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"Educating a girl is like planting a seed for a brighter future — when she grows, the whole world grows. With Gyan Kanya Shakti, we empower rural girls by providing equal opportunities, safety, and the chance to realize their full potential."

– **Pradip Burman**, Chairman, Mobius Foundation



## 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) - 2025

The **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE)** was successfully held on **September 17–18, 2025**, at the **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**. Centered on the theme “*Sustainability Education for Green Jobs*”, the conference brought together over 1,000 participants from India and abroad, including educators, policymakers, sustainability professionals, corporate leaders, youth, and researchers. Organized by the **Mobius Foundation**, ICSE 2025 focused on aligning education systems with the rapidly expanding green economy and preparing youth for climate-resilient futures. Notably, this edition of ICSE took meaningful steps towards becoming a **carbon-neutral event**, underscoring its commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable event practices.

The conference opened with a vibrant inaugural ceremony featuring a cultural welcome by GAV students, followed by a reflective look at the six-year journey of ICSE. **Dr. Ram Boojh**, Advisor, Mobius Foundation, delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the two-day event. **Mr. Praveen Garg**, IAS (Retd.), President, Mobius Foundation, delivered a special address. Guest of Honour addresses were given by **Dr. Benno Boer**, Chief, Natural Sciences Unit, UNESCO South Asia Regional Office, and **Mr. Pradip Kumar Das**, Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA Limited. The Chairman's Address was delivered by **Mr. Pradip Burman**, followed by a powerful closing speech by **Shri Bhupender Yadav**, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.



Glimpses from ICSE 2025 inaugural ceremony

Across two days, **13 thematic plenaries** explored the intersection of sustainability, education, and green jobs. Experts and practitioners from organizations such as **UNESCO, ILO, GIZ, NITI Aayog, TERI, and CSIR**, as well as academic institutions and start-ups, discussed how to move from vision to action. Topics ranged from AI-driven green careers, circular economy strategies, and the blue economy to STEM innovations, biodiversity, and agro-ecological transitions. Sessions featured global and regional voices, with speakers joining from the USA, Italy, France, Mauritius, Cameroon, Malaysia, and across India.



Glimpses from ICSE 2025



Among the conference’s most engaging components were the **Sustainability Samvaads**—interactive, dialogue-based sessions designed to foster deeper conversations. A **fireside chat** between filmmaker **Mr. Robin Roy** and **Mr. Pradip Burman** examined the role of storytelling in climate communication, followed by the soft launch of the book “*Environmental Milestones of India*” by **Dr. Erach Bharucha**.

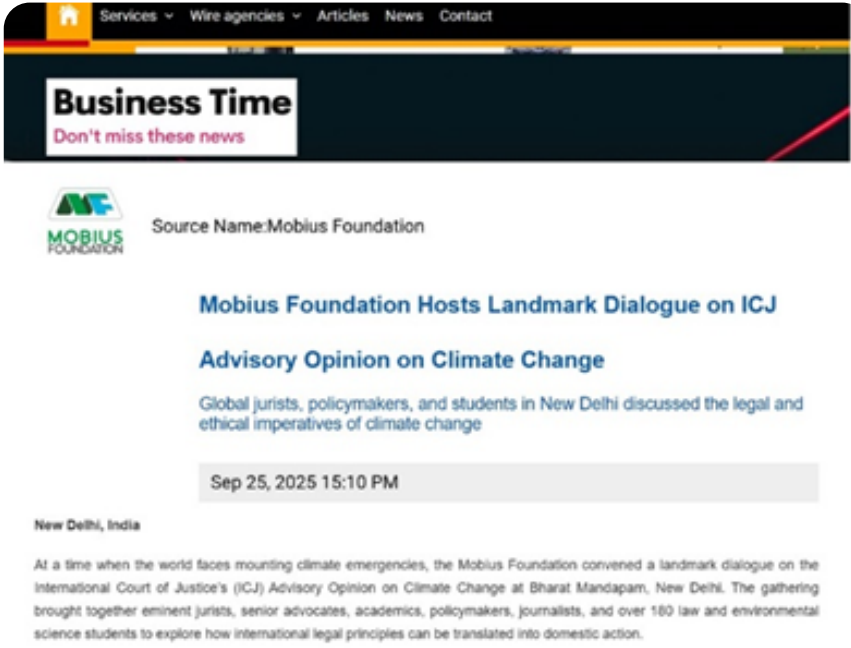
Youth engagement was central to ICSE 2025. The **Youth for Earth Conclave and Awards Ceremony** celebrated innovation and leadership among young climate champions. A specially curated **Workshop on Skill Development for Green Jobs** offered hands-on learning and career guidance. Participants explored future career paths in sustainability sectors such as climate tech, sustainable fashion, renewable energy, eco-tourism, and green entrepreneurship. Speakers included professionals from **UNICEF YuWaah, EarthDay.org, Magic Bus India Foundation**, and green startup founders. A practical session on “Leveraging LinkedIn for Green Careers” equipped youth with essential tools for professional growth.



