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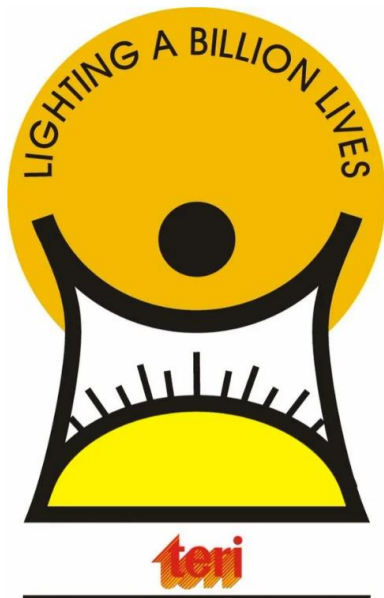
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Introduction

India, with its rich biodiversity and rapidly growing population, faces significant environmental challenges such as deforestation, air and water pollution, climate change, and loss of wildlife habitats. To address these issues, numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and individuals have dedicated their efforts to environmental conservation. This report highlights five prominent NGOs and five influential individuals working tirelessly to protect and restore India's environment.

NGOs Working on Environmental Conservation in India

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)



Overview: Established in 1974, TERI is a leading research-based NGO focused on sustainable development and environmental conservation.

Key Initiatives:

Conducting research on renewable energy, climate change, and resource management.

Implementing projects like "Lighting a Billion Lives" to provide solar energy to rural communities.

Advocating for policy changes to promote sustainability.

Impact: TERI has influenced national and international environmental policies and has been

instrumental in promoting green technologies.

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)



Overview: Founded in 1980, CSE is a Delhi-based NGO that focuses on sustainable development and environmental education.

Key Initiatives:

Publishing research and reports on air and water pollution, waste management, and climate change.

Running campaigns like "Right to Clean Air" to raise awareness about air quality issues.

Providing training and capacity-building programs for policymakers and communities.

Impact: CSE has been a key player in shaping India's environmental policies and raising public awareness about critical issues.

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF India)



Overview: WWF India, part of the global WWF network, has been working since 1969 to conserve India's biodiversity and natural resources.

Key Initiatives:

Protecting endangered species like tigers, elephants, and rhinos through habitat conservation.

Promoting sustainable agriculture and water resource management.

Running awareness campaigns on climate change and wildlife conservation.

Impact: WWF India has successfully contributed to the conservation of several endangered species and ecosystems.

Greenpeace India



Overview: Greenpeace India, part of the international Greenpeace network, focuses on environmental activism and advocacy.

Key Initiatives:

Campaigning against deforestation, coal mining, and nuclear energy.

Promoting renewable energy and sustainable farming practices.

Raising awareness about environmental justice and community rights.

Impact: Greenpeace India has been influential in mobilizing public opinion and pressuring corporations and governments to adopt environmentally friendly practices.

SankalpTaru Foundation



Overview: Founded in 2013, SankalpTaru is an NGO dedicated to tree plantation and environmental sustainability.

Key Initiatives:

Planting trees across India to combat deforestation and climate change.

Using technology to track and monitor tree growth and survival rates.

Engaging communities in tree plantation drives and environmental education.

Impact: SankalpTaru has planted millions of trees, contributing to carbon sequestration and improving local ecosystems.

Individuals Working on Environmental Conservation in India

Sunderlal Bahuguna



Contribution: A pioneer of the Chipko Movement in the 1970s, Bahuguna advocated for forest conservation and sustainable development.

Impact: His efforts led to the protection of forests in the Himalayas and inspired global environmental movements.

Legacy: Bahuguna's work emphasized the importance of community involvement in environmental conservation.

Sunita Narain



Contribution: As the Director-General of CSE, Narain has been a vocal advocate for sustainable development and environmental justice.

Impact: She has influenced policies on air and water pollution, climate change, and waste management.

Recognition: Narain was awarded the Padma Shri in 2005 for her contributions to environmental science.

Jadav Payeng (The Forest Man of India)



Contribution: Payeng single-handedly planted and nurtured a 1,360-acre forest in Assam, known as the Molai Forest.

Impact: His efforts have restored biodiversity, prevented soil erosion, and provided a habitat for numerous species.

Recognition: Payeng has received national and international awards, including the Padma Shri in 2015.

Vandana Shiva



Contribution: An environmental activist and scholar, Shiva focuses on biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, and women's rights.

Impact: She founded Navdanya, an organization that promotes seed saving and organic farming.

Recognition: Shiva has received numerous awards, including the Right Livelihood Award (1993).

Saalumarada Thimmakka



Contribution: Thimmakka is renowned for planting and nurturing over 8,000 trees in Karnataka.

Impact: Her work has transformed barren land into a thriving ecosystem.

Recognition: She has been honored with the Padma Shri and other awards for her environmental contributions.

Conclusion

The efforts of these NGOs and individuals highlight the importance of collective and individual action in addressing environmental challenges. Their work not only contributes to the conservation of India's natural resources but also inspires future generations to prioritize sustainability. By supporting and amplifying such initiatives, India can move closer to achieving its environmental and climate goals.