



INDIAN YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK

भारतीय युवा जलवायु नेटवर्क

Inspiring the Indian Youth Climate Solutions Movement since 2008

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Organisational Profile

Introduction

Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) is a youth-led organisation working for the cause of mobilising youth for innovating climate solutions since 2008. It is registered as a society under Societies Registration Act, 1860. IYCN operates as a network of volunteers and organisations across India with the aim to make the youth movement more proactive and informed on climate change and related issues.

IYCN is the pioneer of the youth climate solutions movement in India - starting with a nationwide Climate Solutions Road Tour, undertaken in association with REVA (Electric Car Company) in 2009, IYCN led the youth climate solutions movement in India during the previous decade, liaised with a large network of young climate entrepreneurs and advocates, followed climate negotiations at UNFCCC, worked with the government on several occasions to raise awareness and conducted outreach.

With 13 chapters, more than 10,000 members and supporters, More than 80 members of IYCN have participated and contributed in key policy deliberations at UN Climate Change Conferences since its inception. The board and governance is led by youth and all the projects handled by IYCN are conceived, directed and managed by youth. The organisation also strives to train youth to be green entrepreneurs in collaboration with partner organisations. IYCN is the member of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) and YOUNGO, Official Youth Constituency of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). IYCN is also an observer organisation under UNFCCC.

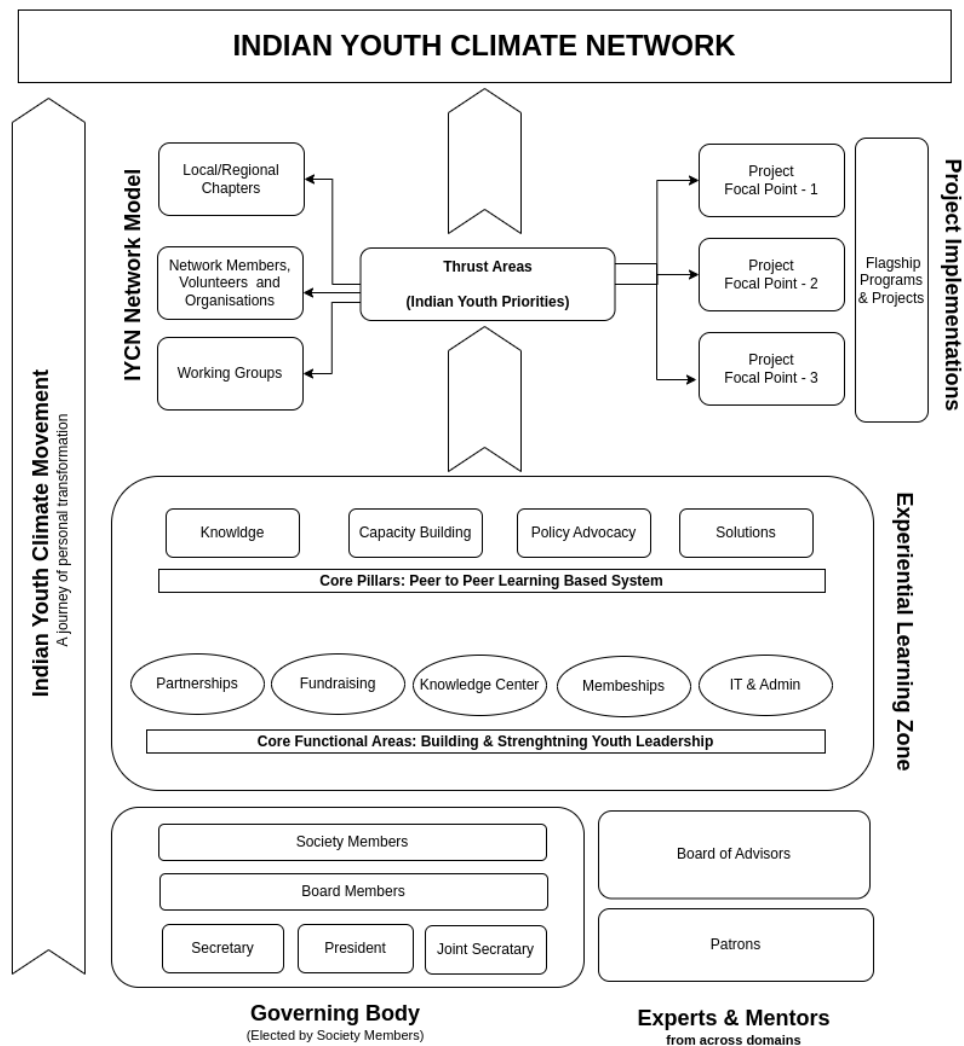
Agents of Change (AoC) is one of the flagship programs of IYCN (supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), India). It aims at imparting knowledge about climate change and engaging youth more effectively in climate negotiations both nationally as well as internationally. IYCN's Agents of Change have been interacting and engaging at international platforms with the Indian government, civil society, the UN and youths from different parts of the world. It helps youth get a ringside view of the negotiations on climate change that have important implications for their future.

