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“The importance of Biosphere Reserve is not currently recognised as part of preservation of ecosystem. We have to take steps to preserve Biosphere Reserves as it is currently under threat.”

– Pradip Burman, *Chairman, Mobius Foundation*



## 7<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION (ICSE) – 2025

### ANNOUNCEMENT: THEME FINALIZED FOR THE 7<sup>th</sup> ICSE 2025!

We are thrilled to announce that **"Sustainability Education for Green Jobs"** has been finalised as the official theme for the **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Education (ICSE) 2025!**

As the world moves towards a more sustainable future, the need for green skills and knowledge has never been more crucial. This year's conference will focus on empowering learners, educators, and professionals with the tools and insights needed to drive sustainability-focused careers.

Stay connected for more updates on ICSE 2025 by visiting <https://www.icse-esd.org/>



## YOUTH FOR EARTH

Mobius Foundation, in collaboration with **The Climate Reality Project**, is excited to launch the **6<sup>th</sup> Youth for Earth (Y4E) Campaign**, a platform dedicated to fostering youth-driven innovations for a sustainable future. This year's theme, **"Green Jobs for Youth: A Bright Future in the Making,"** highlights the role of young changemakers in shaping green industries and climate solutions. Open to youth (ages 13-30) across **India and South Asian countries**, Y4E 2025 invites students from schools,



colleges, and universities to showcase their **actionable projects**, with the top initiative winning **INR 50,000** and recognition at the **7th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE)**.

**Registrations are now open!**

**Apply by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025** and become part of this global movement.

For more details, kindly visit Y4E 2025 website: <https://www.icse-esd.org/youth-for-earth-2025.php>



## GYAN KANYA SHAKTI: 100 SCHOOL PROGRAM



### COORDINATORS' ORIENTATION AT MOBIUS OFFICE –

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025** - A two-day orientation was held to align district coordinators with key processes and strategies in preparation for the 2025-26 academic session. On Day 1, the focus was on the LPF session, while Day 2 covered the PTS ERP session. Additionally, there was an opportunity for interaction and clarification of any gaps with the HR team at Mobius. The event concluded with collaborative forward planning and the development of a yearly activity plan in coordination with the respective leads for the upcoming academic session.

### MIVIRTUE CLASSES:

Through the Gyan Kanya Shakti program, Mobius Foundation and MiVirtue Eduhub Private Limited, are equipping girls with essential life skills to navigate challenges, build confidence, and create a brighter future. Together, we're shaping resilient, empowered women of tomorrow!



*Children of Gyan Kanya Shakti Program after their MiVirtue classes*



**Ms. Jessica Gill with Madhya Pradesh district coordinators at Mobius office**



**Mr. Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation with Uttar Pradesh district coordinator at Mobius office**

## MADHYA PRADESH

1. **Self-Defense Training Session:** organized at GGMS, Unchehra, Satna. Led by a professional trainer, the session focused on teaching essential self-defense techniques to empower the girls and help them navigate challenging social situations with confidence

2. **Visit by Mr. Praveen Garg, President, Mobius Foundation:** to Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) in Kakrehti, Panna. During his visit, he witnessed first-hand the remarkable transformation brought about by the Gyan Kanya Shakti initiative. This visionary project goes beyond academics, focusing on empowering young girls through education, instilling confidence, and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow. The visit reinforced Mobius' commitment to create opportunities and drive transformative change, ensuring a brighter and more sustainable future for both the community and beyond.



*A glimpse from the Self-Defense Training Session*



*Mr. Praveen Garg's visit to Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) in Kakrehti, Panna.*

## UTTAR PRADESH

### KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**Life Skills Education (LSE) & Learning Progress Framework (LPF) Sessions:** successfully conducted across all 17 KGBVs, with periodic assessments to ensure the holistic development of the girls.

**Balika Diwas – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025:** was celebrated with activities like plantation and competitions. Winners were awarded prizes to promote enthusiasm and participation.

**Republic Day – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025:** was marked with cultural programs in all KGBVs, celebrating unity and national pride.

**Academic Quality Assessment (AQA) Exam:** conducted in Chitrakoot and Banda to assess students' academic progress and ensure alignment with learning objectives.

