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“The future belongs to the youth, and so does the responsibility to protect it. As ecosystems such as the Aravallis, Hasdeo, and Nicobar face growing threats, youth and Gen Z must step forward as changemakers and champions of Mother Earth.”

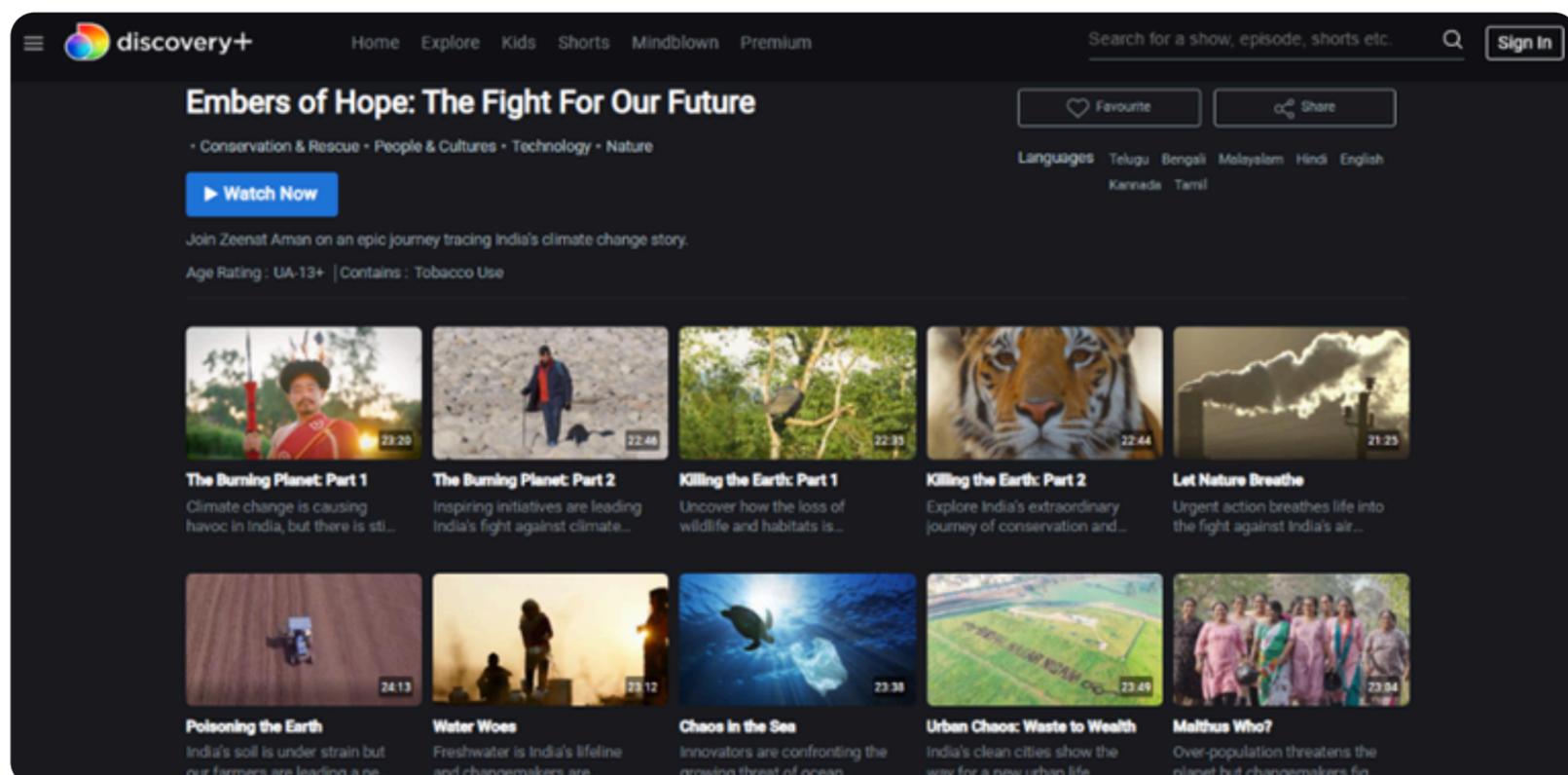
– Pradip Burman, Chairman, Mobius Foundation