This year's Agents of Change is centred around enhancing youth capacity on Circular Economy and recognising youth-led solutions that are driving a circular future for India. The project is supported by the EU-Resource Efficiency Initiative (A project supported by the EU Delegation in India and implemented by GIZ with the MoEFCC as key nodal ministries for implementation)



Organisational Structure

IYCN as an organisation is led by the governing body (Board Members) and all the projects handled by IYCN are conceived, directed and managed by youth. The board members represent 7-10 Indian states. IYCN as a network is led by a team of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about climate action. The organisation is structured around different committees, each focused on a specific area of work such as policy research, outreach, communications, projects and programs. Each year IYCN identifies thrust areas (focus areas) based on the needs and demands of the youth and its strategic alignment with policies and priorities of the government of India. The projects and programs focus on implementation of projects on ground and are managed and led by youth focal points (Project Coordinators). Board is supported by a strong panel of advisors (experts and mentors) from policy, industry and civil societies.





A Brief Overview of Projects, Activities & Programs (2007-2023)

Key Highlights	Description	Year
Climate Leadership Program	This program aims to produce a group of youth who would lead grassroots climate groups in their communities; leaders who will organise and mobilise people; and leaders who will spread the message about the urgency of climate change. The Leadership Training for Campus Climate Changers is a full day interactive session on climate change, beginning with basic climate science and solutions and moving quickly into brainstorming on campus solutions, creating action plans for implementation, and media training to communicate successes. More than 250 students from over seven colleges from Ahmedabad participated in Climate Leadership Training Programme organised at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) on Thursday conducted by the Young Indians (Yi) network of PDPU in collaboration with Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN).	2008-2009
Green Solutions Fair	The Green Solution Fair invited speakers to talk about existing environmental problems in the Jammu and Kashmir region and possible eco-solutions that meet local needs will be provided by the Green Solution Fair. This project is being organised by IYCN in partnership with Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir, J&K Bank, Department of Environment and Remote Sensing, and Jammu and Kashmir State Pollution Control Board.	2009-2010
Rural Climate Fellows	5 young women from the Bundelkhand community were trained as Climate Fellows to hold meetings in 30 villages of Bundelkhand. The objective was to get the village citizens talking about causes & effects of climate change that they can notice around them & Encourage them to take action for their own welfare through community action & making district administration accountable.	2010-2011
Eco Audit Program	The EAP is an innovative environmental education program that brings together youth, business and institutions to work collaboratively to make workplaces sustainable. The Eco-Audit Program trains youth to understand various concepts of Resource Conservation and make them more environmentally aware. Students then apply the knowledge gained in a hands-on way by conducting an Eco-Audit in an office or college campus. The goal of the Eco-Audit Program is to get people to mindfully reduce their resource consumption thereby lowering our collective negative impact on the environment.	2011-2012



