

“Educating a girl in India doesn’t just change her life, it transforms the future of our nation.”

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

### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### "Biosphere Reserves: Strategies for Sustainable Development and Biodiversity Conservation"

Mobius Foundation had organised a Panel Discussion on 'Biosphere Reserves: Strategies for Sustainable Development and Conservation' on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at the Constitution Club of India. The discussion brought together esteemed panellists Dr. Benno Boer, Chief of Natural Sciences at UNESCO (South Asia Regional Office); Dr. Priya Gupta, Lead, Governance, Law & Policy at WWF India; Dr. Erach Bharucha, Director of Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research; Dr. Aditya K Joshi, IFS (Retd.) and Advisor at Mobius Foundation; and Mr. Abhilash Khandekar, Senior Journalist, as Moderator.



The conference focused on the critical role the reserves play in biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and community-driven ecological balance. It explored challenges, innovative solutions, and policies for effective management of biosphere reserves, emphasizing India's rich natural heritage. The discussion attracted a distinguished group of guests, including environmental experts, conservationists, policymakers, local community leaders, researchers specializing in biodiversity and sustainable development and passionate youth advocates for environmental preservation.

Additionally, the report on a previous Panel Discussion on *Climate Liability, Justice, and Jurisprudence* held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 was launched in the event



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

We are excited to announce the **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Education (ICSE) 2025** is set to take place on **17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025** at the **India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**.

This year's theme, "**Sustainability Education for Green Jobs**," will highlight the role of education in equipping learners, educators, and professionals with the skills needed for sustainability-focused careers. The conference will bring together global experts, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss innovative approaches to sustainability education.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more updates at [www.icse-esd.org](http://www.icse-esd.org)



### YOUTH FOR EARTH

The **6<sup>th</sup> Youth for Earth (Y4E) Campaign** is now live. Organized by the **Mobius Foundation** in collaboration with **The Climate Reality Project**, this year's theme, "**Green Jobs for Youth: A Bright Future in the Making**," aims to inspire young changemakers to develop innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

**Registrations are open until 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, and we are looking for more ground-breaking projects to be part of this global movement. Do not miss this opportunity to contribute to a greener planet.

Register now and learn more at: [Y4E 2025 Website](http://Y4E 2025 Website)



### PROJECT AAKAR :



#### Milestone in Siddharth Nagar

Last month proved to be another successful month for Project Aakar, with 332 female sterilization procedures carried out by our implementing partner, Janani. This is the second month in a row that we've exceeded 300 cases—a notable milestone. The team successfully delivered Minilap and Lapro sterilization services at various locations, supported by skilled surgeons. Outreach activities included counselling sessions at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs), as well as engaging with district officials to further enhance community involvement.

#### Umeed: Strengthening Family Planning Initiatives

Project Umeed continued its efforts to enhance family planning awareness and service delivery.

Under **Umeed 1.01**, the primary activity was a Health Mela, complemented by training sessions and cluster meetings at the block level. School programs and champions' training are planned for the upcoming months.

**Umeed 2.02** saw significant progress with 162 ASHA-ANM training sessions, equipping approximately 8,000 frontline workers with essential knowledge on counselling and contraceptive methods. Key engagements, including Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) meetings and an Award and Recognition Ceremony, strengthened stakeholder collaboration.

Ms. Gunjan Mubayi and Mr. Prabhat from the Mobius Foundation visited CHC Haidargarh and the BDO Office in Barabanki, in January. At CHC Haidargarh, the team inspected the Umeed Counselling Centre, interacted with staff, clients, and ASHA workers, and reviewed records and kiosk operations.

With a strong start to 2025, Project Umeed remains committed to improving family planning accessibility and outreach, ensuring continued engagement with key stakeholders and communities.