Embers of Hope: The Fight For Our Future

Embers of Hope – The Fight for Our Future is a compelling 10-episode documentary series that explores India’s environmental journey in a way never seen before. The series examines some of the most pressing challenges of our time — climate change, sustainability, population pressures, ecological degradation, and more — while highlighting practical, actionable solutions that individuals and communities can adopt. This series goes beyond presenting challenges. It focuses on responsibility, resilience, and realistic pathways toward a sustainable future. Narrated by the iconic **Zeenat Aman** and **Prof. Bhaskar Vira** of the University of Cambridge, Embers of Hope brings credibility and compelling storytelling together in one powerful series

The series is available in seven languages and can be watched anytime, anywhere on [Discovery+](#).

We also encourage viewers to share their reflections, stories, and personal climate actions at: www.eohseries.com



Call To Action: An Initiative Under the Documentary

Who Can Participate

- Students & youth groups
- Educational institutions
- NGOs & community organisations
- Researchers & scholars
- Individual environmental volunteers

Here's What You Need To Do

Submit stories that highlight:

- The problem you are addressing
- Key objectives
- Methodology & action steps
- Impact and outcomes
- Achievements, challenges & learnings
- Digital documentation of your work

Shortlisted projects get a chance to be highlighted in future outreach campaigns and visibility to experts, policymakers, and sustainability partners.

Which Areas of Change?

- Climate Change and Just Transition
- Biodiversity, Wildlife and Forest
- Air Pollution
- Water Conservation
- Wastewater Treatment
- Ocean & River Health
- Agriculture & Land Practices
- Waste management & Circular Economy
- Urban Sustainability
- Overpopulation & Pressure on Resources

SCAN





Youth for Earth



Registrations for Youth For Earth (Y4E) 2026 are now open for young changemakers to step forward and lead sustainability action. This platform empowers youth to transform innovative ideas into real-world impact by addressing today's most pressing environmental challenges.

Because youth have the ideas. Youth have the power. Now is the time to turn ideas and knowledge into solutions for a better planet.

Register now and be part of the change. Visit: <https://www.icse-esd.org/youth-for-earth-2026.php> for more information.



Scan the QR code to register



Scan to learn more about participation, timelines and opportunities.



Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS): 100 Schools Program



Uttar Pradesh

- **Academic Progress: 514 academic classes** were successfully conducted by **Lotus Petal Foundation** across **25 KGBV schools in 8 districts**, achieving **90%** of the planned **570 classes**.
- **Program Review, Field Engagement & Institutional Coordination:** **Dr. Poonam Singh Parihar, Senior Manager – Operations**, visited the **Samagra Shiksha Office, Lucknow** for the renewal of the **non-financial MoU for the Gyan Kanya Shakti (GKS), Uttar Pradesh**. Additionally, a **four-day field visit** was conducted by **Mr. Paras Mahendru, Project Associate**, across **Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, and Lalitpur**, covering **7 KGBV schools**, to review school-level execution of the GKS program, generating actionable insights to strengthen implementation quality and overall program outcomes.



Glimpses of field visits conducted by Dr. Poonam Parihar and Mr. Paras Mahendru

- **Special Days, Events & Student Engagement:** World Environmental Education Day (22nd January), National Girl Child Day (24th January), and Republic Day (26th January) were observed across all **25 KGBV schools** with strong student participation. Activities included drawing and board painting competitions, pledge-taking, **Nukkad Natak**, cultural programs, rallies, and flag hoisting, focusing on **environmental responsibility, girls' education and empowerment, women empowerment, and child marriage prohibition**, creating meaningful awareness within schools and surrounding communities.



