



# 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

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## SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION FOR GREEN JOBS

### PLENARY 7: YOUTH FOR EARTH CONCLAVE AND AWARD CEREMONY

The Youth for Earth conclave, honoring Prof. MS Swaminathan, emphasized practical climate solutions like reducing carbon emissions and highlighted the critical role of youth in driving change. With representation from Nagaland and initiatives like Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development (MYCL), the session showcased how youth engagement and critical thinking across sectors such as agriculture, industry, and fossil fuels are vital for effective climate action.

### JUNIOR CATEGORY: SCHOOLS



### SENIOR CATEGORY: COLLEGES / INSTITUTIONS / INDEPENDENT GROUPS



1<sup>st</sup> - Project EcoCampus: Transforming Waste into Green Resources – Dr. Vishwanath Karad, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Maharashtra



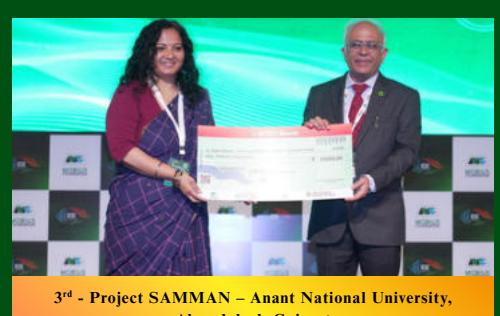
2<sup>nd</sup> - Project CDP BRICKS – K. Ramakrishnan College of Technology, Tamil Nadu



2<sup>nd</sup> - Project Ashitizer (Bharat Mata English Medium Higher Secondary School, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh)



3<sup>rd</sup> - Project Ecotree 2.0 (Kikani Vidhya Mandir, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu)



3<sup>rd</sup> - Project SAMMAN – Anant National University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat



4<sup>th</sup> - Project Stepnergy: Power From Every Step (Adarsh Public School, Vikaspuri, New Delhi)



5<sup>th</sup> - Project Nature's Weapon Youth's Mission (Little Flowers Public Senior Secondary School, Shahdara, New Delhi)



4<sup>th</sup> - Project Animal Climate Health Save Foundation India, Mumbai, Maharashtra



## **PLENARY 8: POWERING SUSTAINABLE JOB CREATION WITH CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS**

The session emphasized the shift to a circular economy through green entrepreneurship, waste-to-wealth models, and sustainable building. Panellists called for skilling, innovation, and strong policy support, recommending the integration of circular principles into education, jobs, and development strategies.



## **PLENARY 10: BLUE ECONOMY, BLUE JOBS: TRANSFORMING LIVELIHOODS**

This session highlighted the vital role of oceans in sustaining life, from producing nearly 20% of the world's oxygen to supporting coastal economies. The discussion emphasized marine conservation, pollution control, and sustainable resource use, while exploring how blue energy and circular practices can create new jobs through mangrove restoration, seaweed farming, ecotourism, and more.



## **PLENARY 11: CLIMATE ACTION & GREEN JOBS IN EMERGING SECTORS**

The session explored how industries such as mining, chemicals, leather, and renewable energy are transitioning toward greener practices. The session highlighted transferable skills, gender equality, and the potential of research and innovation in green jobs, while stressing that every sector can transition toward green jobs that balance people, economy, and planet. The green jobs must align growth with environmental sustainability, directly or indirectly.



## **PLENARY 9: TOO MANY TO SUSTAIN?**

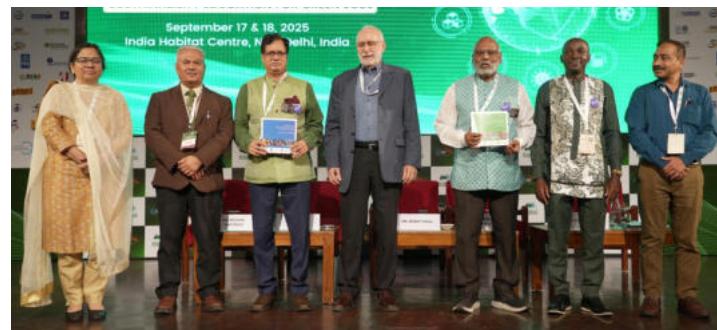
### **POWERTALK ON POPULATION STABILIZATION AS A KEY DRIVER FOR QUALITY EMPLOYMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The talk linked population growth to environmental challenges and stressed women's education as key to stabilizing it. It highlighted youth, technology, and initiatives like Project Aakar and Gyan Kanya Shakti as drivers of informed, sustainable change.



## **PANEL DISCUSSION: SHOWCASING EXPERIENCES FROM GROUND ZERO**

This session focused on family planning and reproductive health interventions in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, showcasing efforts like awareness campaigns, counseling, and outreach programs in underserved communities. Participants emphasized the importance of embedding these initiatives into local systems for sustainable impact. The discussion highlighted progress made and the need for continued support to strengthen access to quality services.