**Notebook & LPF Workbook Distribution:** across all 17 KGBVs to support students' educational needs and enhance learning and academic development.





*Plantation during Balika Diwas celebration*



*A glimpse from the Republic Day Celebration*



*Notebook and LPF Workbook distribution*



## GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)



**Workshop by Capt. Manas Baisya (Retd.) – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025:** titled "Accountability in Life: Building Accountability in Educators". Capt. Baisya shared his insights on fostering a culture of accountability in educational settings, emphasizing its role in enhancing both organizational effectiveness and educators' personal fulfillment. He focused on supporting children's holistic development through competency-based approaches and fostering a sense of belonging in the workplace. The interactive session encouraged participants to reflect on their role in promoting accountability.

Dr. Poonam Minhas, principal of Gyan Anant Vidyalaya, concluded the session by stressing the importance of accountability for the institution's growth and the professional development of educators.

**Pre-Republic Day Celebration – 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025:** The program began with a heartfelt patriotic song, followed by a speech emphasizing India's democratic values, the significance of the Constitution, and the beauty of unity in diversity. Students performed a lively dance honoring India's cultural heritage and a tribute to freedom fighters. Recitations of inspiring Hindi and English poems further enriched the celebration.

Hon'ble Principal Dr. Poonam Minhas and Vice Principal Mrs. Sarika Christopher graced the event with their presence, offering motivating words. The celebration filled everyone with a renewed sense of pride and patriotic spirit.



*Pre-Republic Day Celebration  
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*Glimpses from the Workshop by Capt. Manas Baisya (Retd.)*



## UMMEED 1.0 AND 2.0

**12th Health Mela – 31st January, 2025:** in Gram Panchayat Rasoolabadh, Bahraich, served over 800 villagers, providing access to family planning, maternal nutrition, adolescent health and non-communicable disease screenings. Special focus was given to raising awareness about women-centric government schemes and economic empowerment.

## AAKAR JANANI: SIDDHARTHANAGAR

Project Aakar in Siddharthnagar made significant strides in enhancing sterilization services and expanding family planning awareness. The Janani team achieved a record-high number of 332 female sterilizations and successfully introduced Mini lap and Lapro sterilization services in the district. With 28 Fixed-Day Service (FDS) sessions in January, the focus on permanent sterilization remains strong. However, there is a growing emphasis on integrating awareness of temporary family planning methods for a more holistic approach to reproductive health services under Project Aakar.



Health Mela in Gram Panchayat Rasoolabandh, Bahraich



Shot from FDS sessions in Siddharthnagar

## PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Mr. Praveen Garg, President of Mobius Foundation, was invited as a distinguished speaker at the **Educating for Sustainable Action** conference, organized by the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. During the session on **‘Emerging Sustainability: The Role of CSR in Driving Sustainable Development’**, he shared valuable insights on how CSR initiatives can leverage partnerships and innovation to tackle challenges, scale solutions, and drive systemic transformation towards sustainability. He also shared his expertise and perspective on river ecosystem restoration during the roundtable discussion titled **‘Flowing Knowledge: Advancing Ecosystem Restoration Education through River Ecosystems’**







*Educating for Sustainable Action conference snippets*



*Snippets from the conference*

Additionally, Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor, Mobius Foundation, played pivotal roles as panelists, moderators, and session chairs, shaping critical discussions on environmental education and sustainable development, with Dr. Bhagyashree, Program Associate; and Ms. Palakdeep Kaur, Project Associate, Mobius Foundation, joining as speakers for the paper presentations.