- **Acknowledgement of Program Impact in Chitrakoot:** On the occasion of **Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day**, the impactful work of **Mobius Foundation** in **Chitrakoot district** was formally acknowledged. **Ms. Neelu Bose**, District Coordinator – Chitrakoot, was felicitated on behalf of the Foundation by the **Chief Development Officer, Mr. D. P. Pal**, and awarded a **Certificate of Appreciation** for the organisation’s commendable contribution to educational and social development in the district.



Certificate of appreciation by CDO, Chitrakoot

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514

Classes Delivered

25

Schools Covered

8

Districts Engaged

Madhya Pradesh

- **Academics:** Gyan Kanya Shakti online classes’ course has been completed at all the schools for all grades. Revision classes were conducted in January to better prepare students for the planned End Term Exams from 2nd February 2026.
- **Healthcare:** Health camps were conducted at schools in Shahdol. **64 students were screened**, out of which no students require specs. Families of students with major health issues have been informed and updated.
- **Operations:** A two-day field visit to Sheopur was conducted on 28th and 29th January 2026 by **Ms. Jessica Gill, Program Lead**, and **Ms. Neha Chaudhary, Program Coordinator**. During the visit, a meeting was held with **Mr. Arpit Verma, District Magistrate, Sheopur**, to brief him on the Gyan Kanya Shakti initiatives being implemented in schools. Visits were also made to GGHSS, Sheopur, and SKSP, Karhal to interact with the Principals and teachers.
- All District Coordinators successfully completed two online training courses in MS Word and MS Excel. These trainings will support them in carrying out their responsibilities more effectively and efficiently. Additionally, a new attendance marking system has been introduced for District Coordinators and Ayojikas. The system is more user-friendly and will enable real-time data management and quicker resolution of issues.



Revision classes prior to end-term exams



Sheopur field visit Ms. Jessica Gill and Ms. Neha Chaudhary

Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development (MYCL)



Tripura:

Pani Pahar curriculum was expanded in Charilam Block, using interactive lessons to help students understand water conservation and human impacts on natural systems. A major highlight was the Poshan Mela, where 16 schools showcased kitchen gardens to promote nutrition, experiential learning, and community participation. The team also advanced its research framework through engagement with the Tripura Biodiversity Board and conducted field surveys at Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary to identify climate-resilient conservation needs. The month concluded with community engagement in Ambassa, exploring sustainable livelihood models with a local self-help group



Field survey

Assam:

In Guwahati, Aaranyak continued its 'Nature Learning-cum-Biodiversity Documentation' programme across multiple schools, introducing students to biodiversity and ecological balance through interactive and observation-based learning. Students actively participated in documenting campus flora and fauna, building scientific curiosity while contributing to a growing biodiversity database.



Nature-learning-cum-Biodiversity Documentation program

Meghalaya:

The team began the year with structured planning and progress reviews while advancing their waste management efforts through a cleaning drive at Chandmari. Simultaneously, data collection for the Research and Development component gained momentum, with insights gathered from 35 respondents in West Garo Hills—laying the groundwork for informed, evidence-based interventions.



Cleaning drive at Chandmari

Sikkim:

Teams focused toward NGO-led capacity building and research, including the successful submission of two research papers. On the ground, farmers in the Yuksam-Tashiding constituency received greenhouse materials to protect crops from extreme weather and enable off-season cultivation, improving both productivity and incomes. Complementary efforts in agriculture, beekeeping, and institutional collaboration reflected steady progress toward resilient rural ecosystems.



Strategy meeting for bee-keeping mission

Mizoram:

Field visits across Lunglei, Champhai, and Saitual focused on documenting Indigenous Traditional Knowledge related to climate change, capturing community-led adaptation practices for future planning. Creative engagement remained a priority, with a drawing and painting competition spanning 16 schools to promote environmental awareness. The month concluded with an awareness session on climate change at Laithangpuii College of Pharmacy, attended by around 50 students.