Glimpses from ICSE 2025



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Press Release



With its multi-stakeholder engagement, thought-provoking content, and action-oriented dialogue, **ICSE 2025 reaffirmed its place as a premier platform advancing sustainability education in the Global South**. The conference highlighted the need for urgent integration of green skills into curricula, cross-sectoral collaboration, and the empowerment of youth to lead in a climate-challenged world.







## Youth for Earth

Congratulations to the winners of the Youth for Earth Campaign 2025. Each project has significantly advanced our journey toward sustainability. We are honored to showcase these impactful initiatives and recognize the dedication of all participants. Their efforts inspire us to scale up these projects for even greater success. Special recognition goes to all projects in both the Junior and Senior categories.

### Junior Category:

1<sup>st</sup>

Project PeelFlex

WINNER

2<sup>nd</sup>

Project Ashitizer

3<sup>rd</sup>

Project Ecotree 2.0

4<sup>th</sup>

Project Stepergy

5<sup>th</sup>

Project Nature's Weapon  
Youth's Mission

### Senior Category:

1<sup>st</sup>

Project EcoCampus: Transforming  
Waste into Green Resources

WINNER

2<sup>nd</sup>

Project CDP Bricks

3<sup>rd</sup>

Project Samman

4<sup>th</sup>

Project Animal Climate Health  
Save Foundation India



Certificates and Cash Prizes given to winners of Youth for Earth Campaign 2025 for both junior and senior categories

## Legal Symposium - Advocating Change: From Climate Justice to Climate Action

The Mobius Foundation recently hosted a legal symposium titled **“Advocating Change: From Climate Justice to Climate Action” on September 24, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The event focused on the recent advisory opinion issued by the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, which reaffirmed that climate change poses an “urgent and existential threat” to people, ecosystems, and future generations. The symposium delved into the opinion’s broader implications for global climate accountability, emphasizing the legal responsibilities of states under international law and the potential it holds for driving stronger climate action worldwide.

Bringing together a diverse group of journalists, advocates, jurists, and policymakers, the discussion addressed both international and domestic legal challenges related to environmental law and policy. The event was chaired by **Hon’ble Justice Mr. Prakash Shrivastava, Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)**. Special remarks were delivered by **Honourable Chief Justice Antonio H. Benjamin**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice, Brazil; **Ms. Urmi Goswami**, Assistant Editor (Climate Change & Environment), *The Economic Times*; and **Mr. Jatinder Jay Cheema**, Barrister & Solicitor, Advocate, and Author, Chambers of Jay Cheema. The session was moderated by **Ms. Jessica Gill**, Programme Lead, Mobius Foundation.







Glimpses from the symposium



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The symposium created a valuable platform for legal and policy discourse around climate justice, drawing interest from students, delegates, and professionals in related fields. Participation certificates were awarded, encouraging continued engagement with the evolving intersection of law and climate action.



## Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)



GAV at 7<sup>th</sup> ICSE during the cultural evening



National Singing Competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad

### GAV at 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025:

Students from GAV welcomed the attendees with beautiful Welcome Songs in English and Hindi, setting the tone for an inspiring day ahead. Their innocence and sweetness were a reminder of the importance of this event. They concluded the event on Day 1 with an energetic dance performance as part of the cultural evening.

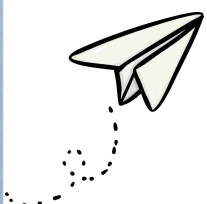


### National Singing Competition - 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025:

It is a proud moment for our school as our talented students have secured the 2nd position in the National Singing Competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad. This achievement reflects their dedication, hard work, and the guidance of their mentors. Following this success, the team will now represent our school in the prestigious final round to be held in Noida. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the participants and wish them the very best for the upcoming performance.

### Teacher Exchange Program - 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025:

at Genesis Global School, Noida. The program aimed to enhance teaching methodologies through hands-on experiments, project-based learning, and interactive classroom strategies. Discussions focused on syllabus planning, effective revision techniques, and adapting to new assessment patterns. The exchange fostered valuable professional collaboration between the two schools and provided meaningful insights into innovative teaching practices. Participating teachers have submitted detailed reports outlining their key learnings and reflections to the Principal.





