



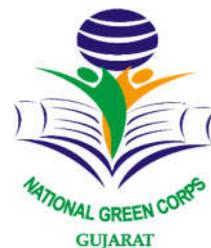
# Annual Activity Report NATIONAL GREEN CORPS (NGC) GUJARAT 2019-20



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# INTRODUCTION

## Genesis

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India had launched a National Level Programme to sensitize school children for environment and environmental related issues and, concerns at the local and global level in June 2001. The programme was initiated at the Conference of Ministers of Environment and Forests of all the States and Union Territories during 29-30 January 2001 at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. As a result, this highly ambitious programme which is known as National Green Corps (NGC) Programme was initiated for all the States and Union Territories covering all the Districts of the Country for the betterment of our next generation in terms of environment and nature.

## Objectives

- To make the children understand environment and environmental related problems.
- To provide environmental education opportunities for school children.
- To utilize the unique position of school children as conduits for awareness of the society at large.
- To facilitate children's participation in decision making in the areas related to environment and development.
- To bring children into direct contact with the environmental problems faced by the society in which they live and make them think about solutions.
- To involve children in action based programme related to environment in their surroundings.

## Actions

- Organize seminars, debates and popular talks on environmental issues in the school.
- Field visits to environmentally important sites including polluted and degraded sites, protected areas etc.
- Organize street shows, interacting with local people, fairs and rallies at public places with a view to spread environmental awareness.
- Action based activities like tree plantation, cleanliness drive, river & beach cleaning, vermi-composting, recycling of paper etc.
- Prepare inventories of polluting sources and forward it to enforcement agencies.
- Maintenance of public places like parks, gardens both within and outside school campus.

- Mobilize action against environmentally unsound practices like garbage and solid waste disposal in unauthorized places,
- To propagate personal hygiene etc.
- Creating awareness among people or masses to conserve water, energy & natural resources, etc.

### **State Nodal Agency (SNA)**

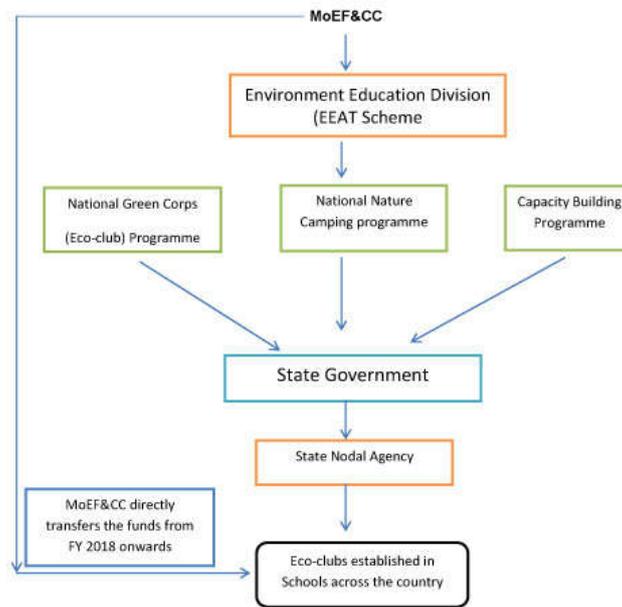
Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation, established in 1982 and supported by the Forests & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, is an autonomous organization which aims at creating ecological education and awareness and research in the field of ecology, environment, forests, wildlife, climate change climate change and related subjects. Other objectives also include scientific inputs for creating a network of Protected Areas, planning their management, and contributing to the wildlife conservation in the State. It is also the Nodal agency for NGC programme. As a nodal agency, the GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar is involved in following activities:

- Ensuring identification of member schools by the District Implementation and Monitoring Committee (DIMC)
- Selecting relevant resource material in consultation with Resource Agency and distribute
- Organizing training programme for In-Charge Eco Club Teachers
- Ensuring the distribution of grants to Eco-Clubs
- Receiving reports from DIMC and sending reports to Central Nodal Agency
- Organizing State Level activities, etc.

As a State Nodal Agency of NGC programme GEER Foundation coordinates with the District Education Officers, Eco Club schools and with national and state level committees for the furtherance and strengthening of the environment related programme.

### **Structure of NGC Programme**

There are 33 Districts in the state having 34 Educational Districts set up to run the education programme; this set up of the education department is used for NGC programme. NGC programme has successfully been implemented in all the Districts through the office of the District Education Officer / District Primary Education Officer. There are Master trainers and District Coordinators in each district who coordinate with eco clubs in the district and report in the subscribed format and also send a quarterly report of district-level activities held in the district to the nodal agency.