Documenting Indigenous Traditional Knowledge



An Initiative by Mobius Foundation

Project Aakar

Umeed Project, Uttar Pradesh

- Launch of SBCC Campaign "Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai?" in Balrampur: Umeed Project** strengthened its community outreach through the launch of the **"Itni Bhi Kya Jaldi Hai?"** SBCC campaign in Balrampur district. The mobile van, which will conduct outreach across **150 villages**, was formally flagged off by **Dr. Bipin Kumar Jain**, District Magistrate, in the presence of **Mr. Himanshu Gupta**, Chief Development Officer, **Dr. Mukesh Kumar Rastogi**, Chief Medical Officer. Appreciating the initiative, the District Magistrate emphasised the role of family planning in addressing child marriage and early motherhood, and underscored the importance of inter-departmental coordination to achieve sustainable behaviour change at the community level.
- Mega Health Camp at CHC Sidhauri, Sitapur – 16 January, 2026:** To strengthen service delivery and community engagement, a Mega Health Camp was organized under the guidance of the



डीएम ने परिवार नियोजन जागरूकता के लिए प्रचार वाहन को दिखाई हरी झंडी

परिवार नियोजन जागरूकता। बालरामपुर

परिवार नियोजन जागरूकता के अंतर्गत बालरामपुर जिले में डीएम कुमर जैन ने बालरामपुर को "इतनी भी क्या जल्दी है?" एम्बेडेज्ड (सोशल रेंज विस्तार) के तहत जागरूकता के लिए प्रचार वाहन को हरी झंडी दिखाकर स्वागत किया। यह वाहन उम्मेद परियोजना के अंतर्गत जिले के 150 गांवों में जाकर विज्ञापन की जा रही है, जहाँ डीएम और अन्य अधिकारियों के साथ डीएम के अंतर्गत जागरूकता के लिए प्रचार वाहन को हरी झंडी दिखाकर स्वागत किया।



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Press release

Health Department, and inaugurated by the CDO. The event reinforced the significance of convergence among departments for effective implementation of health and family planning services.

- Recognizing Excellence in Family Planning Services:** As part of efforts to motivate and acknowledge frontline workers, health functionaries who demonstrated exceptional performance in family planning services were honoured across **Barabanki, Gonda, Unnao, Sitapur, and Bahraich districts**. Doctors, pharmacists, data entry operators, ANMs, staff nurses, counsellors, BPMs, BCPMs, and ASHAs were felicitated by CMOs and ACMOs with certificates of appreciation, mementoes, and gifts, reinforcing commitment and accountability.



Press release

Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

- Aakar-Janani activities in Siddharth Nagar showed strong momentum, with effective service delivery and active community engagement across multiple blocks. The month marked an important milestone, as the programme crossed **300 sterilizations** for the first time this year. **18 service camps** were held across Birdpur, Barhni, Mithwal, Uska Bazar, Lotan, Khuniyaon, Bansi, Bhanwapur, Naugarh, Itwa, Tilauli, Dumariyaganj, and Khesraha, resulting in **308 female sterilization (FST) procedures and 1 male sterilization (NSV)**.

शिविर में 31 महिलाओं ने कराई नसबंदी

भनवापुर। ब्लॉक क्षेत्र के सीएचसी सिरसिया में शनिवार को महिला नसबंदी शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। मोबियस फाउंडेशन की आकार परियोजना के तहत जननी संस्था के तत्वावधान व अधीक्षक सीएचसी सिरसिया डॉ.शैलेंद्र मणि ओझा के देखरेख में आयोजित शिविर में क्षेत्र की कुल 34 महिलाओं ने अपना पंजीकरण कराया। इसमें दो नसबंदी के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं पाए गए। 31 महिलाओं का सर्जन डॉ. पी कनैजिया ने सफल ऑपरेशन किया। संवाद

Press Release

Saran District, Bihar

- Aakar team in Saran has conducted **11 family planning counselling sessions** where the team **counselled 225 eligible couples** and provided them with options for choosing family planning methods.
- Community awareness and outreach were carried out across 60 villages through a mobile van, involving the distribution of IEC materials and the use of audio-visual messaging to enhance community awareness and engagement.
- 10 meetings of ASHA workers and ASHA facilitators were organised across different blocks of Saran district, with a total participation of 157 ASHAs.