*Still from sterilisation services carried out by implementing partner Janani*

*Still from Ms. Gunjan Mubayi and Mr. Prabhat's visit to CHC Haidargarh and BDO office in Barabanki*



## GYAN ANANT VIDYALAYA (GAV)



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025:** The event began with a March Past featuring the four houses—Marut, Pavak, Neer, and Vasudha—followed by fun games, races, yoga, skating, and karate performances. Competitive races like the 100-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay highlighted the athletes' agility and teamwork. The day concluded with a stunning yoga display and an award ceremony, where Principal Dr. Poonam Minhas congratulated the students and staff for their dedication and sportsmanship.



*Glimpses from Annual Sports Day featuring Dr. Poonam Minhas, Principal, GAV; Ms. Sarika Christopher, Vice Principal; and Mr. Manoj Karnatac, GM HR & Admin, Mobius Foundation.*



*Still from Mock Fire Drill coordinated by disaster management committee*

**Mock Fire Drill – 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025:** evacuating 539 of the 688 students in just 2.4 minutes. Coordinated by the disaster management committee under Principal Dr. Poonam Minhas, the drill involved all staff and showcased the school's efficient emergency protocols. The school's layout included clear exits and necessary safety equipment, ensuring preparedness for fire emergencies. This drill is part of the school's ongoing commitment to disaster readiness.



## UTTAR PRADESH

- Enhanced Learning:** Regular Life Skills Education (LSE) & Learning Progress Framework (LPF) classes in 17 KGBVs, fostering problem-solving skills and learning processes.
- Dedicated Resources:** 17 Resource Persons hired and posted to KGBVs across 5 districts.
- Menstrual Hygiene Management Workshops:** conducted by Sudisha Foundation in 17 KGBVs, empowering 960+ girls.
- Health and Wellness:** Collaborative health camps and eye camps with Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), supporting students' well-being. 108 girls received specs after intervention.
- Assessment and Evaluation:** LPF Endline Assessment conducted in all KGBVs to evaluate students' academic progress.



**Menstrual Hygiene Workshops**  
conducted by Sudisha Foundation



**Health and eye camps with**  
RBSK



**LPF and LSE classes for**  
enhanced learning

## MADHYA PRADESH

- Four health camps were held in Sidhi and Satna:** in partnership with M.P. Birla Hospital, where over 300 students were screened by a team of four doctors. No major health concerns were found, and health cards were provided to all students.
- School recce:** for the next session was conducted in Shahdol, Umaria, Shivpuri and Niwari, visiting 21 schools. Of these, 18 were deemed eligible for program implementation.
- Endline exams for academic assessment:** were conducted by the Lotus Petal Foundation team across 15 schools, covering English, Maths, and Science.
- Dev Kho forest field trip:** organized for KSP, Karhal, Sheopur students by the district forest administration to connect them with nature. The girls displayed great enthusiasm and excitement during the visit.



**Health camps conducted in Sidhi & Satna**  
in partnership with M.P. Birla Hospital



**School recce in Niwari for**  
program implementation



**Dev Kho forest field trip in**  
Sheopur

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mobius Foundation has received a prestigious award for the Gyan Kanya Shakti – 100 school program in Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh. This recognition was conferred upon us by Lotus Petal Foundation at their Impact Conclave 3.0, held at Dhunela Campus.

The award reinforces our commitment to empowering girls through education under the Gyan Kanya Shakti initiative. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lotus Petal Foundation and our dedicated team for making this possible



Mobius Foundation receiving the award at the Impact Conclave 3.0

## MOBIUS YOUNG CLIMATE LEADERS FOR HIMALAYAN DEVELOPMENT

Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development was formally launched in Arunachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu in the presence of Mobius Young Professionals and other dignitaries. This marked the official state level launch of the project in Arunachal Pradesh, one of the six states under this initiative.

This program aims to nurture eco-leaders who integrate conservation with economic sustainability. A big step towards empowering youth for climate action in the eco-sensitive North-east region of the country



Mr. Pema Khandu, CM, Arunachal Pradesh during the launch along with Baichung Bhutia and other dignitaries

## PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

**Mr. Praveen Garg, IAS Retd., President Mobius Foundation** was a jury member for the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sustainability World Conclave, organized by BW Business World on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The Sustainable World Awards celebrate individuals and organizations making outstanding contributions to sustainability and impactful change. As the world faces pressing challenges like climate change and resource scarcity, these awards honor leaders driving innovation, equity, and sustainable development. They highlight the urgency of aligning efforts with India's 2030 and 2050 sustainability goals, providing a platform to recognize achievements that inspire progress and collaboration.

