

*“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](http://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



Glimpses from the launch event



Mr. Pradip Burman felicitating Ms. Zeenat Aman

## Media Coverage:

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



### Zeenat Aman Tells NDTV On Delhi AQI: 'World's Most Polluted Cities In India, What A Tragic Badge To Wear'

She shed light on Delhi's climatic changes as she arrived in the capital for the screening of her docu-series *Embers of Hope: The Fight for Our Future*

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Zeenat Aman at the exclusive screening for *Embers Of Hope*

New Delhi: At a time when urgency for our environment's well-being is paramount, Zeenat Aman, turning narrator for the 10-part documentary series *Embers of Hope: The Fight for Our Future*, emerges as a thought-provoking venture.

In collaboration with Warner Bros Discovery, this is indeed a wake-up call about the alarming changes that continue to surround us. Unveiled by Mobius Foundation through stories of resilience, innovation, and hope, this documentary stirs a sense of awareness.



### 'Embers of Hope' docu highlights India's environmental challenges

AAISHA SABIR

**NEW DELHI:** A stirring cinematic call to action on climate change unfolded at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan as the Mobius Foundation, in collaboration with Warner Bros. Discovery, premiered its ten-part documentary series *Embers of Hope: The Fight for Our Future*. The event marked the convergence of India's scientific, policy, and creative communities in a shared commitment to rehash the planet's future through resilience and innovation.

Narrated by veteran actor Zeenat Aman, *Embers of Hope* delves into India's ecological realities from deforestation and air pollution to rising sea levels while spotlighting the people and movements transforming despair into action. The first episode of the series was screened before an audience of policymakers, environmentalists, educators, and students. The evening also saw the launch of the series website, [www.embersofhope.com](http://www.embersofhope.com), designed as a digital hub for public participation and awareness.

The series will air on Discovery, Animal Planet, and Discovery+ from November 16, coinciding with the COP30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil (November 6-21), and will reach audiences across India and the SAARC region.

A panel discussion, *The Making of Embers of Hope*, moderated by Jessica Gill, brought together Pradip Burman, chairman of Mobius Foundation, Zeenat Aman, Navneet Kumar Sehgal, IAS, chairman of Prasar Bharati, Prof Bishakar Vira, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Arjun Nohwar, SVP & managing director, Warner Bros. Discovery; Priyanka Garg, president of Mobius Foundation; and Robin Roy, the film's director.

Burman observed that the gap between awareness and real action remains dangerously wide, warning that "the world has already breached the 1.5°C threshold." He underscored the link between popular climate protests, unsustainable consumption, and ecosystem decline.

Aman described the documentary as "a deeply personal reminder that climate change is not a distant issue; it is unfolding all around us."

Garg said the Foundation aims to extend the series beyond television into classrooms, civic spaces, and digital platforms to reach 1 million viewers and influence behaviour and policy.

Nohwar added that the collaboration aims to drive social change through storytelling. Directed by Robin Roy, *Embers of Hope* highlights climate resilience.

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1.5°C पर कर चुकी पार्टी के सिंगल भी नई पिंडी 'Embers of Hope'

मोबियस फाउंडेशन ने नवीनीकरण संसाधन पर विश्वासपूर्ण यात्रा करते हुए डॉक्यूमेंटरी शीर्षक 'Embers of Hope: The Fight for Our Future' लॉन्च किया।

BY: [Bhupinder Singh](#) | Published: Saturday, 11 November, 2023

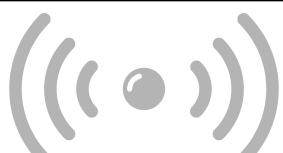


पार्टी की यह तारीख बहुत है, लेकिन हमने ये विश्व कुछ तात्पुरताएँ में ले ले तो उस नेट यह यहाँ से लौटवा लाया जाना दिलता है। 2025 में दूसरे ने जॉनेसन ग्रुप से व्हाइट के सर ने 1.55 लियर लैसिंग अधिक लाभन दर्ज किया, यह व्हाइट जर्नल या जर्नल व्हाइट 1.5 लियर लैसिंग की डॉक्यूमेंटरी को यह कर रहा। डॉक्यूमेंटरी के अनुसार, अब यही तराफ यही रही हो यहाँ तीन बातें में दूसरा पूरा जारी करना बहुत बहुत ही बहुत है।

भारत के लिए यह बात बहुत एक अद्भुत नहीं, बल्कि हर नामिक का नियो जनूर है, जो तीन दिन 20 ही दिनों का बाजार लिया जाए और 20 प्रतिशत से अधिक लाभदाता नहीं, यहाँ या काम प्रदाता के प्रत्येक प्राप्त होते हैं। यही जु़ूमी में Mobius Foundation ने डॉक्यूमेंटरी 'Embers of Hope' का लॉन्च किया, जो विश्व की एक फिल्म नहीं, बल्कि एक अद्भुत बनाना चाहता है।

## Television Broadcast Schedule on Discovery and Animal Planet (with repeat):

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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## 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 बाटे गए चश्मे

