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“Trees are priceless jewels of our environment, they help in reducing pollution. The world will be a better place if every individual starts planting a sapling.”

– Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation

Embers of Hope: The Fight For Our Future

Premiere Launch Event: Mobius Foundation hosted the **premiere launch of *Embers of Hope: The Fight for Our Future*** — a 10-episode documentary series produced with **Warner Bros. Discovery** — on **7 November 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The event marked a milestone in the Foundation’s mission to advance **environmental sustainability and climate action**, showcasing India’s climate story and highlighting both the challenges of climate change and the inspiring stories of **resilience, innovation, and hope** from communities nationwide. The premiere evening featured an exclusive screening of Episode 1 and the launch of the official website – www.eohseries.com.

About the Documentary: *Embers of Hope* presents climate change from an Indian perspective, blending scientific insights, personal narratives, and community-driven initiatives to highlight both pressing environmental challenges—from deforestation and air pollution to biodiversity loss and rising sea levels—and the inspiring grassroots efforts driving change. Narrated by renowned actor **Ms. Zeenat Aman and Professor Bhaskar Vira**, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, the series aims to educate, engage, and inspire viewers, especially youth, to take action for a sustainable planet.

Focus of Discussion: The conversation on “**The Making of *Embers of Hope***” served as the intellectual centerpiece of the evening. Moderated by **Ms. Jessica Gill**, the session explored the creative, social, and scientific dimensions of climate storytelling in India, featuring a distinguished panel of contributors to the series’ creation and vision:

- Zeenat Aman, Voice-over (Veteran Actor)
- Prof. Bhaskar Vira, Narration (Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Cambridge)
- Robin Roy, Production (Robin Roy Films Production)
- Arjun Nohwar, Managing Director, Warner Bros Discovery
- Mr. Praveen Garg, IAS (Retd.), President Mobius Foundation
- Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation



Panelists during the conversation

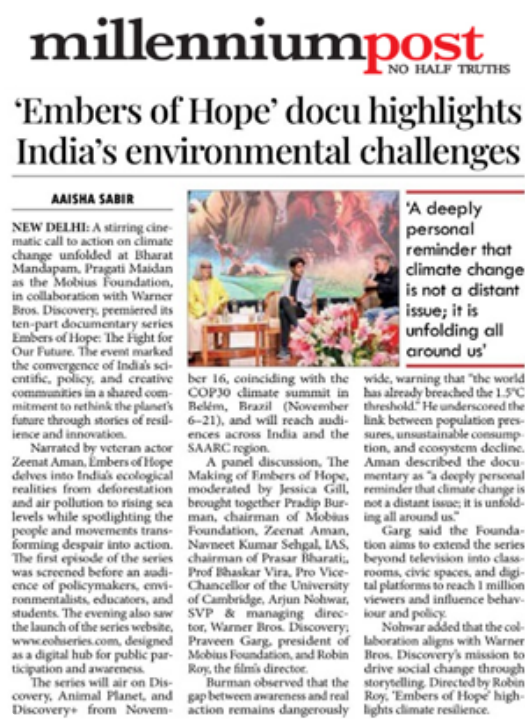


Glimpses from the launch event



Mr. Pradip Burman felicitating Ms. Zeenat Aman

The launch received extensive media attention, with leading news organisations capturing the event and amplifying its impact nationwide.



Press Release

Week	Date	7:00–7:30 PM (Repeat)	7:30–8:00 PM (New Episode)
1	Nov 16, 2025	Commencement	Episode 1
2	Nov 23, 2025	Episode 1	Episode 2
3	Nov 30, 2025	Episode 2	Episode 3
4	Dec 7, 2025	Episode 3	Episode 4
5	Dec 14, 2025	Episode 4	Episode 5
6	Dec 21, 2025	Episode 5	Episode 6
7	Dec 28, 2025	Episode 6	Episode 7
8	Jan 4, 2026	Episode 7	Episode 8
9	Jan 11, 2026	Episode 8	Episode 9
10	Jan 18, 2026	Episode 9	Episode 10
11	Jan 25, 2026	Episode 10	Final Repeat Telecast



Animation:



Chaos in the Sea



Let Nature Breathe



The Himalayan Ministry



Vanishing Wild



Urban Jungle

Call To Action: An Initiative Under the Documentary

Embers of Hope presents a **Call to Action** inviting students, youth groups, individuals, and organisations to share their meaningful environmental initiatives.