**STTAR Awards -  
27<sup>th</sup> September, 2025:**

held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Gyan Anant Vidyalaya was declared the Winner in the prestigious category “Towards Commitment to SDG.” The event brought together over 700 leading institutions and organizations, including Google, Samsung, CBSE, and AICTE, to celebrate innovation, sustainability, and excellence in education. This recognition is a testament to our ongoing commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and to fostering responsible, future-ready learners.



STTAR Award Winner in the prestigious category “Towards Commitment to SDG.”



**Project Aakar**



**Janani Siddharthnagar**

Under Project Aakar’s Janani initiative, significant progress was made in family planning service delivery across Siddharthnagar. A total of 49 female sterilizations and one male sterilization were conducted through nine Fixed Day Static (FDS) camps. The project achieved strong community engagement, reaching over 1,200 individuals through 100 VHSND-based mobilization events and 16 cluster meetings with CHC stakeholders. Additionally, 172 individuals received contraceptives, with condoms and OCPs being the most distributed methods. Field visits emphasized strengthening male participation, improving the service mix, and leveraging community platforms to enhance awareness and uptake of spacing methods.



Community engagement in Siddharthnagar

**Umeed 1.0 - Jarwal Block, Bahraich**

In September 2025, Umeed 1.0 continued to strengthen family planning awareness and service delivery in Jarwal block through intensive community outreach and capacity-building activities. Key interventions included a PRI orientation engaging local leaders in promoting family planning, refresher training for ASHAs and frontline workers, and a Health Mela providing on-site services and counselling. Field facilitators actively supported VHND sessions and SBCC campaigns across 118 villages, addressing themes such as early marriage, spacing methods, and gender equality. These initiatives collectively enhanced community engagement, expanded contraceptive awareness, and reinforced partnerships with local governance structures for sustainable behavioural change.



Health Mela in Jarwal Block, Bahraich

**Umeed 2.0 - Multi-District Implementation**

Umeed 2.0 made significant strides in advancing family planning services across seven districts—Shravasti, Balrampur, Unnao, Gonda, Bahraich, Barabanki, and Sitapur. Major activities included Block Coordination Committee meetings to review SBCC campaigns, mobile van outreach promoting delayed marriage and pregnancy, and comprehensive training sessions for CHOs, facility staff, and counsellors. Several Family Planning Counselling Corners (FPCCs) were launched and inspected to ensure quality service delivery, while inter-departmental meetings and school-based events promoted adolescent health and FP awareness. The initiative demonstrated strong institutional ownership, community participation, and steady progress toward building a responsive and informed family planning ecosystem across districts.



Family Planning Awareness as part of Umeed 2.0







## Field Visit - Sitapur

**BCC meeting** – attended by **Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor** and **Mr. Aryan Banerjee, Project Associate, Mobius Foundation**: A BCC meeting was organized at Khairabad, Sitapur, under the chairmanship of BDO Neeraj Dubey, with participation from Health, PRI, Education, ICDS and other departments. Officials stressed joint efforts for family planning acceptance and adolescent health promotion. The SBCC van “Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai” was flagged off by ADO & MOIC to spread awareness on FP and child marriage in rural communities. At Ashodar school, the mobile van engaged students, ASHAs, Sanginis, CHO & ANM through videos, reels, jingles, and Q&A sessions. Winners were awarded gifts, making the event interactive and impactful.



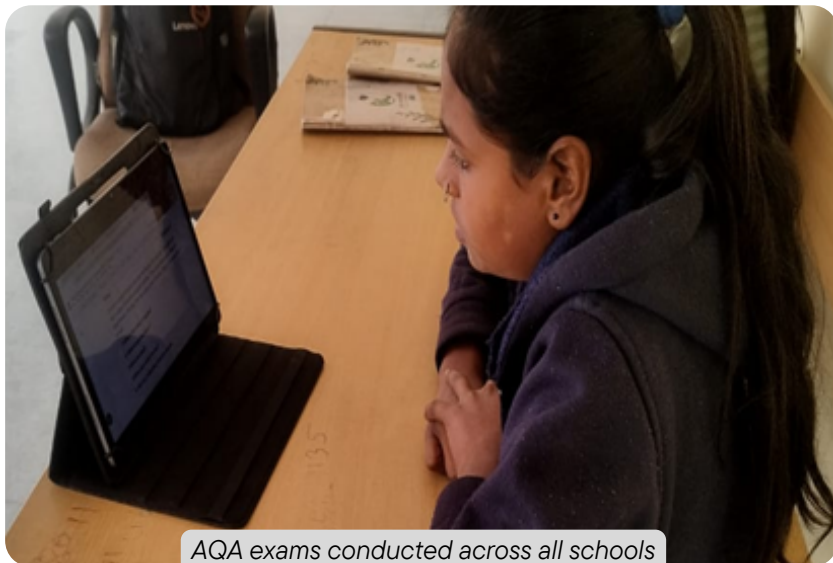
Glimpses from the visit



## Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS): 100 Schools Program



### MADHYA PRADESH



AQA exams conducted across all schools

#### AQA Exams

Academic Quality Assessment (AQA) exams were conducted across all schools. This online exam is designed to assess the students' knowledge using the Tablets and Stylus Pens provided at the school, for those who have been attending the online classes. This is a pilot quality assessment exam conducted on a sample size of students, to measure the impact of these online classes so far.



