



Annual Activity Report

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME GUJARAT 2025-26



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Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation

Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation is an autonomous organisation established in 1982 by the Forest and Environment Department, Gujarat State. Ecological Education and Research are two primary areas which summarize GEER Foundation's scope of work. The GEER Foundation conducts and facilitates scientific research and studies as well as educational programmes to enhance the knowledge base and awareness regarding ecology as a whole. The Foundation also has state-of-the-art Ecological Research & Monitoring Laboratory. The Foundation also manages Indroda Nature Park, Aranya Udhyan in Gandhinagar and Hingolghadh Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajkot District. The GEER Foundation carries out various ecological education activities such as experience based Nature Education Camps, trainings, workshops, seminars and awareness programmes. The Foundation is recognised as Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIROs) by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and also a member of reputed organisations like International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Standing Committee for National Board of Wildlife, State Board of Wildlife, Gujarat Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA), Indian Society of Remote Sensing, etc. The GEER Foundation is also a Nodal Agency for Gujarat State Wetland Authority.

Objectives

There are 26 objectives of GEER Foundation as per its Memorandum of Association (MoA) Some of the salient objectives are as follows:

- To create love for nature and wildlife by promoting knowledge of ecology, ecosystems, environment and natural history among children, youth and common public.
- To actively engage in ecological research and promote the conservation of wild flora and fauna with a view to preserving natural resources for future and to educate the public in these
- To establish, manage and promote wilderness areas, museums, parks and other repositories of animals and plants, living or dead.
- To promote advocacy for importance of natural resources of Gujarat and the need for their judicious and scientific management and development.
- To engage in breeding of endangered species of plants and animals and reintroduce them in the wild, if possible.
- To promote knowledge of natural history, particularly the study of animal and plant life of the oriental region and adjoining zoo-geographical regions, both, alive and otherwise.
- To carry out research in all branches of natural history and to assist other institutions and individuals engaged in similar pursuits with information, advice and finance.
- To strive to establish cooperation with institutions including universities in India and abroad working in the areas of Ecological Education and Research.

Ecological Education at GEER Foundation

The Foundation aims at generating love for nature and promoting knowledge of ecology, ecosystems, environment and natural history among children, youth, officers and laymen through various Ecological Education (EE) activities. EE at GEER Foundation restores and strengthens links between man and nature to address the question of coexistence with nature while respecting the prevalent differences between man and its environment.

EE being one of its primary objectives, GEER Foundation has developed a multi-disciplinary approach for creating effective and far-reaching results. It imparts EE by carrying out outdoor interpretation facilities created in the name of Indroda Nature Park. It is endowed with Natural History Museum (Zoo, Dinosaur Park, Fossil Park, Energy Park, Cactus Garden and Botanical Garden), Aranya Udyan (Wilderness Park) at Gandhinagar and Nature Education Sanctuary at Hingolghadh. The Foundation also conducts nature education programmes, training and awareness campaigns. It also produces and broadcasts radio programmes on a regular basis and publishes reports, books, magazines and audio-visual material related to nature, ecology, wildlife, biodiversity, environment and climate change.



Environment Education Programme (EEP)

The Environment Education Programme (EEP) is a component of the Central Sector Scheme 'Environment Education, Awareness, Research and Skill Development (EEARSD)' by MoEFCC, GoI. It aims at supplementing the efforts of the Ministry of Education in the formal education front, through varied pedagogical initiatives to impart non-formal environment education. This programme intends to leverage on the key sectoral strength of Eco-clubs already formed under the National Green Corps programme, in addition to targeting Youth Clubs and other such clubs/units/groups formed under various programmes/schemes of the Government. The GEER Foundation is the State Nodal Agency / Implementing Agency for this programme in Gujarat State.

The activities are scaled up from symbolic ones to focused training/campaigns on sustainable lifestyle aimed at motivating children/youth to think critically and form their habits in such a way as to live in harmony with nature. Long-lasting change is most likely to occur when it is self-motivated and rooted in optimistic thinking. The programme aims at supplementing the knowledge that the children and young generation gain formally in class rooms with experience from nature and hands-on activities. In providing this supplementary experiential nature education, focus is kept on the foundation of principles envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020.

The objective of the Programme is to sensitize children / youth regarding issues related to environment and to motivate them to adopt sustainable lifestyle through varied pedagogical initiatives like workshops, projects, exhibitions, campaigns, competitions, nature camps, summer vacation programmes, etc.

GEER Foundation tries to closely work with a network of more than 15,000 Eco Clubs including schools and colleges across the state. The Foundation extends the technical and educational support to such Eco Clubs to conduct environmental education and awareness activities under Environment Education Programme which can sensitize the student members of such Eco Clubs. It works in synchronization with the line department officers.

EEP ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2025-26

The GEER Foundation carried various activities like Make your Own Nursery, Beat Plastic Pollution, Climate Change Education, Eco Friendly Activities, Eco Club for Wetland, Sustainable Lifestyle Practices trainings, Nature Camps etc. and also supported the Eco Clubs for carrying out activities at school level during the Financial Year 2025-26.