चित्रकूट : कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय घरकीं में स्वास्थ्य प्रबंधन विषय पर जागरूक किया जाता है। साथ ही स्वास्थ्य टीम द्वारा दिल्ली द्वारा बालिका स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर का आयोजन कराया गया। जिसमें बालिकाओं को स्वस्थ रहने के लिए पोषण आहार लेने की सलाह दी गई। उन्होंने बताया कि मोरियस काउंटर की पिक्कट जिल समन्वयक नील बोस ने बताया कि स्वास्थ्य विषय के सहयोग से उनकी संस्था कस्तूरबा गांधी आयोगीय परीक्षण कराने के बाद निश्चल चरमे भी वितरित किए गए। जिसमें नेत्र परीक्षण शिविर का आयोजन नियमित अंतराल पर करती है। जिसमें छात्राओं को मानसिक और लम्बाई के अनुपात में बजने संतुलित रखने के लिए भोजन में पोषक तत्वों को शामिल करने के लिए प्रेरित किया। साथ ही निश्चुक दबाओं के वितरण भी नीके पर अरबी एस के टीम किया गया। कार्यक्रम आयोजक महिला विशेषज्ञों ने बालिकाओं को लम्बाई के अनुपात में बजने समर्थन की शिक्षा दी। शादाब हुसैन, कहा कि स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धी विद्यालय की बाबून रवना आदि गोप्य रहे।

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## Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Day – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 - 21<sup>st</sup> 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 - 21<sup>st</sup> 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 from the Annual Day



## Mobius Household Biogas Program

**Field Visit – 6<sup>th</sup> 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, NDBD, 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.**

**“Gobar se Samriddhi” Program – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025:** Mobius Foundation team – **Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Mr. Abhishek Patel, and Ms. Himani Kantiwal** – participated in the “Gobar se Samriddhi” program in Sagrod village, Banswara, Rajasthan, launching efforts to establish **200 household biogas plants** under the **5,000 Household Biogas Program** in partnership with NDBD 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, NDBD-Mrida, Asha Mahila Milk Producer Company (MPC) and Sistema.bio, and local media.**



Glimpse from the field Visit



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.



### 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**.



### 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 **Khambrengia wetland**. Collaboration with **ASTEC** strengthened field studies and policy engagement, alongside expanded IEC documentation.



### 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.



### 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.



Inauguration of 'Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai?' campaign

### 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.





## 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 Sonepur Mela, Saran District, Bihar, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025:

The team from Mobius Foundation visited the **Sonepur Mela in Saran, Bihar** on 27 November 2025, with Dr. Ram Boojh, Ms. Banajyotsna Baruah, and Dr. Bhagyashree Kesherwani, 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.



### 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.

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

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### 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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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 \$141 billion—with more than half of this borne by agricultural workers.



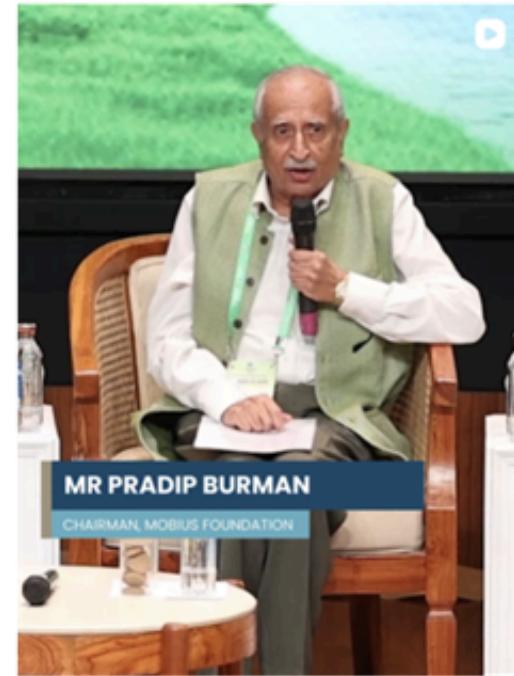
## Chairman's Birthday

On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



Reach - 15,517

Engagement - 1,411

Reach - 13,877

Engagement - 405

### #ExplainedByMobius

### #MobiusImpact

### #MobiusInsight

#### Bridging the education gap for India's daughters

Across rural Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, many adolescent girls lose access to learning after elementary school.

Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS), a Mobius Foundation initiative, works to keep them learning, & thriving through better classrooms, digital tools, health support, and mentorship.

Because when a girl stays in school, her entire community moves forward.

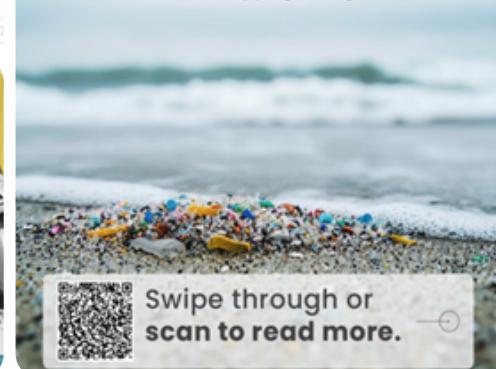


#### When Tiny Pellets Create a Big Problem

##### Why the Global Plastic Treaty Can't Ignore Nurdles

Billions of nurdles slip into our oceans each year, yet the Global Plastic Treaty leaves them unchecked. With 95% of spills preventable, coastal nations are calling for accountability.

Let's find out what's slipping through the cracks.



Reach - 15,517

Engagement - 1,411

Reach - 1,677

Engagement - 716

Reach - 1,440

Engagement - 156

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