### EMINENT JURY



**Dr. Ram Boojh, Advisor, Mobius Foundation**, was a featured Speaker at the World Wetlands Day event on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, organized by The Climate Reality Project. He addressed the theme "***Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future***", offering valuable insights into the historical importance of wetlands in India.

Additionally, he participated as a Key Expert at the International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, hosted by Anant National University, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February. In his session, Dr. Boojh emphasized the vital role of indigenous knowledge in fostering sustainability, highlighting how traditional wisdom can significantly contribute to environmental conservation



**Dr. Ram Boojh invited as Speaker at the World Wetlands Day event organized by The Climate Reality Project**

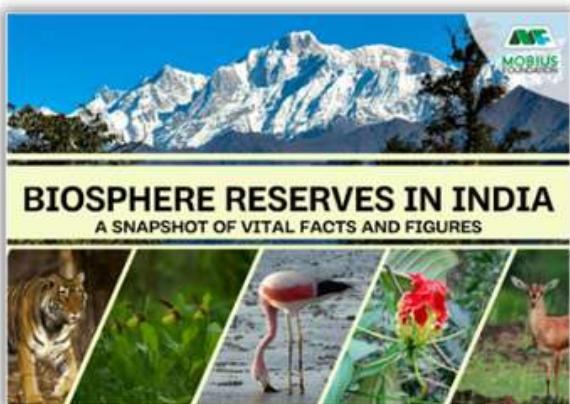


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## PUBLICATION:



Mobius Foundation presents "***Biosphere Reserves In India: A Snapshot of Vital Facts and Figures***", a comprehensive compilation of fact sheets on 18 of India's most important biosphere reserves. This publication offers a concise yet detailed overview of these unique ecosystems, shedding light on their distinctive features, ecological importance and the role they play in preserving our natural heritage. With its accessible format, this resource is designed to serve as a valuable tool for researchers, policymakers, students, and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of India's rich and diverse biodiversity. We hope this publication inspires greater appreciation and awareness of the critical role biosphere reserves play in maintaining ecological balance and sustainability



Peek into the factsheets "Biosphere Reserves In India: A Snapshot of Vital Facts and Figures"



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**Scan the QR code to instantly access the document.**

# MUSICAL EVENING WITH PRATIBHA SINGH BAGHEL

A "Musical Evening" on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025, at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, was organised, featuring a soulful performance by **Pratibha Singh Baghel** accompanied by her band. With each song, she captured the essence of emotion and storytelling, creating a powerful atmosphere. The night was filled with beautiful melodies that resonated deeply with the audience, making it a truly special experience. It was a celebration of music that brought everyone together.



Glimpses for the Musical Event

## DIGITAL CAMPAIGN



### #ExplainedByMobius- Educational & Awareness Content

**Buffer Zone**

The Buffer Zone surrounds the core and allows severe activities

#ExplainedByMobius

In India, we have 1,635 mother tongues, but how many have words for

বালবাদু পরিবেশ  
জলবাদু পরিবেশ  
প্রাকৃতিক মার্যাদা

Carbon footprint?  
Climate resilience?  
Net-zero?  
climate change

When climate change speaks a different language, communities get left behind

#ExplainedByMobius

**Climate and environment shape the way we speak**

A study of 1,000+ languages across 300 years found that factors like **humidity, altitude, and temperature** influence speech patterns

Humid, warm regions use more vowels and complex tones  
Rainy, warm places use fewer ejective consonants in their speech  
High-altitude regions use more ejective consonants  
Even birds adopt urban birds sing at a higher pitch to be heard over traffic

If climate has shaped language for centuries, why isn't our climate vocabulary evolving fast enough to tackle the crisis?