Community awareness through mobile van

Recognition from the Government:

Mobius Foundation was honoured with Certificates of Appreciation and mementoes by the CMOs and ACMOs of Barabanki, Sitapur, Bahraich, Siddharthnagar, Unnao, and Shravasti in recognition of its **excellent performance and valuable support to the Health and Family Planning Programme (2025-26)**.





Gyan Anant Vidyalaya (GAV)

Awareness Workshop - 24 January, 2026:

The workshop was conducted by Ms. Kshama Sharma and provided a transformative experience focused on mindfulness, self-awareness, and emotional resilience.

Academic Achievements:

Students delivered an excellent performance across multiple Olympiads, winning **2 Gold medals in English, 1 Gold in General Knowledge, 13 Golds in Mathematics, and 8 Gold, 6 Silver, and 8 Bronze medals in Hindi.** Adding to this success, **Ansh Tyagi and Vireen Rawat** qualified for the **State-Level Round of the Polaris Innov-a-thon**, a national coding competition.

Recognitions:

Dr. Poonam Minhas, (Principal, GAV) was honored with the **Luminary Leadership Award** at the EduVision 5.0 Awards held at KIET University and the **Sustainable Education Award** at the Global Edu-Leaders Awards at IIT Delhi. Additionally, **Ms. Kashish Sambhawal** received the **Game Changer Award** at the EduVision 5.0 Awards, recognizing her impactful contributions to education.



Awareness workshop by Ms. Kshama Sharma



Recognitions received from IIT Delhi (left) KIET University (right)

Articles



Emergency That Never Ends

The article argues that India's air pollution crisis persists because it is treated as a short-term inconvenience rather than a continuous public health emergency. It highlights how governance failures, weak standards, and fragmented policies allow unsafe air quality to become normalized across major cities. The piece calls for binding health-based targets, stronger enforcement, and better coordination to address systemic pollution rather than seasonal reactions.

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

Published in: [Millennium Post](#), 8 January, 2026



More 'Glacier Funerals'

This article uses symbolic 'glacier funerals' in Nepal and the Alps to frame a new Nature Climate Change study on "peak glacier extinction" this century. Under current updated +2.7°C warming projections, only about 20% of glaciers may survive by 2100, with grave consequences for worldwide water resources, especially Himalayan rivers, ecosystems and cultures, reinforcing the urgent need for more ambitious global cooperation, clean energy transitions and rapid emission cuts

Author: Dr. Sandip Tanu Mandal, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation

Published in: [Millennium Post](#), 16 January, 2026



Toxic taps in India's 'cleanest city': the cost of ignoring water safety

The article shows how gaps in water monitoring, ageing infrastructure, and governance failures can quietly turn drinking water into a public health risk.

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

Published in: [The Hindu](#), 19 January, 2026



India's Green Hydrogen Ambition

India's green hydrogen sector is at a critical stage, moving from policy ambition toward large-scale implementation. Despite strong momentum from the National Green Hydrogen Mission and early pilot projects, high costs, infrastructure gaps, and weak demand signals remain key barriers. Industry bodies are calling for stronger demand-side measures, fiscal incentives, and public procurement support. The effectiveness of these measures will determine whether green hydrogen evolves from policy ambition into a core pillar of India's clean energy transition

Author: Dr. Pooja Yadav, Research Associate, Mobius Foundation

Published in: [Millennium Post](#), 22 January, 2026



Participation & Engagement

Global Education Summit on Commerce and Accountancy 2026 - 17 January, 2026:

Mr. Praveen Garg, President was invited as a speaker at the Global Education Summit on Commerce & Accountancy 2026, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) at The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi. He spoke on sustainability and ethical decision-making. He also presented the promo of Embers of Hope – The Fight for Our Future, showcasing Mobius' efforts towards sustainability awareness and action.



