessions** simultaneously. **Counselling camps** at Primary and Community Health Centres were organised to spread awareness on sterilization services and shared FDS schedules with help from district officials. The team joined **cluster meetings** to engage the community. **17 FDS sessions** are planned for April to keep the progress going



Certificate of Appreciation as received from Dr. Rajat Chaurasia, CMO, Siddharthnagar

Mobius Foundation was also felicitated for Excellent Performance and Support in Health & Family Planning Program (2024-25) in Siddharthnagar by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

UMEED

The 13th Health Mela was held in Anbhapur village, Block Jarwal, Bahraich District, to connect the rural community with vital health, nutrition, and family planning services. Over 800 villagers benefited from services such as Ayushman card creation, maternal nutrition support, and health screenings. Key highlights included sanitary napkin distribution, a youthengaging Ludo game, and awareness sessions on women-centric government schemes. A total of 574 people registered; 250+ received counselling and medical assistance, and 37 adopted spacing methods for family planning.



Health Mela organized under Village Anbhapur, Block Jarwal, District Bahraich.

The event was attended by the CHC Superintendent, Gram Pradhan, Medical Officers, and the District Community Program Manager

UMEED 2.0

Advancing family planning (FP) efforts across seven districts

So far, 40 FP corners have been established and 120 trainers from government and private sectors have been trained. The project has completed more than 60 BCC (Behaviour Change Communication) meetings and 162 training batches for ASHAs and ANMs.

A District Working Society (DWS), led by the DM, Chief Health Officer (CHO), or CMO, will be activated soon. New include initiatives mobile screening animated videos on adolescent health and family planning, and a Management Information System (MIS) to track counselling and contraceptive data. Additionally, 118 ASHA Patis will onboarded, and FP Champions meetings will highlight community stories and impact



Dr. Ram Boojh, Dr. Bhagyashree, and Mr. Prabhat's visit at Bhichiya CHC in Unnao district

Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor; Dr. Bhagyashree, Program Associate; and Mr. Prabhat, Project Associate, visited the PFI office and Bhichiya CHC in Unnao district to review project progress. They engaged with counsellors, medical officers, and trained ASHAs and ANMs, who reported improved counselling and growing acceptance of family planning services. Dr. Boojh recommended documenting dashboard queries and developing an FAQ resource for trainees

MOBIUS YOUNG CLIMATE LEADERS FOR HIMALAYAN DEVELOPMENT

Expansion in Six North-Eastern States

As part of its continued efforts to expand the outreach and impact of the Mobius Young Climate Leaders (MYCL) initiative, a significant milestone has been achieved through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with prominent non-governmental organizations (NGOs) across six North-Eastern states of India. This strategic collaboration aims to strengthen the implementation of climate education and youth engagement programs in the ecologically sensitive and culturally rich regions of the Northeast.

The MoUs have been signed with the following partner organizations:

- **1. Mission Foundation Movement (MFM), Mizoram** A well-regarded NGO working at the grassroots level in various social and environmental development sectors in Mizoram.
- **2. Amyaa, Arunachal Pradesh** Known for its strong community-based initiatives and developmental interventions across rural and tribal areas of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **3. Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC), Sikkim** A conservation-oriented NGO deeply involved in biodiversity preservation and environmental awareness in the Himalayan state of Sikkim.
- **4. Aaranyak, Assam** One of the leading scientific and industrial research organizations in North-east India, Aaranyak is actively involved in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management.
- **5. Bakdil, Meghalaya** A well-established voluntary organization with a strong presence in Garo Hills, focusing on health, education, and community development.
- **6. Organisation for Rural Survival (ORS), Tripura** A grassroots NGO dedicated to the sustainable development of rural communities in Tripura, with a strong emphasis on education, environment, and livelihood generation

This collaboration marks a major step forward in the expansion of the MYCL project in 7 states of North Eastern region of the country. The involvement of these NGOs will ensure localized implementation of climate literacy activities, school and youth outreach programs, awareness campaigns, and community engagement, tailored to the socio-cultural and environmental contexts of each state













PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

On the occasion of 'World Wildlife Day 2025' the Conference on "Action for Biodiversity Conservation: Investing in People & Planet" was held on 3rd March, 2025, at Rooftop Hall, Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai. The event was jointly organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry-India Business & Biodiversity Initiative (CII-IBBI) and the India Biodiversity Conservation Alliance (IBCA), with support from the Mobius Foundation. This conference served as a platform for engaging in insightful discussions on biodiversity conservation and sustainable investments in people and the planet to foster a greener and cleaner future.

Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation, during the **inaugural session** underscored the critical juncture at which humanity stands regarding climate change and biodiversity conservation. He highlighted the urgency of addressing environmental challenges and emphasized that conservation should be viewed not as an expenditure but as an investment in ecosystem resilience and future prosperity.

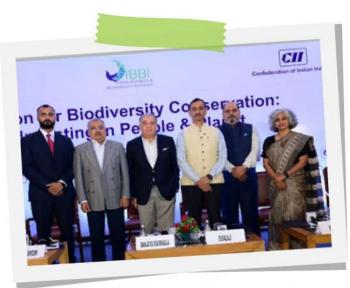
During the **valedictory session**, he stressed the role of partnership and financial support required for Biodiversity Conservation. He had emphasized the importance of equitable access to biodiversity services for sustaining livelihoods and preserving natural heritage. He concluded his speech by stating that by embracing the interconnectedness of environmental stewardship, economic development, and social justice.







Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation in glimpses from the Conference



Mr. Pawan Jai Singh Rathore, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation along with his co-panellists

Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor, Mobius Foundation, delivered the inaugural address at the National Conference on UN SDGs, organized by the Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE). He highlighted SDG 13 (Climate Action) as key to achieving interconnected SDGs, noting that over 80% of SDG targets are climate-linked. Citing the UN SDG Report 2024, he emphasized that only 17% of SDGs are on track, with over a third regressing. Dr. Boojh called for stronger Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the declaration of a climate emergency. He also discussed the college's role in ICSE 2025 with Dr. M. Selvanayagam, Director of LIFE

Mr. Pawan Jai Singh Rathore, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation, During the session on

"Integrating Biodiversity Conservation into Business Strategy," emphasized the necessity of businesses fostering a strong relationship with nature. He highlighted the critical need to restore natural capital—such as forests, water, and biodiversity—and advocated for businesses to integrate sustainability into their operational strategies. He further emphasized that companies should take proactive measures to mitigate the depletion of natural resources, ensuring both environmental preservation and economic benefits



Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor, Mobius Foundation in glimpses from respective events

He was also invited to the plenary session of the Citizen of the Ocean Summit in Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France, where over 100 young ocean advocates from 30 countries gathered to draft a declaration for ocean preservation. This declaration will be presented at the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice. As a speaker at the Institutional Opening and UNOC3 roundtable, he discussed the importance of education, climate policy, and biosphere protection in global ocean conservation.

Additionally, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to water sustainability, Dr. Boojh was invited to serve as a jury member for the prestigious World Water Awards 2023-2024, organized by Water Digest.





Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor, Mobius Foundation in glimpses from respective events

Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Head – Projects & Partnerships; Dr. Deepti Rai, Senior Research Associate; and Mr. Abhishek Patel, Project Manager, Mobius Foundation participated in a workshop titled 'MDA Disbursal De-bottlenecking for CBG Producers' on 19th March 2025. The workshop, organized by the Department of Fertilisers (DoF) supported by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) – CBG Producer Forum, aimed to address procedural and portal-related challenges in the disbursal of Market Development Assistance (MDA) for CBG plants. The session provided valuable insights into the MDA process, key success factors for availing assistance, and steps to ensure successful tender empanelment. In addition, the event served as an



Glimpses from the ongoing workshop

excellent platform for networking with key stakeholders from government bodies, industry representatives, and fellow CBG producers, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across the sector

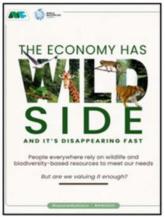
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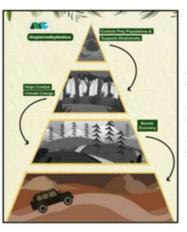




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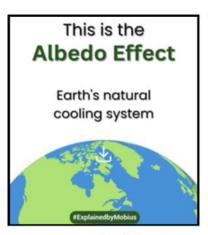




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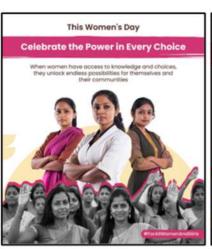


Impressions -1,23,102

Reach - 89,411

Engagement - 4,045

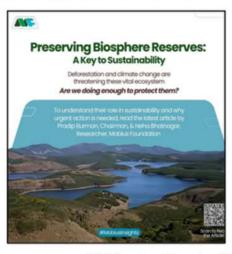
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Impressions - 1,03,961 Reach - 67,796 Ī Engagement - 9,418

#MobiusInsights - Research & Thought Leadership



Impressions - 8,393 **Reach - 911** Engagement - 94

#Youth For Earth Campaign Launch







Impressions -18,99,233

Reach - 16,16,482

Engagement - 12,702

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