Make Your Own Nursery Activity

LiFE Goal(s):

- Encouraging Healthy Lifestyle Adopted
- Plan and make own plant nursery within the campus
- Motivate students to connect with nature through hands-on activity
- Biodiversity & Greenery Enhanced
- Propagation of native and fruit-bearing plants
- Creation of a sustainable source of saplings for school and home gardens

Life Themes Addressed: Healthy Lifestyle Adopted | Adopt Sustainable Food System

A school plant nursery is more than a patch of land with saplings—it is a living laboratory where young minds connect deeply with the natural world. Here's how a school nursery promotes a sustainable lifestyle and benefits the environment:

Hands-on Learning & Life Skills: By preparing seed beds, filling polybags, transplanting seedlings, and watering plants, students learn by doing. They develop patience, responsibility, observation skills, and teamwork—qualities essential for personal growth and environmental stewardship.

Promotion of a Healthy Lifestyle: Gardening activities like digging, lifting pots, watering, and weeding involve physical effort, promoting fitness and reducing sedentary screen time. The nursery also provides a calming, green space that reduces stress and enhances mental well-being.

Local Biodiversity Conservation: A school nursery can focus on native trees, flowering plants, and fruit-bearing species. This helps preserve local plant varieties, provides habitat for birds and pollinators, and restores green cover in and around the school campus.

Reduced Carbon Footprint: Instead of buying saplings from distant nurseries (which involve transportation emissions), the school grows its own plants. These saplings can be used for campus greening, donated to nearby communities, or planted during celebrations like Van Mahotsav and Independence Day.

Climate Change Mitigation: Every sapling raised in the nursery will eventually grow into a tree that absorbs carbon dioxide, releases oxygen, and cools the local environment. Students directly contribute to fighting climate change by nurturing future trees.

Educational Tool for the Entire School: The nursery becomes a living curriculum resource—biology lessons on germination, math lessons on measuring growth, art lessons on drawing plants, and language lessons through nature journals. It inspires teachers, parents, and visitors to start their own nurseries at home.

Long-term Sustainability: Once established, the nursery can generate saplings year after year. Surplus saplings can be sold at low cost or given free to community members, making the activity self-sustaining and spreading greenery beyond the school boundary.

Empowerment & Ownership: When students create and maintain their own nursery, they feel a sense of pride and ownership. This emotional connection transforms them into lifelong advocates for nature, carrying the habit of planting trees into their adult lives.

By incorporating a "Make Your Own Nursery" activity into the school calendar, we move beyond theoretical lessons into real-world action. Students become not just learners but active caregivers of the Earth.

Below is the common schedule followed in all activities:

Duration	Activity
15 Min	Opening and Introduction
15 Min	Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, Mission LiFE Pledge
45 Min	Technical Session: Introduction to School Nursery (Covered subjects like Nursery Setup, Design, Seed Selection and Sowing, Watering and Irrigation, Plant Care and Maintenance)
120 Min	Hands-on Activity: Make Your Nursery
15 Min	Feedback and Closing

The GEER Foundation, during the FY 2025-26 successfully implemented this activity-based project in 26 Eco Club Schools in Gujarat. Below is the list of Eco Club Schools:

SR NO	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Teacher	Total Parti
1	22/11/2025	MVS High School Sarsa	Anand	Anand	Sarsa	335	14	351
2	23/11/2025	Ramnagar Primary School	Anand	Anand	Ramnagar	93	7	100
3	27/11/2025	Sharda Mandir Epkovala Day School Nadiad	Kheda	Nadiad	Nadiad	100	4	105
4	28/11/2025	Kanya Shala Chaklasi	Kheda	Nadiad	Chaklasi	228	5	235
5	15/12/2025	Shri N K Metaliya High School	Amreli	Lathi	Matirala	100	3	105
6	15/12/2025	Koba Primary School	Surat	Olpad	Koba	38	4	42
7	17/12/2025	Shri Uchchatar Madhyamik Shala Padaradi	Panchmahal	Shehera	Padaradi	239	8	247
8	18/12/2025	Shri Pipaliya Primary School	Morbi	Morbi	Pipaliya	70	4	76
9	18/12/2025	Shri Malav Primary School	Panchmahal	Kaalol	Malav	102	7	110
10	20/12/2025	Nani Khajuri Primary School	Dahod	Devgadhbaria	Nani Khajuri	166	13	179
11	22/12/2025	Shri Khas Madhyamik Shala	Botad	Ranpur	Khas	115	6	124
12	22/12/2025	Pipodra Mukhya Primary School	Dahod	Dhanpur	Pipodra	100	8	108
13	23/12/2025	Mota Jinjavdar Primary School	Botad	Botad	Jinjavdar	107	6	116
14	25/02/2026	PM Shri JNV Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Dahegam	Sametri	240	7	247
15	25/02/2026	Patel M J High School Sanoda	Gandhinagar	Dahegam	Sanoda	138	8	146
16	09/03/2026	Vagad Primary School	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Vagad	80	6	86
17	10/03/2026	Shri Rangpur Madhyamik Shala	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Rangpur	79	5	84
18	12/03/2026	Shri Virbaima Kanya Primary School	Rajkot	Jasdan	Atkot	105	6	111
19	13/03/2026	Upasana Vidyalaya	Surendranagar	Sayla	Sudamda	262	9	271
20	17/03/2026	Shri Orpet Kanya Vidyalaya	Morbi	Tankara	Tankara	324	5	331