## **PLENARY 12: AGRO-ECOSYSTEM & BIODIVERSITY – PATHWAYS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW**

The session explored the intersection between agriculture and biodiversity, highlighting how sustainable practices, agroforestry, and organic farming can restore ecosystems while creating green jobs. Speakers stressed the importance of government policies, farmer training, and youth entrepreneurship in linking agriculture with conservation. Examples ranging from Saras cranes thriving in paddy fields to big cats sheltering in sugarcane fields, illustrate the deep interdependence of farming and biodiversity.

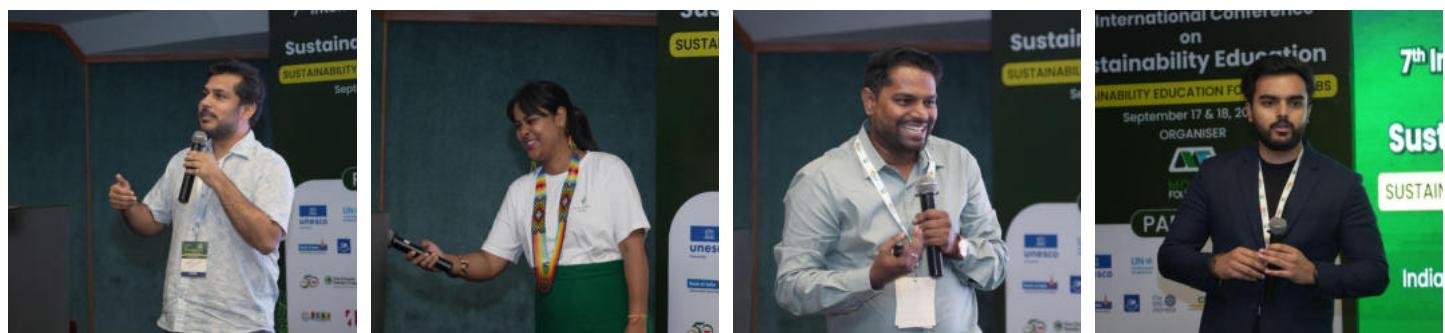
## WORKSHOP ON GREEN CAREERS: "NEXT-GEN GREEN CAREER PATHWAYS: EXPLORE, CONNECT, GROW"

The workshop introduced students to the breadth and depth of the green economy. In effort to engage and make young people aware of the growing trends for green jobs, it provided firsthand insights from professionals, entrepreneurs, and organizations, across a range of sectors, which are leading the sustainability movement, and helped the student to equip the practical tools to kickstart their green career journey. The session introduced green career paths through insights from entrepreneurs and climate-positive companies. Speakers highlighted the gap between youth enthusiasm and readiness, stressing the need for climate education, green skills, and startup-driven innovation to prepare youth for sustainability-focused roles.



### Pathways in Green Economy

This segment showcased young innovators tackling climate challenges through circular economy, clean energy, sustainable construction, and climate finance. From converting plastic to fuel and promoting composting, to affordable eco-packaging and green building, the session emphasized solution-driven thinking, skill development, and India-centric approaches to sustainability. Youth-led initiatives demonstrated how local action can drive global climate impact, green skills, and startup-driven innovation to prepare youth for sustainability-focused roles.



### Leveraging LinkedIn - From Crafting Your Green Profile to Unlocking Opportunities

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## SPECIAL SESSION: MISSION LIFE: GREEN JOBS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

This special session highlighted Mission LiFE as a national framework for linking sustainable lifestyles, climate literacy, and green jobs. Experts emphasized integrating green skills into both formal and informal education, supporting local entrepreneurship, and promoting circular economy practices. The session showcased real-world examples in conservation, sustainable agriculture, and industry, reinforcing that all jobs must contribute to planetary well-being.

### LIGHTNING TALK BY AALEKH KAPOOR

The session focused on climate and environmental issues, using the story of the Great Adjutant Stork from Assam as a powerful example of how storytelling can engage people and cut through awareness fatigue. Emphasizing that stories give a human face to environmental crises, the discussion highlighted their role in fostering cooperation. Additionally, experiences from sustainable start-ups were shared, exploring the motivations and journeys behind these green initiatives.



### PLENARY 13: CONCLUDING PLENARY

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Education (2025) concluded its two-day journey with a reflective and inspiring plenary session. Opening the discussion, **Ms. Karima Kadaoui** emphasized the importance of nurturing sustainability values in children from an early age by connecting them with the beauty and harmony of ecosystems. **Dr. Ruchi Sachan** presented the session summaries and key recommendations adopted during the conference.

Distinguished speakers, including **Dr. Erach Bharucha**, **Dr. Rajendra Singh**, and **Mr. Aditya Pundir**, highlighted the meaningful insights and successes of the event, while **Mr. Pradip Burman** and **Mr. Praveen Garg** underscored the urgency of green jobs, circular economy, and sustainability as the need of the hour. In his closing remarks, **Dr. Ram Boojh** encapsulated the journey of the conference, which brought together national and international experts across multiple sectors, celebrated knowledge exchange through discussions and plenaries, and marked special moments such as a book launch. He expressed gratitude to all contributors and praised the collective efforts that made the conference a resounding success.