## ARTICLE



# DROWNING IN OUR PROGRESS? TACKLING THE GROWING MENACE OF URBAN FLOODS IN INDIA

A recent key challenge called urban flooding has grasped Indian cities, collectively impacted by climate change and unsustainable infrastructural developments. Major cities throughout the country e.g., Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, and smaller cities like Vadodara and Guwahati, are facing increased frequency and intensity of floods. Extreme rainfall events, urban sprawl, and inadequate infrastructure drive this. Further, this can solely be a consequence of heavy rainfall but is intricately linked to man-made alterations like encroachment on water bodies, antiquated drainage systems, and a surge in population leading to higher waste production. The fast-paced urbanisation in the last few decades has resulted in declining natural water bodies that once soaked the excess downpours of monsoon seasons. Additionally, drainage systems in many cities were designed for lesser rainfall, and are incapable of coping with the increased intense rainfall in shorter spells. Accumulation of waste and siltation in the drainage systems have further multi-folded the urban inundation issues in India. Due to this the incurred economic losses and human fatalities in the country remain difficult to believe. Collective awakening of stakeholders for climate-resilient urban infrastructure, proper waste management, and upgrading drainage outdated systems can reduce the inflated risks of urban flooding in India.

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## Drowning in Our Progress? Tackling the Growing Menace of Urban Floods in India

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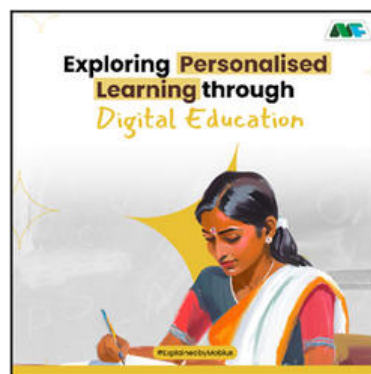
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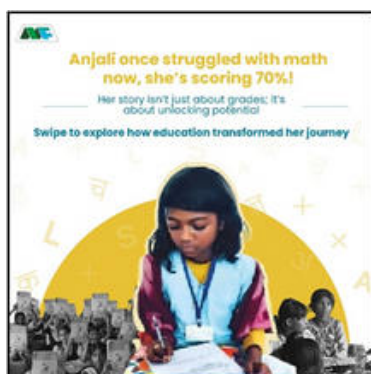


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Reach - 23,846

Engagement - 1835

## #MobiusImpact

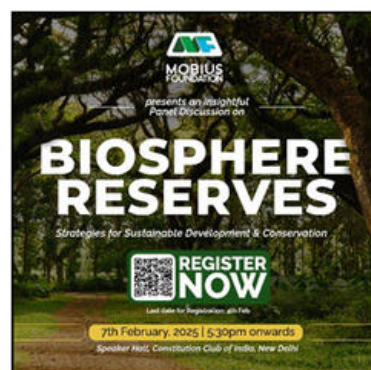


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Reach - 9535

Engagement - 486

## #Events

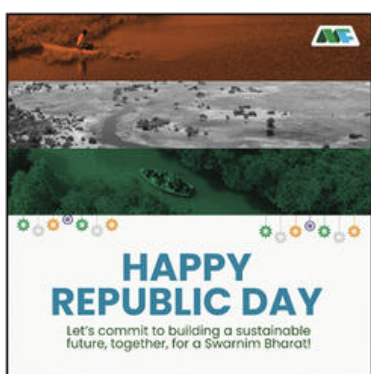
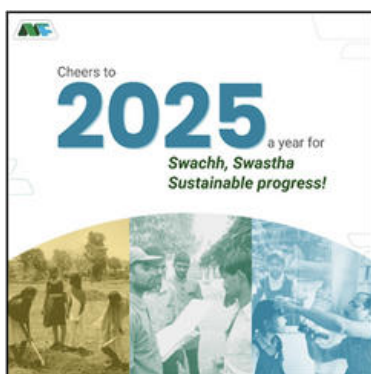
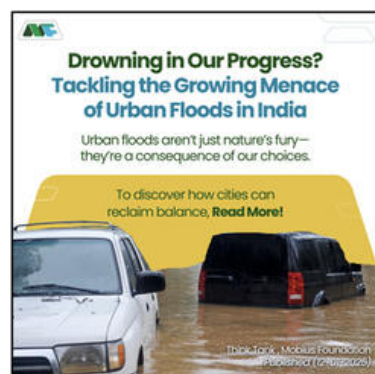


Impressions -2,12,072

Reach - 1,86,744

Engagement - 4416

## #MobiusInsights



Impressions -6,317

Reach - 5,151

Engagement - 365

## #Festivities

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