21	17/03/2026	Bhiyal Primary School	Junagadh	Junagadh	Bhiyal	91	5	96
22	18/03/2026	Vadavi Primary School	Mahesana	Kadi	Vadadala	100	9	109
23	20/03/2026	Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Pay Center School No 69	Rajkot	Rajkot	Rajkot	116	5	121
24	23/03/2026	Shri Zaverchand Meghani High School	Amreli	Bagasara	Bagasara	116	6	123
25	24/03/2026	Shri Chhaya Kanya Shala	Porbandar	Porbandar	Porbandar	108	4	112
26	25/03/2026	Ranvashi Primary School	Gir Somnath	Una	Ranvashi	110	5	115

Glimpses of the Activities

MVS High School, Sarsa (Ta. Anand, Di. Anand) 22-11-2025



Ramnagar Primary School, Ramnagar (Ta. Anand, Di. Anand) 23-11-2025



Kanya Shala Chaklasi (Ta. Nadiad, Di. Kheda) 28-11-2025



Shri N K Metaliya High School (Ta. Amreli, Di. Lathi) 15-12-2025



Pipodra Mukhya Primary School (Ta.Dhanpur, Di. Dahod) 22-12-2025



Shri Khas Madhyamik Shala (Ta.Ranpur, Di. Botad) 22-12-2025



PATEL M J HIGH SCHOOL, SANODA (Ta.Dahegam, Di. Gandhinagar) 25-02-2026



PM SHRI JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA GANDHINAGAR (Ta.Dahegam, Di. Gandhinagar) 25-02-2026



Bhiyal Primary School (Ta.Junagadh, Di. Junagadh) 17-03-2026



Shri Orpet Kanya Vidyalaya (Ta.Tankara, Di. Morbi) 17-03-2026



Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Pay Center School No 69 (Ta.Rajkot, Di. Rajkot) 20-03-2026



Beat Plastic Pollution Initiative

LiFE Goal(s):

- Reduction in Single-Use Plastic
- Encourage students to refuse and reduce the use of plastic bags, bottles, and wrappers
- Promote adoption of eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags and reusable containers
- Promotion of Recycling and Reuse Practices
- Conduct activities based on 4R principles (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
- Encourage creative reuse through “Best Out of Waste” and similar hands-on activities

Life Themes Addressed: Say No to Single Use Plastic | Reduce Waste | Adopt Healthy Lifestyle

Plastic pollution has emerged as one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. The “Beat Plastic Pollution Initiative” empowers students to understand, act, and lead change toward a cleaner and more sustainable future. Here's how this initiative contributes to environmental protection and responsible living:

Awareness & Environmental Education: The initiative begins with an opening session led by school authorities and experts, emphasizing the urgency of addressing plastic pollution. Through technical sessions like “Plastics and Plastic Pollution: How Can We Help?”, students gain insights into the harmful effects of plastics on ecosystems, wildlife, and human health.

Adoption of Sustainable Practices: Students take the Mission LiFE pledge to adopt eco-friendly habits in daily life. They are encouraged to avoid single-use plastics and switch to sustainable alternatives such as cloth bags, steel bottles, and biodegradable materials.

Hands-on Learning & Creativity: Activities like “Best Out of Waste” inspire students to creatively reuse discarded plastic and other materials. These practical experiences strengthen understanding of recycling and reuse while nurturing innovation and problem-solving skills.

Behavioral Change & Responsibility: By actively engaging in awareness sessions and practical activities, students develop a sense of responsibility toward the environment. Small habit changes—like carrying reusable items—lead to long-term sustainable behavior.

Environmental Protection & Long-term Impact: Reducing plastic usage helps decrease pollution in land and water bodies, protects biodiversity, and contributes to a healthier ecosystem. The initiative fosters environmentally conscious citizens committed to sustainable living.

Below is the common schedule followed in all activities:

Duration	Activity
15 Min	Opening and Introduction
15 Min	Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, Mission LiFE Pledge
45 Min	Technical Session: Plastics and Plastic Pollution: How can we help? (Will cover subjects like What is Plastic Pollution? How to Stop Plastic Pollution – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (What can we do?))
120 Min	Hands-on Activity: Best Out of Waste Competition and other activities related to Beat Plastic Pollution Theme
15 Min	Feedback and Closing

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar during the FY 2025-26 successfully implemented this activity-based project in 26 Eco Club Schools in Gujarat. Below is the list of Eco Club Schools:

SR NO	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Teacher	Total Parti
1	24/09/2025	Shri Gramodyog Mandir Prathmik Shala	Junagadh	Junagadh	Junagadh	145	9	154
2	21/11/2025	Shri Sarvjanik High School Tarapur	Anand	Tarapur	Tarapur	87	7	94
3	24/11/2025	Madina Secondary & Higher Secondary School	Kheda	Kapadvanj	Kapadvanj	159	7	166
4	25/11/2025	M.P. Patel High School Bhetasi	Anand	Anklav	Bhetasi	100	5	105
5	25/11/2025	Shri Gayatri Kanya High School Dakor	Kheda	Thasra	Dakor	223	5	228
6	05/12/2025	Ekta High School	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	100	6	110
7	06/12/2025	J.K. Chotala High School	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Koliyak	170	10	180
8	10/12/2025	Dholikui Primary School	Surat	Mangrol (Surat)	Dholikui	111	5	116
9	11/12/2025	Jay Shri Swaminarayan Ghiya Gurukul School Tatam	Botad	Gadhada (Swami.)	Tatam	110	10	120
10	12/12/2025	Shri Navyug Uchchar Madhyamik Shala	Amreli	Babra	Mota Devaliya	100	3	105
11	13/12/2025	Shri Khijadiya Prathmik Shala	Rajkot	Rajkot	Khijadiya	424	8	432
12	15/12/2025	Shri D.H.V. Pithiya High School Bamanasa Ghed	Junagadh	Keshod	Bamanasa Ghed	67	7	83
13	17/12/2025	Acharya Narendra Dev High School	Panchmahal	Godhra	Godhra	80	8	88
14	19/12/2025	Allu Primary School	Surat	Bardoli	Allu	91	6	97
15	23/12/2025	Shri Dudhiya Madhyamik Shala	Dahod	Limkheda	Dudhiya	191	11	202
16	24/12/2025	Adivasi Madhyamik Shala Kaliyakota	Dahod	Devgadhbhar	Kaliyakota	77	7	131
17	20/02/2026	Shri Thakkar Bapa Prathmik Shala	Rajkot	Rajkot	Rajkot	153	8	161
18	21/02/2026	Kalol Primary School No. 9	Gandhinagar	Kalol	Kalol	115	6	121
19	23/02/2026	Shri Pagar Kendra Shala Sector 7	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	112	5	117
20	05/03/2026	Rampara Prathmik Shala	Gir Somnath	Una	Rampara	75	5	80
21	10/03/2026	Shri Kansa Primary School No. 2	Mahesana	Visnagar	Kansa, Visnagar	100	5	105
22	12/03/2026	Sarkari Madhyamik Shala	Ahmedabad	Dholera	Hebatpur	79	5	84
23	16/03/2026	Shri Bhojpara Prathmik Shala	Morbi	Wankaner	Bhojpara	66	5	71
24	23/03/2026	Shri Saraswati Primary School Hamapar	Amreli	Bagasara	Hamapar	32	5	37
25	23/03/2026	Kherva Primary Boys School	Mahesana	Mehsana	Mehsana	264	13	277
26	24/03/2026	Shri Adityana Kanya Shala	Porbandar	Ranavav	Adityana	100	12	112

Glimpses of the Activities

Shri Gramodhyog Mandir Primary School, Junagadh (Ta. Junagadh, Di. Junagadh) 24-09-2025



Shri Sarvjanik Highschool, Tarapur (Ta. Tarapur, Di. Anand) 21-11-2025



Ekta High School, Bhavnagar (Ta. Bhavnagar, Di. Bhavnagar)



Shri Navyug Uchchhatar Madhyamik Shala, Mota Devaliya (Ta. Babra, Di. Amreli)



Khijadiya Primary School, Khijadiya (Ta. Rajkot, Di. Rajkot)



Shri D.H.V. Pithya High School, Bamnasa Ghed (Ta. Keshod, Di. Junagadh)



Shri Dudhiya Madhyamki Shala, Dudhiya (Ta. Limkheda, Di. Dahod)



Kalol Primary School No. 9, Kalol (Ta. Kalol, Di. Gandhinagar)



Climate Change Education Programme

LiFE Goal(s):

- Educate students about causes, impacts, and solutions related to climate change
- Encourage active participation in awareness and advocacy initiatives
- Adoption of Sustainable Practices
- Promote energy conservation, water saving, and eco-friendly daily habits
- Motivate students to reduce their carbon footprint through responsible actions

Life Themes Addressed: Energy Saved | A

Climate change is one of the most critical global challenges, affecting ecosystems, weather patterns, and human life. The “Climate Change Education Programme” aims to equip students with knowledge, skills, and motivation to become responsible environmental stewards. Here’s how the programme contributes to awareness and action:

Awareness & Knowledge Building: A technical session on climate change helps students understand its causes—such as greenhouse gas emissions—its effects like global warming and extreme weather, and possible mitigation strategies.

Interactive Learning & Engagement: Students participate in classroom sessions, presentations, and discussions that simplify complex environmental concepts. Activities like quizzes, debates, and poster-making competitions make learning engaging and encourage deeper understanding.

Creative Expression & Participation: Drawing competitions and creative activities allow students to express their thoughts on environmental protection. These activities not only enhance creativity but also reinforce the importance of sustainability through visual storytelling.

Promotion of Sustainable Habits: Students are encouraged to adopt simple yet impactful practices such as switching off lights when not in use, conserving water, reducing energy consumption, and minimizing waste. These habits contribute to lowering their individual carbon footprint.

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving: Discussions on global warming, carbon footprint, and sustainable living help students think critically about environmental challenges and explore practical solutions.

Behavioral Change & Long-term Impact: By taking the Mission LiFE pledge, students commit to adopting environmentally responsible lifestyles. This fosters long-term behavioral change and builds a generation that is conscious of its environmental responsibilities.