Webinar Series by Karo Sambhav - 20 January 2026:

Dr. Sudheer Shukla, Head-Think Tank, joined a panel discussion on *Understanding the Social, Cultural, and Policy Dimensions of E-waste in India*. The discussion focused on how social norms, cultural practices, and policy frameworks shape India's e-waste challenges, and exploring pathways toward more sustainable and inclusive e-waste management.





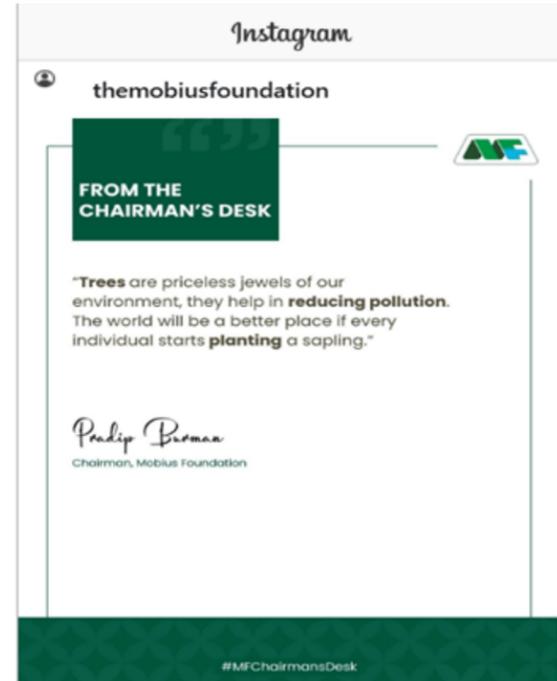
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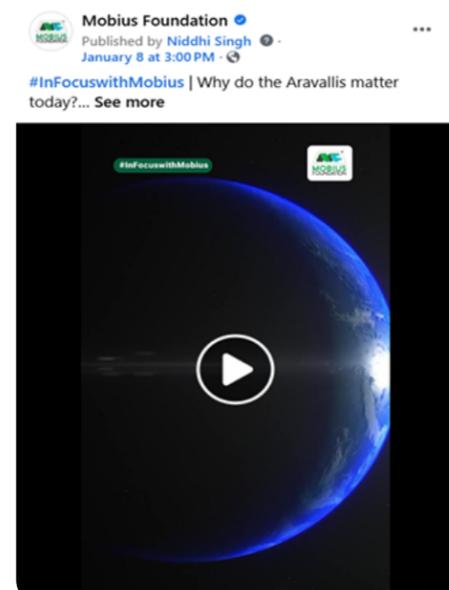
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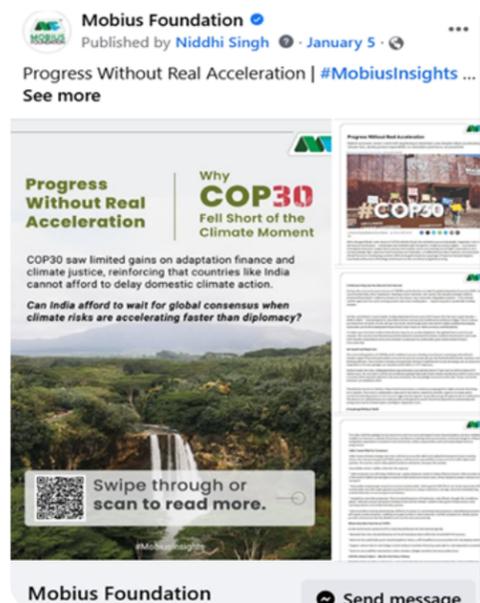
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Reach - 1,76,113 Engagement - 321

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Topical & Community Moments



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