#ExplainedByMobius

Impressions -1,54,298

Reach - 1,48,010

Engagement - 5061

### #MobiusImpact - Impact & Achievements

“ Biosphere Reserves help support a green economy by integrating best environmental practices in water, waste, clean energy, and protecting nature. This benefits both local communities and the planet. They are not just a 'Product', but a 'Process': an ongoing effort needed for societies to tackle the major environmental challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution.”

At the joint discussion on Biosphere Reserves Strategies for Sustainable Development Sandeep Verma

DR. BENNO BOER

Chief, Natural Sciences of UNESCO, South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi Office

#MobiusImpact

Dr. Erach Bharucha,  
Director of Bharati-Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research.

Health camp completed kgbv mau & pahadi

Impressions -1,69,431

Reach - 1,77,309

Engagement - 43,964

## #Events & Announcements

**Mobius Foundation**  @the... · 07/02/25 ·  
We're live with 'Biosphere Reserves: Strategies for Sustainable Development and Conservation', a panel discussion bringing together experts to explore solutions, policies, and challenges in safeguarding India's natural heritage.

Join us on YouTube: [youtube.com/live/7rWoKc-N1...](https://www.youtube.com/live/7rWoKc-N1...) Show more



**Mobius Foundation**  @the... · 07/02/25 ·  
Dr. Benno Boer from @unescoindia shares the immense potential that biosphere reserves in India hold, with 3 more biosphere reserves coming up in India soon!

Catch these insights live on YouTube: [youtube.com/@mobiusfoundat...](https://www.youtube.com/@mobiusfoundat...)

#MobiusFoundation #biospherereserves #biodiversity Show more



**Mobius Foundation**  · 07/02/25 ·  
Mobius Foundation unveiled the Treatise on Climate Liability, Justice & Jurisprudence!



Impressions - 7,645 | Reach - 470 | Engagement - 733

## #Youth For Earth Campaign Launch

**Meet Team Eco Saviours**



**This Year's Youth For Earth Theme - "Green Jobs for Youth: A Bright Future in the Making"**

Green jobs are not just jobs—they're the future of work!

- Combat climate change
- Drive economic growth
- Ensure social equity
- Build climate resilience



**Meet the Team Project Srishti**



Impressions - 18,99,233 | Reach - 16,16,482 | Engagement - 12,702

## #MobiusInsights – Research & Thought Leadership

**Spang Poyka**  
**Kund Baoli Jheel**  
**Talaab Cheruvu**  
**Pukur Tso Chhatri**

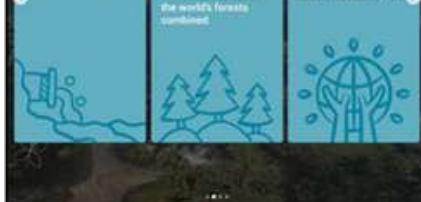
Our wetlands have hundreds of names, reflecting their deep roots in India's diverse cultures



**Wetlands provide ecosystem services worth \$47 trillion annually – 4 times the size of India's economy!**

They play a crucial role in:

- Purification of urban wastewater naturally
- Storing 20% of land-based carbon – twice as much as all the world's forests combined
- Supporting millions of livelihoods, from fisheries to handicrafts

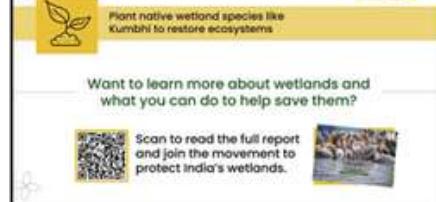


**SMALL ACTIONS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE**

- Reduce detergent use and prevent water pollution
- Join local cleanup drives
- Plant native wetland species like Kumbhi to restore ecosystems

Want to learn more about wetlands and what you can do to help save them?

Scan to read the full report and join the movement to protect India's wetlands.



Impressions - 1,322 | Reach - 1,136 | Engagement - 264

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