Below is the common schedule followed in all activities:

Duration	Activity
15 Min	Opening
15 Min	Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, Mission LiFE Pledge
45 Min	Technical Session: Climate Change: How can we help? (Covered subjects like Understanding Climate Change, Causes and Effects, How to Mitigate Climate Change – Small Steps Big Results)
120 Min	Hands-on Activity: Drawing Competition
15 Min	Feedback and Closing

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar during the FY 2025-26 successfully implemented this activity-based project in 25 Eco Club Schools in Gujarat. Below is the list of Eco Club Schools:

SR NO	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Teacher	Total Parti
1	24/11/2025	Shree Uttar Buniyadi Vidyalaya	Anand	Khambhat	Khadodhi	100	8	108
2	26/11/2025	Mahisa Primary School	Kheda	Mahudha	Mahisa	101	5	108
3	29/11/2025	Dr. K. R. Shah Madhyamik Shala	Kheda	Kathlal	Bhaner	106	3	109
4	07/12/2025	L.P. Kakadiya Vidhyalaya	Bhavnagar	Vallabhipur	Navagam	102	4	108
5	08/12/2025	Sankruti School, Vidhyamanjari Gnanpith Camps	Bhavnagar	Sihor	Sihor	110	9	119
6	09/12/2025	Nanikundal Prathamik Shala	Amreli	Babra	Amreli	120	9	129
7	10/12/2025	Shri Yogiraj Vidyamandir	Botad	Botad	Botad	130	10	140
8	16/12/2025	Nalanda High School	Surat	Mandvi (Surat)	Moticher	74	5	79
9	16/12/2025	Shri Swaminarayan High School,	Panchmahal	Godhra	Jafrabad	112	18	127
10	17/12/2025	Uttar Buniyadi Vidyalaya	Surat	Mahuva (Surat)	Ranst	209	18	227
11	19/12/2025	Shree S. H. Variya High School,	Panchmahal	Ghoghamba	Ghoghamba	716	27	743
12	26/12/2025	Shree K. B. Patel Higher Secondary School	Tapi	Vyara	Vyara	0	0	0
13	18/02/2026	Sheth K. M. Shah Sarvodaya High School	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Chhala	290	8	298
14	20/02/2026	Shri Swaminarayan High School	Gandhinagar	Mansa	Balva	120	4	124
15	11/03/2026	Shri Vijapur Primary School No. 4	Mahesana	Vijapur	Vijapur	100	9	109
16	13/03/2026	Kendravarti Shala, Mandva	Botad	Gadhada (Swami.)	Mandva	121	10	129
17	14/03/2026	Ekta Madhyamik Shala	Surendranagar	Chuda	Chokdi	122	6	128
18	16/03/2026	Shri Hathasani Sim Prathamik Shala No. 1	Rajkot	Vinchhiya	Hathasani	111	5	116
19	16/03/2026	Laxminagar Prathamik Shala	Morbi	Morbi	Laxminagar	77	8	85
20	16/03/2026	Hadmatiyali Primary School	Morbi	Tankara	Hadmatiyali	66	7	73
21	17/03/2026	Shri Sampavada Primary School	Mahesana	Bechraji	Samvada	120	10	130
22	18/03/2026	Shri Bhorasar Sim Shala	Porbandar	Kutiyana	Bhorasar	105	5	110
23	23/03/2026	Bhader Prathamik Shala	Rajkot	Dhoraji	Bhader	99	6	105
24	24/03/2026	Shri Pay Center Kumar Shala, Adityana	Porbandar	Ranavav	Adityana	105	3	108
25	24/03/2026	C.B.S.E. Dosi High School	Amreli	Kunkavav	Devgam	90	5	96

Glimpses of the Activities

Dr. K.R.Shah Madhyamik Shala, Bhaner (Ta. Kathlal, Di. Kheda)



L.P. Kakadiya Vidhyalya, Navagam (Ta. Vallabhipur, Di. Bhavnagar)



Nani Kundal Primary School, Nani Kundal (Ta. Babra, Di. Amreli)



Shri Yogiraj Vidyamandir, Botad, (Ta. Botad, Di. Botad)



Nalanda Highschool Moticher (Ta. Mandvi-Surat, Di. Surat)



Uttar Buniyadi Vidhayalay Ranat (Ta. Mahuva-Surat, Di. Surat)



Shri Vijapur Primary School No. 4, VIJAPUR (Ta. Vijapur, Di. Mahesana)



Shri Swaminarayan High School, Balva (Ta. Mansa, Di. Gandhinagar)



ECO CLUB FOR WETLANDS

LiFE Goal(s):

- Promote protection and restoration of wetlands, ponds, and river ecosystems
- Encourage student participation in conservation and cleanliness activities
- Educate students about aquatic biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Motivate documentation and observation of local flora and fauna

Life Themes Addressed: Adopt Healthy Lifestyle | Reduce Waste | Say No to Single Use Plastic

Wetlands, ponds, and rivers are vital ecosystems that support rich biodiversity and provide essential ecological services such as water purification, flood control, and habitat for wildlife. The “Eco Club for Wetlands” initiative aims to sensitize students and actively involve them in conserving these valuable natural resources. Here’s how this initiative makes a meaningful impact:

Awareness & Environmental Education: The programme begins with an opening session led by school authorities and experts, followed by a technical session highlighting the importance of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems. Students learn about the role of wetlands in maintaining ecological balance and supporting biodiversity.

Formation of Eco Clubs & Student Leadership: Eco Clubs are formed within schools, empowering students to take leadership roles in environmental activities. These groups become platforms for planning and executing conservation initiatives.

Experiential Learning & Field Exposure: Field visits, nature walks, and observation activities near wetlands, ponds, and rivers provide hands-on learning experiences. Students observe aquatic plants, birds, and other wildlife, helping them understand real-world ecosystem dynamics.

Biodiversity Documentation & Observation: Students are encouraged to document local biodiversity through notes, drawings, and photographs. This enhances their observation skills and deepens their understanding of ecosystem services and species interdependence.

Wetland Cleaning & Conservation Activities: Students actively participate in cleaning nearby ponds and wetlands by removing plastic waste and pollutants. These efforts directly contribute to improving water quality and protecting aquatic life.