Health camps conducted across 3 districts

#### Health Camps at Umaria, Sheopur and Panna:

12 health camps were organised across Umaria, Sheopur and Panna schools. 1,546 girls were screened by a team of doctors that included a physician, an ophthalmologist and nurses. Major concerns of students included low haemoglobin and skin issues.

#### Teachers' Day Celebration:

Teachers' Day was celebrated across all schools. All the school teachers were given small token of appreciation by our District Coordinators.

#### District Coordinators' attended ICSE 2025:

All District Coordinators from GKS MP, attended the two-day International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025. This year's theme, "Sustainability Education for Green Jobs," highlights the crucial connection between education, environmental stewardship, and the emerging green economy. They all found the conference to be truly insightful and informative.



District Coordinators, GKS MP at ICSE





UTTAR PRADESH



AQA exams conducted across all schools

Mission Shakti - Empowering Girls through Leadership - 23<sup>rd</sup> September,2025:

Under Mission Shakti, a special Navratri activity, leadership among girls was encouraged as they took on roles like BEO, BDO, ADO, Medical Officer, and Warden for a day, fostering confidence, responsibility, and empowerment.



Academic Classes with LPF Support and Ayojikas:

Academic sessions were successfully conducted in **25 KGBV schools** with the dedicated support of **LPF facilitators and Ayojikas**. A total of **1,632 classes** were conducted successfully, achieving **93% completion**, reflecting a strong commitment to enhancing classroom learning and student engagement.

Strengthening Learning Outcomes - AQA and Baseline Assessments:

To assess academic progress and learning needs, **AQA Exams** were conducted in five KGBVs across Mahoba and Chitrakoot. Additionally, a **Baseline Assessment in KGBV Kamasin, Banda**, evaluated newly enrolled Class 6 students to identify areas needing focused academic support.

Health and Wellness Initiatives:

**Health camps were conducted in 6 KGBVs** across Mahoba, Hamirpur, Lalitpur, and Jalaun, **screening 427 students** for vision and haemoglobin levels. A total of 28 vision errors and 24 anaemia cases were identified, with **13 spectacles** distributed and supplements provided, promoting preventive healthcare and overall well-being.

Teachers' Day Celebration - 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025:

Heartfelt appreciation was extended to all **teachers and Ayojikas** across 25 KGBVs. Gifts were distributed as a token of gratitude for their continuous dedication and efforts in nurturing and empowering young learners.



Health camps conducted n KGBVs



Press Release in Bundelkhand Jagran – GKS UP

Articles



Geneva Deadlock: How Big Oil Blocked a Global Plastics Treaty – Explained

The article discusses the reason for collapse of the recent UN negotiations in Geneva, the influence of petrochemical interests, and the urgent need for innovative policies, strong business leadership, and collective action to address the global plastics crisis.

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

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## Polluter to Pioneer

This article highlights India's position as the world's largest plastic polluter, generating over 9 million tonnes of waste annually. Much of this waste is mismanaged, with informal workers handling most recycling without formal recognition or support. Global and national efforts to curb plastic pollution are fragmented and poorly enforced. The article urges India to shift from polluter to pioneer through bold steps like capping production, regulating toxic additives, and formally including waste pickers.

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## Polluter to Pioneer

India stands at a crossroads—it can react piecemeal to bans and failed treaties, or it can act like a global leader and create a new plastics economy, write Praveen Garg, Sudheer Kumar Shukla & Suman Kumari



## Participation and Engagement

**Dr. Sandip Tanu Mandal, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation**, recently attended and presented his research at the **Regional Conference on Geomorphology (RCG)** organised by the **International Association of Geomorphologists and the Romanian Association of Geomorphologists, held in Timișoara, Romania (16–18 Sept 2025)**.

In his talk, he discussed the Himalayan glaciers, their changes in recent decades as well as in the palaeo past and highlighted the growing threats they face from climate change. He also sought to draw the attention of the global scientific community towards the fragile Himalayan cryosphere and called for stronger collective action.



Glimpses from the conference

## Digital Campaign



### #MFICSE2025



### #MFSymposium



Reach - 35,22,677 | Engagement - 1,96,389

Reach - 55,931 | Engagement - 1,465

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