Participants are encouraged to **submit stories that highlight:**

- **The problem being addressed**
- **Key objectives**
- **Methodology and action steps**
- **Impact and outcomes**
- **Achievements, challenges, and learnings**
- **Photos, videos, or documents** demonstrating the work

Who Can Participate

- **Students & youth groups**
- **Educational institutions**
- **NGOs & community organisations**
- **Researchers & scholars**
- **Individual environmental volunteers**

Every meaningful effort counts.



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For more information, visit – www.eohseries.com

Benefits of Participation

- **Recognition from Mobius Foundation**
- **Opportunity to be featured in future outreach campaigns**
- **Visibility among experts, policymakers, and sustainability partners**



Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS): 100 Schools Program



Madhya Pradesh

- **Academics:** Midline exams were conducted across 15 schools in Sheopur, Panna, Satna, and Sidhi between 6–12 November 2025, with over 700 students from Grades 7–9 participating. Additionally, 3,679 English, Maths, and Science books have been dispatched for the current academic session.
- **Health Camps at Sidhi and Shahdol:** Students were screened for any ailments present. Parallel eye check-up camps were also organised to check for any deficits. All camps were completed with support from the District Medical Administration.



Midline exams

- **Disaster Management Training in Sidhi – 25th November 2025:** Mr. Avanish Tiwari, Dist. Coordinator, Sidhi, attended the training session on behalf of Mobius Foundation. The session focused on Earthquake Resistant Construction and proved highly insightful and informative.



Disaster Management Training in Sidhi



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Uttar Pradesh

- **Classroom Observations:** Ms. Poonam Parihar visited KGBVs in **Mahoba** and **Chitrakoot** for Grade 9–10 observations and student interactions. Online feedback was received from **148 Grade 9 students** and **1,342 students** from Grades 6–10, improving monitoring and planning.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Health camps benefitted **372 students** in Mau, Pahadi, and Kamasin. Cases of anaemia were identified and addressed. **53 spectacles** were distributed across eight KGBVs to support better vision and learning.
- **Learning Material Distribution:** T-shirts, notebooks, pens, and chocolates were provided to **519 students** in Chitrakoot and Kaushambi, supporting learning readiness.
- **Recognition & Visibility:** The program received appreciation from district authorities including **DM Hamirpur**, CMOs, BSAs, and coordinators. Activities were also covered in local newspapers, highlighting strong progress and impact.



Letter of Appreciation issued by Chief Medical Officer, Chitrakoot

नेत्र जांच के बाद कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय की छात्राओं को बांटे गए चश्मे

चित्रकूट : कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय चक्रांच में गुरुवार को मोबियस फाउंडेशन दिल्ली द्वारा बालिका स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर का आयोजन कराया गया। जिसमें बालिकाओं को स्वस्थ रहने के लिए पोषण आहार लेने की सलाह दी गई। मोबियस फाउंडेशन दिल्ली की चित्रकूट जिला समन्वयक नीलू बोस ने बताया कि स्वास्थ्य विभाग के सहयोग से उनकी संस्था कस्तूरबा गांधी आवासीय बालिका विद्यालयों में स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर का आयोजन नियमित अंतराल पर करती है। जिसमें छात्राओं को मानसिक स्वास्थ्य, मासिक माहवारी व स्वच्छता प्रबंधन विषय पर जागरूक किया जाता है। साथ ही स्वास्थ्य टीम द्वारा हीमोग्लोबिन की जांच भी जाती है। आर.वी.एस.के. टीम के सहयोग से प्रत्येक सत्र में दो बार ऐसे शिविर आयोजित किए जाते हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि पहाड़ी क्षेत्र के दक्षिण स्थित कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय में आयोजित इस शिविर में 149 बालिकाओं को स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण किया गया। जिसमें नेत्र जांच कराने के बाद निःशुल्क चश्मे भी वितरित किए गए। महिला विशेषज्ञों ने बालिकाओं की लम्बाई के अनुपात में यजन संतुलित रखने के लिए भोजन