Awareness on Plastic Pollution: Special emphasis is given to understanding the harmful effects of plastic pollution on aquatic ecosystems. Students learn how plastic waste threatens fish, birds, and other organisms, motivating them to adopt responsible waste practices.

Community Engagement & Outreach: Through awareness campaigns and environmental drives, students spread knowledge about wetland conservation within their communities, encouraging collective responsibility.

Sustainable Mindset & Long-term Impact: By participating in conservation activities and taking the Mission LiFE pledge, students develop a strong sense of environmental responsibility and commitment to protecting natural resources.

Below is the common schedule followed in all activities:

Duration	Activity
15 Min	Opening
15 Min	Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, Mission LiFE Pledge
45 Min	Importance of Wetlands and its conservation
120 Min	Hands-on Activity: Visit to Wetland and Cleanup Drive at nearby wetland Wetland Name
15 Min	Feedback and Closing

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar during the FY 2025-26 successfully implemented this activity-based project in 21 Eco Club Schools in Gujarat. Below is the list of Eco Club Schools:

Sr no	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Youth	Teacher	Total Parti.
1	20/11/2025	Shri K.J. Badhiwala High School, Indranaj	Anand	Tarapur	Indranaj	188	0	9	199
2	21/11/2025	Raksha Shakti School, Bamangam	Kheda	Matar	Bamangam	191	3	8	203
3	20/12/2025	Maharani Prem Kumari and Omd Science College	Dahod	Devgadhbaria	Devgadhbaria	166	0	12	183
4	21/12/2025	Gov Secondary and Higher Secondary School	Dahod	Dhanpur	Kanjeta	225	0	6	264
5	16/01/2026	Mahila Arts and Commerce College	Gir Somnath	Veraval	Varaval	158	0	18	242
6	14/02/2026	Suag Dam Rataiya Village	Rajkot	Lodhika	Rataiya	178	0	6	184
7	20/02/2026	Shri Faculty of Physical Education & Sports Science	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	SADRA	0	275	11	286
8	28/02/2026	Shri Mool Madhavpur PTC School	Porbandar	Porbandar	Madhavpur	172	0	5	191
9	02/03/2026	Shri B.N. High School	Mahesana	Vadnagar	VADNAGAR	200	0	10	210
10	03/03/2026	Shri Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Ugamedi	Botad	Gadhada (Swami.)	Ugamedi	153	3	6	162
11	05/03/2026	Sheth C.U. Vidhyalay, Lodra	Gandhinagar	Mansa	LODRA	275	0	8	283

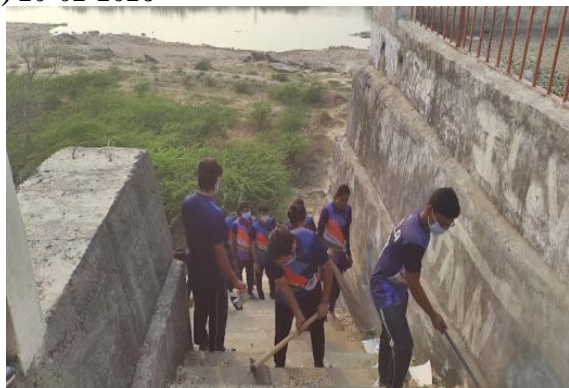
Sr no	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Youth	Teacher	Total Parti.
12	06/03/2026	Shrimati J.H. Radadiya Secondary School	Amreli	Babra	Sarkha	120	2	7	129
13	07/03/2026	District Education and Training Bhavan, Sidsar	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Sidsar	50	5	4	62
14	17/03/2026	Bahuchar Vidyalaya	Morbi	Tankara	Mitana lake	101	3	7	111
15	18/03/2026	Sir G.V. Makvana High School	Surendranagar	Sayla	Chokdi	216	0	11	228
16	20/03/2026	Shri Panchotiya Arts & Commerce College	Mahesana	Kheralu	dabhoda	200	0	5	205
17	23/03/2026	Swaminarayan Vidhyalay	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Dhandhuka	183	0	7	190
18	24/03/2026	S.K. Arts & Commerce College	Surendranagar	Sayla	DHAJALA	172	0	9	181
19	25/03/2026	Shri Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Gir Somnath	Veraval	Supasi	200	0	5	205
20	27/03/2026	Gyan Shakti Residential School of Excellence	Vadodara	Savli	Savli	145	0	7	152
21	27/03/2026	K.J. Institute of Ayurveda and Research	Vadodara	Savli	Savli	184	0	9	194

Glimpses of the Activities

Mahila Arts and Commerce College (Ta. Veraval, Di. Gir Somnath) 16-01-2026



SHRI FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS SCIENCE (Ta. Gandhinagar, Di. Gandhinagar) 20-02-2026



Shri Mool Madhavpur PTC School (Ta. Porbandar, Di. Porbandar) 28-02-2026



SHRI B.N HIGHSCHOOL VADNAGAR (Ta. Vadnagar, Di. Mahesana) 02-03-2026



Shri Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Ugamedi (Ta. Gadhada, Di. Botad) 03-03-2026



SHETH.C.U.VIDHYALAY,LODRA(Ta. Mansa, Di. Gandhinagar) 05-03-2026



Shrimati J H Radadiya secoundry school Sarkha(Ta. Babra, Di. Amreli) 06-03-2026



District Education and Training Bhavan, Sidsar(Ta. Bhavnagar, Di. Bhavnagar) 07-03-2026