<u>iADAPT - for a CARBON CLEAN INDIA</u>	There is much to be done regarding adaptation to climate change, particularly in the urban and semi urban context. What is required is a programme that is community based, youth led and which can help the community understand the issues posed by climate change and take necessary initiatives to adapt to the changing climate. Since mitigation and adaptation go hand in hand, there is a need for communities to adapt to climate change through sustainable lifestyles. Realising the importance of adapting to these changing environmental conditions and the role that youth can play, Development Alternatives and Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) launched the campaign, 'iADAPT- for a carbon CLEAN-India' on Earth Day 2012.	2012-2013
<u>Agents of Change</u>	A series of 7 workshops across the country. This series of two-day events has youth in different cities interact on climate issues with IYCN team members and other experts. Topics discussed include public transport, drinking water, waste disposal system and deforestation, and their impacts on our life and the environment. The discussion aimed at sharing the findings from the youth climate perception survey and the resultant position paper on climate policy by the Indian Youth Climate Network. An Initiative of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in India Young Climate Leaders present and discuss youth climate perception survey and key tasks in the IYCN position paper with seniors working in the policy sphere.	2013-2014
<u>Climate Catalyst</u>	IYCN undertook a survey to gauge the perception of Indian youth about Climate Change, their expectations from the policy makers of India and internationally. The findings of this survey was feeded into a youth position paper that was used as a leverage to talk to the government and presented at multiple forums nationally. The position paper was also presented at the COP 20.	2014-2015
<u>India - UK Sustainable Solution Challenge</u>	Goal of the India UK Sustainable challenge was to identify the most innovative climate smart solutions generated by the youth of India and the UK and communicate and celebrate them to a global audience. This will demonstrate that climate change impacts everyone, and despite different contexts, geographies and demographics, we all share the need for sustainable solutions.	2015-2016
<u>Local Conference of Youth - LCOY 13</u>	IYCN collaborated (as outreach partner) with CEE to host LCOY 13. LCOY is an event under the umbrella of YOUNGO, the official youth constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Its aims are to be a space to boost youth climate action locally and create an input into the international conferences. It represents a national version of the international Conference of Youth (COY), which takes place immediately before the Conference of Parties (COP), the annual UN-Climate Change	2017-2018



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Climate Charcha	Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) in collaboration with Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) organised the first Climate Charcha at the CSE Main Office at Tughlakabad, New Delhi on the 29th of June, 2019. The orientation was given by Mr. Avikal Somvanshi, author of the report and Programme Manager of the Sustainable Cities Programme, Centre for Science and Environment. The follow up discussion saw active participation from the audience whose interests were piqued by Mr. Avikal's presentation. The 2nd session saw the screening of the documentary titled, "The River and the City: Yamuna in Delhi," directed by Kartikeya Jain and Satya Ambasta. The film highlights the disconnections between the city of Delhi and river Yamuna.	2018-2019
COP Explainer Series	The COP explainer series includes a series of articles that provide insights into various aspects of the event. It covers topics such as the history of COP, the key objectives of the conference, the participating countries, and what each country hopes to achieve. The series also explores the science behind climate change and the potential consequences if urgent action is not taken.	2021-2022
Agents of Change	The EU's Resource Efficiency Initiative (EU-REI-II) initiated an initiative with IYCN to sensitise and disseminate knowledge on the circular economy to the youth in the country with an aim to empower them to take action by identifying key areas of engagement. 6 workshops are planned across the country to train 250 youth and 10 youth CE initiatives have been identified.	2022-2023
A Circular Revolution	Taking forward the legacy of the Indian Youth Climate Solutions movement this decade, IYCN presents "A Circular Revolution" - the podcast that celebrates the power of Indian youth to drive sustainability and innovation in the Circular Economy. Our host Ankita speaks to an 'Agent of Change', conscientiously identified by the Indian Youth Climate Network.	2023-2024



Key Partnerships and Collaborations for Projects

(Past and Current)

The IYCN has worked and collaborated with a variety of organisations and stakeholders to promote sustainable solutions and policies

British High Commission, New Delhi
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), India
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), India
World Wildlife Fund
Environmental Defense Fund
Climate Action Network, South Asia
Development Alternatives
Center for Environment Education
Center for Science and Environment
Infosys
Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
Hindustan Times Media (HT Media)
Embassy of Germany
UNDP & UN Habitat
European Union Resource Efficiency Initiative in India (EU-REI)
YOUNGO (Official Youth Constituency of UNFCCC)