में पोषक तत्वों को शामिल करने के लिए प्रेरित किया। साथ ही निःशुल्क दवाओं का वितरण भी किया गया। कार्यक्रम आयोजक पूनम सिंह ने बालिकाओं से कहा कि स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धी समस्या होने पर उन्हें अवगत कराए ताकि समय रहने उसका निदान कराया जा सके। इस मौके पर आर.वी.एस.के. टीम के डॉ. यिनोद, डॉ. अनिल, नेत्र विशेषज्ञ डॉ. शादाब हुसैन, विद्यालय की बार्डन रचना आदि मौजूद रहे।

Press Release



Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)



4th Annual Day - 8th November, 2025:

The Junior Wing presented “Moana: The Cry of Earth” and the Senior Wing performed “Virasat: The Saga of Glory”.

IDTS Dental and Eye Check Up Camp - 21st November, 2025:

The dental and eye team from the Institute of Dental Studies and Technology visited the school and conducted check-ups for our students and staff.

POCSO Workshop - 21st November, 2025:

A POCSO workshop was also conducted for all the teaching and administrative staff by **Ms. Shalini Kapoor (Vice Principal)**, **Mr. Nikunj Sharma (Admin cum Estate Officer)**, and **Ms. Kanika Chaudhary (School Counsellor)**.



POCSO Workshop



Glimpses form the Annual Day



Mobius Household Biogas Program

Field Visit – 6th November, 2025: Mr. Abhishek Patel, Project Manager, visited Paayas Milk Producer Company (MPC) operational area in Jaipur, Rajasthan to review the on-ground implementation of the program and interact with farmers to understand their experiences. Farmers expressed strong appreciation for the support from Paayas MPC, NDDDB, and the Mobius Foundation. They reported that the biogas plants have reduced LPG and firewood expenses, improved farmland fertility through nutrient-rich slurry, enhanced crop productivity, and lowered dependence on chemical fertilizers. Meetings were held with **Dr. Sunil Rathore, Head-Field Operations and the implementation team.** Out of **265 biogas plants delivered, 246 have already been installed.**



Glimpse from the field Visit

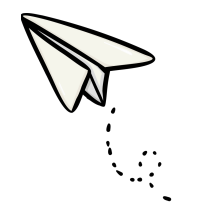
“Gobar se Samridhi” Program – 11th November, 2025: Mobius Foundation team – **Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Mr. Abhishek Patel, and Ms. Himani Kantiwal** – participated in the **“Gobar se Samridhi”** program in Sagrod village, Banswara, Rajasthan, launching efforts to establish **200 household biogas plants** under the **5,000 Household Biogas Program** in partnership with NDDDB organizations. The event included the inauguration of the region’s first plant, a demo/training by **Sistema.bio**, and awareness sessions for rural and women dairy farmers.

Ms. Priyanka Sharma and Mr. Abhishek Patel highlighted the benefits of the **biogas circular economy**: sustainable waste management reducing women’s daily drudgery, clean energy improving health and reducing LPG dependence, and organic manure lowering chemical fertilizer use while creating economic value and promoting a more sustainable, resilient way of living. The program was attended by **over 200 participants**, including 100+ female and 50+ male farmers, on ground operations teams and leadership from **NDS, NDDDB-Mrida, Asha Mahila Milk Producer Company (MPC) and Sistema.bio, and local media.**



Glimpses from the inauguration

Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development (MYCL)



During November, MYCL continued to strengthen **Pani Pahar curriculum**, youth-led environmental action, and research across six North-eastern states. Schools advanced climate education through nature-based activities and community engagement, while Mobius teams deepened work on documentation, local knowledge, and partnerships that support long-term climate stewardship.

Meghalaya:

The team assessed Tura’s waste system through a visit to the **Rongkhon Songgital dumping site**, reviewing segregation gaps and legacy waste biomining. At **Sampalgre LP School**, Children’s Day included a **campus cleaning drive**, encouraging early responsibility for waste management.