Bahuchar Vidyalaya (Ta. Tankara, Di. Morbi) 17-03-2026



shri panchotiya arts & commarce collage (Ta. Kheralu, Di. Mahesana) 20-03-2026



ECO-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

LiFE Goal(s):

- Encourage students to adopt eco-friendly practices in daily life
- Promote responsible consumption and environmentally conscious behavior
- Demonstrate practical methods for reducing, reusing, and recycling waste
- Encourage innovative use of discarded materials

Life Themes Addressed:

The “Eco-Friendly Activities” initiative focuses on integrating sustainability into students’ everyday lives through engaging, hands-on experiences. By participating in practical activities, students not only learn about environmental issues but also become active contributors to solutions. Here’s how these activities create a positive impact:

Awareness & Participation: The programme begins with an opening session led by school authorities and experts, followed by the Mission LiFE pledge. This sets the tone for responsible environmental behavior and active participation.

Seed Ball Making for Green Cover: Students prepare seed balls using soil, compost, and seeds. These are later dispersed in open spaces to promote plantation and restore green cover. This simple yet effective technique helps in afforestation and supports biodiversity.

Plastic Eco-Bricks for Waste Management: Students collect plastic waste and stuff it into used plastic bottles to create eco-bricks. This innovative activity demonstrates how non-biodegradable waste can be reused constructively, reducing environmental pollution.

Library Concept – Reuse & Share: A sharing culture is promoted where students exchange books, notebooks, and study materials. This reduces resource consumption, saves costs, and encourages a sense of community and cooperation.

Creative Reuse & Innovation: Various competitions, exhibitions, and workshops are organized to inspire students to creatively reuse waste materials. Craft activities transform discarded items into useful or decorative products, fostering innovation and environmental awareness.

Hands-on Learning & Skill Development: Through direct involvement in these activities, students gain practical knowledge of sustainability concepts. They develop creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while understanding real-world environmental challenges.

Waste Reduction & Resource Conservation: By practicing reuse and recycling techniques, students contribute to reducing waste generation within school premises and promote efficient use of available resources.

Long-term Behavioral Change: These activities instill lifelong eco-friendly habits in students, encouraging them to make sustainable choices and influence others in their communities.

Below is the common schedule followed in all activities:

Duration	Activity
15 Min	Opening
15 Min	Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, Mission LiFE Pledge
120 Min	Eco Library, Eco Bricks (Reduce SUP, Beat Plastic Pollution), Seed Ball Making
15 Min	Feedback and Closing

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar during the FY 2025-26 successfully implemented this activity-based project in 28 Eco Club Schools in Gujarat. Below is the list of Eco Club Schools:

Sr No	Date	Venue	District	Taluka	Place	Children	Teacher	Total Parti
1	17/09/2025	Shri Kanij Pay Center School	Kheda	Mahemdavad	Kanij	105	6	111
2	18/09/2025	Rozva Primary School	Kheda	Galteshwar	Rozva	131	6	137
3	18/09/2025	HANDIYA PRIMARY SCHOOL	Mahisagar	Balasinor	Handiya	100	6	106
4	19/09/2025	Shri C.A. Patel High School, Vansol	Anand	Umreth	Vansol	131	5	137
5	19/09/2025	Shri Junvadar Primary School	Botad	Gadhada (Swami.)	Junvadar	100	10	110
6	20/09/2025	Dr. Vikram Sarabhai primary school No:136	Surat	Surat (City)	Fulapada	100	28	128
7	20/09/2025	Runaj Primary School	Anand	Sojitra	Runaj	125	10	135
8	20/09/2025	Shri Sundaram Primary School	Botad	Botad	Botad	100	6	112
9	22/09/2025	Shri Dhufniya Primary School	Amreli	Lathi	Dhufniya	100	5	105
10	23/09/2025	Shri chital high school ,chital	Amreli	Amreli	,chital	296	7	303
11	24/09/2025	Shri Girdhar Gopal Mundra Secondary School	Surat	Surat (City)	Amroli	94	11	105
12	24/09/2025	L D Patel High School, Ranghola	Bhavnagar	Umralla	Ranghola	120	3	123
13	25/09/2025	Shri M J Patel Higher Secondary School Parvadi	Bhavnagar	Gariyadhar	Parvadi	115	9	124

14	14/10/2025	Shri Mitana Taluka Shala,	Morbi	Tankara	Shri Mitana Taluka Shala	95	8	103
15	29/11/2025	Shri Bharti vidyalaya,morbi	Morbi	Morbi	Bharti vidyalaya,Morbi	105	5	112
16	15/12/2025	Shri Muktajivan Swamibapa Uttar Buniyadi Highschool	Panchmahal	Godhra	Samli	109	4	113
17	19/12/2025	Shri Sarasvati Vidhyamandir	Panchmahal	Kaalol	Kaalol	87	7	94
18	22/12/2025	Nimnaliya Primary School	Dahod	Dahod	Nimnaliya	98	4	102
19	21/02/2026	SHRI KALOL PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.4	Gandhinagar	Kalol	Kalol	100	13	113
20	24/02/2026	Jamiyatpura Prathamik shala	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Jamiyatpura	100	5	105
21	27/02/2026	Primary School ,Kuida	Tapi	Uchchhal	Kuida	254	9	263
22	05/03/2026	SHRI VIJAPUR KUMAR SHALA -1	Mahesana	Vijapur	VIJAPUR	150	8	158
23	12/03/2026	Z. C. Patel. Saraswati Vidhya Keshavan	Bharuch	Vagra	Keshavan	84	6	91
24	13/03/2026	H.P High School	Mahesana	Unjha	Unava,UNJA	117	14	131
25	16/03/2026	Dubhalai Primary school	Navsari	Navsari	Dubhalai	60	5	65
26	17/03/2026	Vinay Mandir Dandi	Navsari	Jalalpore	Dandi	160	9	171
27	24/03/2026	P.M.Shri Model School	Narmada	Sagbara	Selamba	379	14	401
28	25/03/2026	Ringni Primary school	Narmada	Nandod	Ringni	100	5	105