Mizoram:

Research advanced on **Aizawl’s household waste collection** under SAPCC-aligned R&D. Documentation of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge continued. MYPs conducted environment and soft-skills sessions at the **Hulhliap Skill Training Centre** and participated in **BRLF’s round-table** and a **gender-focused project launch.**



Tripura:

Schools completed **~60%** of the Pani Pahar curriculum. The programme was **formally inaugurated in Charilam block on 14 November**, followed by a **medicinal plant plantation**. MYPs visited the **Bamboo & Cane Development Institute** and **NTFP Centre of Excellence**, and engaged with **Srishti SHG** on local pickle-making. R&D discussions with the **Director of Science, Technology & Environment** focused on disaster data and resilience priorities.



Assam:

Classroom delivery of Pani Pahar was supported by nature walks and workshops on biodiversity and waste. Young Professionals received **GIS and environmental training**. Research progressed through studies on **urban ecosystems, wetlands, and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge**, including fieldwork at **Khambrenka wetland**. Collaboration with **ASTEC** strengthened field studies and policy engagement, alongside expanded IEC documentation.



Sikkim:

Green Friday nature walks encouraged creative observation among students. R&D efforts included field surveys on **sustainable ecotourism and waste** across major sites such as **Yuksam, Khecheopalri Lake, and Pelling**. Eight MYPs with the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments supported farmer programmes on **soil conditioners, protected cultivation, high-value crops, scientific beekeeping, and clay bee-boxes**.



Arunachal Pradesh:

The Pani Pahar curriculum concluded in **16 schools**, reaching **467 students**. Green Friday drives collected **55 kg** of dry waste for the local MRF. MYPs joined the **Decoding Nature Education II** workshop at Pakke Tiger Reserve and marked **Young Birders' Month** with nature journaling at Sally Lake. Documentation of **Idu-Mishmi ecological knowledge** continued, highlighting climate-resilient traditional practices.



An Initiative by Mobius Foundation

Project Aakar

PFI launched the **'Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai?'** SBCC campaign on 20 November 2025 in Gonda and Shravasti, inaugurated by the Chief Medical Officer. The campaign promotes informed decisions on age at marriage, delaying first pregnancy, birth spacing, and correct contraceptive use. A mobile awareness van will cover **150 villages**, screening films, playing jingles, and distributing IEC materials, while ASHA workers and counsellors engage families through sessions and interactive activities. Beneficiaries and Gram Pradhans advocating long-term family planning were also felicitated to strengthen community ownership.

Capacity Building and Service Delivery Drive Impact in other Districts:

PFI advanced capacity building and service delivery across districts through refresher trainings for **ASHAs, ANMs, and whole-site staff** at CHCs in **Sitapur and Unnao**, strengthening counselling and facility preparedness. Field inspections of **FPCCs** and outreach by Community Champions supported greater community engagement. A multi-department **Health Mela in Nawabganj, Unnao, drew 587+ participants** and offered Ayushman card registration, medical consultations, and on-site family planning services.



Inauguration of 'Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai?' campaign





Scaling Family Planning Services in Siddharthnagar:

Janani in **Siddharthnagar** delivered strong family planning outcomes in November 2025, conducting **16 FDS camps** and achieving **183 female sterilizations** and **1 male sterilization**. Community engagement remained high through **31 cluster meetings**, **188 VHSND events**, and **43 FPCC counselling sessions**, reaching **2,500+ individuals**. Coordination with CHCs, active involvement of **ASHAs and ANMs**, and improved facility readiness supported efficient service delivery. With increased surgeon availability, winter preparedness, and focus on **NSV Fortnight**, the programme is well-positioned to boost uptake in December.



Capacity Building and Service Delivery Drive



Scaling Family Planning Services

Visit to Sonapur Mela, Saran District, Bihar, 27th November, 2025:

The team from Mobius Foundation visited the **Sonapur Mela in Saran, Bihar** on 27 November 2025, with Dr. Ram Boojh, Ms. Banajyotsna Baruah, and Dr. Bhagyashree Keshewani, to monitor **Project Aakar-Janani** activities. The stall showcased population stabilization initiatives through **live counselling and interactive games**, attracting a large number of families. The team engaged with visitors, observed community interactions, and shared project insights with local media. The mela, featuring multiple Bihar government departments, continues to draw thousands during Kartik Purnima, providing an important platform for **public awareness and community outreach** under Project Aakar.