Glimpses of the Activities

Shri Kanij Pay Center School (Ta. Mahemdavad, Di. Kheda) 17-09-2025



Shri C.A. Patel High School, Vansol (Ta. Umreth, Di. Anand) 19-09-2025



Shri Junvadar Primary School (Ta. Gadhada (Swami), Di. Botad) 19-09-2025



Runaj Primary School (Ta. Sojitra, Di. Anand) 20-09-2025



Shri Sundaram Primary School (Ta. Botad, Di. Botad) 20-09-2025



Shri chital high school ,chital (Ta. Amreli, Di. Amreli) 23-09-2025



Shri M J Patel Higher Secondary School Parvadi (Ta. Gariyadhar, Di. Bhavnagar) 25-09-2025



Nimnaliya Primary School (Ta. Dahod, Di. Dahod) 22-12-2025



SHRI KALOL PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.4 (Ta. Kalol, Di. Gandhinagar) 21-02-2026



NATURE CAMPS

The 'Nature Experience' to teachers and children has huge potential to trigger the sensitivity towards nature appreciation and conservation, leading to positive environmental actions at different levels.

Under this program special Nature Education Camps for Eco Club schools are organized to create awareness amongst school/college students on environment and nature. The program aims to provide students an opportunity to learn about natural resources, ecosystem services, etc and the importance of the area by involving them in activities such as:

- Know Your Environment
- Forest observation trails
- Trekking
- Group discussion, experience sharing and
- Other nature based activities

List of participating schools with dates of the camp

S R	Date From	Date To	Name of College	Participant s
1	07-03-2026	09-03-2026	College of Forestry, Navsari Agricultural University District :- Navsari Taluka :- Navsari	47
2	11-03-2026	13-03-2026	ANAND COMMERCE COLLEGE, Anand District :- ANAND Taluka :- ANAND	49
3	13-03-2026	15-03-2026	Municipal arts and urban bank science college, Mehsana District :-Mehsana Taluka :- Mehsana	55
4	13-03-2026	15-03-2026	LJ School of Applied Sciences, Ahmedabad District :-Ahmedabad Taluka :-Ahmedabad	39
5	16-03-2026	18-03-2026	Kamani Science and Prataprai Arts College District :-Amreli Taluka :-Amreli	50
6	18-03-2026	20-03-2026	ITI JAMNAGAr District :-Jamnagar Taluka :- Jamnagar	51

7	23-03-2026	25-03-2026	Gujarat Commerce College (Morning) District :-Ahmedabad Taluka :-Ahmedabad	48
8	23-03-2026	25-03-2026	ITI Jamnagar City (Mahila) District :- Jamanagar Taluka :- Jamanagar	50
9	25-03-2026	27-03-2026	M.G. Science Institute, Ahmedabad District :-Ahmedabad Taluka :-Ahmedabad	42
10	25-03-2026	27-03-2026	Kadi Sarva Vishwavidhyalay District :-Gandhinagar Taluka :- Gandhinagar	50

Schedule of the Camps

Day / Time (hrs)	Activity
Day 01	
11.30 – 12.00	Arrival, Registration and Arrangements
12.00 – 13.00	Orientation and Introductory Session (Brief on Eco Profile of Gujarat / Biodiversity / Forests etc)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 20.00	Visit to GEER Foundation and Indroda Nature Park
20.00 – 21.00	Dinner (at Aranya Udhyan)
21.00 – 22.00	Post Dinner Activities / Interactive Session
Day 02	Field Exposure Visit and Return to Campsite at Aranya Udhyan
Day 03	
07.30 – 09.30	Nature Trail (Bird Watching, Plant Identification, Wetland Visit, Butterfly Park Visit, Plantation Plots and Miyavanki Plantation etc.
09.30 – 10.00	Breakfast
10.00 onwards	Feedback and Departure

During the camp, the participants explored the local ecosystem of a particular place and apart from that they were explained about the ecological profile of Gujarat, its biodiversity, forests types, and other elements of nature through field observation trails, field visits at different places nearby campsites etc. Nature trails and field observation were the core objective of the camps through which participants learnt many things like basics of ecology, ecosystem, community, population, niche, habit & habitat, food-chain, food-web etc. by actually showing different elements of nature by camp educators. They also learnt inter-relationship among various components of abiotic and biotic environment during the camp. They also walked through different forest plantation demonstration plots, plantation technicians like miyawaki forest, etc. The sessions also included exploring and observing plants diversity, bird watching, butterfly watching etc. Knowledgeable and experienced nature educators and resource persons accompany them and help in interpretation of observations of nature.

Glimpses of the Activities