Capacity Building and Service Delivery Drive

Articles



Rural India as a Hub of Ecotourism

Rural India is emerging as a key ecotourism hub, supported by government initiatives like the National Strategy for Ecotourism, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, and PRASHAD, alongside rising demand for sustainable travel and community participation. These efforts are strengthening eco-circuits, infrastructure, and skills while boosting rural incomes, women’s entrepreneurship, youth employment, and conservation. Successful models across states such as Kerala, Meghalaya, and Nagaland show ecotourism’s potential to transform rural livelihoods and ecosystems. However, challenges like overcrowding, greenwashing, and climate risks highlight the need for stronger regulation and ecological safeguards to ensure long-term sustainability.

Authors: Dr. Sudheer Kr. Shukla, Head-Think Tank, Mobius Foundation

Published in: Kurukshetra Magazine, November 2025

Mental health in a warming world: Why this is a looming crisis

Climate change is not just an environmental issue — it’s a growing mental health challenge, especially in the Global South. Those least responsible for emissions often bear the greatest psychological and material burdens. Recognising mental health as core climate infrastructure is not a luxury, but a necessity.

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Rural India as a Hub of Ecotourism

National initiatives such as the National Strategy for Ecotourism (2022), Swadesh Darshan 2.0, and PRASHAD have been instrumental in developing eco-circuits, sustainable infrastructure, and capacity building through hospitality institutions. Strengthening eco-certification systems, managing visitor flow, and promoting lesser-known destinations can ensure long-term sustainability. Harnessing this untapped potential can transform rural India into a global exemplar of inclusive, responsible, and regenerative tourism—advancing the nation’s journey toward sustainable development and green economic resilience.

Mental health in a warming world: why this is a looming crisis

Climate change represents a profound injustice. Those least responsible for emissions—farmers, coastal and indigenous peoples, informal workers, and youth in the Global South—bear the heaviest psychological and material burdens. Recognising mental health as core climate infrastructure is not a luxury but a necessity

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Heatwaves are rapidly becoming the new normal. According to India's 2024 Lancet Countdown report, heat exposure in 2023 resulted in the loss of 181 billion potential labour hours, translating into an estimated income loss of \$14.1 billion—with more than half of this borne by agricultural workers.



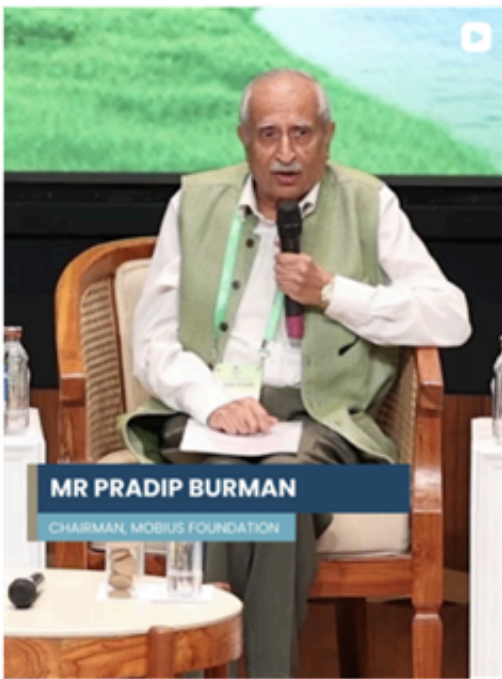
Chairman's Birthday

On 2nd November, we celebrated the birthday of our esteemed Chairman, Mr. Pradip Burman, a visionary leader whose guidance has played a pivotal role in shaping our organization. The occasion was not only a celebration of another year, but also an opportunity to honor the dedication, hard work, and wisdom that he has contributed to the Foundation.



Digital Campaign

#Embers of Hope



Reach - 2,24,377 | Engagement - 21,280

#ICSE Speaker Bytes

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#MobiusImpact

#MobiusInsight



Reach - 15,517

Engagement - 1,411

Reach - 13,877

Engagement - 405

Reach - 1,677

Engagement - 716

Reach - 1,440

Engagement - 156

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