## State Steering Committee

State Level Steering Committee has been established to monitor the NGC programme at the state level under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Gandhinagar as detailed below:

- Principal Secretary, Environment & Forests (Or an Officer of equivalent rank): Chairman
- Principal Secretaries or their representatives from State Departments of Education: Co-Chairman
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests: Member
- State Nodal Officer of concerned SNA: Member Secretary

The role of State Steering Committee:

- To coordinate the implementation of the scheme.
- To encourage different government departments to actively help the eco-clubs.
- To review periodically the implementation of the scheme and suggest activities to be taken up at district level.
- To select the best district, best eco-club and give publicity of their activities so that other districts and eco-clubs can adopt them.

## District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee

For effective and efficient management of the NGC Programme at the district level, a District Level Implementation & Monitoring Committee has been constituted in all 33 districts under the chairmanship of District Collectors. The other members include

Deputy Conservator of Forests or representative, Officer from concerned SNAs/District Health Officer and District Education Officer as Member Secretary. The role and responsibilities of the district level implementation and monitoring committee are well defined as below:

- Coordinate, supervise and monitor activities at the district level
- Identification of member schools
- Identify master trainers
- To motivate heads of schools
- To select teacher in-charge
- To distribute Resource Material
- Update the Nodal agency about various activities in different schools

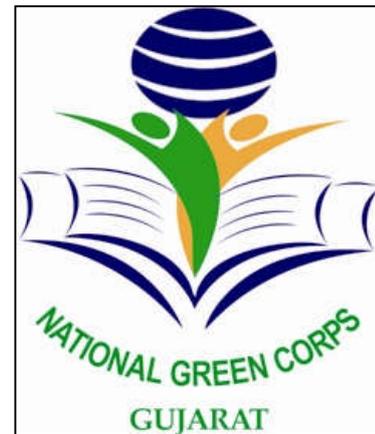
### **Uniqueness of the NGC Programme of Gujarat**

The NGC programme of Gujarat was initiated in Gujarat State in 2001-02 and GEER Foundation has taken many initiatives for strengthening the eco-club activities and encouraged the students for quality programmes in the past by taking up following actions.

### **Logo of NGC Gujarat**

A logo was specially designed for the NGC-Gujarat State and is being used in all the events, newsletters, certificates and mementos.

The three graphic symbols of education, school system and the environment have been shown in the logo. The two human figures represent students and teachers proclaiming to the world about the need to preserve the environment. The school systems, including students and teachers, have been depicted in the colours of nature.



### **District Coordinators**

Each district has one District Coordinator identified by Nodal Agency who looks after the school level activities such as collecting reports from Eco Clubs and coordinating with SNA. Role of district coordinators is as under,

- To send regular quarterly reports of NGC activities at school level to DEO / Nodal Agency.
- To visit schools in their districts and give inputs in the NGC activities.
- To assist the Nodal Officer / Agency for the monitoring of NGC programme.
- To facilitate the dissemination of educational materials and newsletters to all the schools in their districts.

## NGC Eco Club Setup in Gujarat

Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation is the nodal agency for Gujarat State for the programme of National Green Corps (NGC) since 2001. The National Green Corps Eco Club schools' network is getting stronger day by day. In recent years, this programme has been gaining priority and popularity. As we all know, the world is facing various serious environmental issues these days. However, it is very interesting to know that the schools are taking responsibilities voluntarily for creating awareness among students and the society. Ecological awareness has become one of the primary objectives of the education system. This enables the functioning of National Green Corps programme easier and more meaningful. The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar is preparing a database in which all NGC Eco Club School information would be stored. Apart from that, these schools have been assigned to email group so that all relevant information is directly delivered to schools immediately.

### District wise break-up of NGC Eco Clubs in the State

Sr. No.	Districts	Total Eco-Club Schools for the year 2019-20	Total Eco-Club Colleges for the year 2019-20
1.	Ahmedabad	778	37
2.	Amreli	429	3
3.	Anand	460	17
4.	Aravalli	174	4
5.	Banaskantha	506	11
6.	Bharuch	334	2
7.	Bhavnagar	423	18
8.	Botad	274	0
9.	Chhota Udepur	136	0
10.	Dahod	278	3
11.	Dang	251	0
12.	Devbhumi Dwarka	139	1
13.	Gandhinagar	451	9
14.	Gir Somnath	431	3
15.	Jamnagar	264	1
16.	Junagadh	349	3
17.	Kachchh	376	0
18.	Kheda	424	4
19.	Mahesana	503	9
20.	Mahisagar	474	3
21.	Morbi	265	1
22.	Narmada	262	1
23.	Navsari	282	5

24.	Panchmahal	295	0
25.	Patan	496	5
26.	Porbandar	260	1
27.	Rajkot	352	6
28.	Sabarkantha	320	6
29.	Surat	295	3
30.	Surendranagar	344	0
31.	Tapi	265	0
32.	Vadodara	434	4
33.	Valsad	300	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 Districts</b>	<b>11624</b>	<b>163</b>

## ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2019-20

### General Activities

As per the MoEFCC, GoI Guidelines, the eco-club schools generally identify one or two teachers to support students' eco-club activities. Eco Club activities at school level generally include environment and ecology related education at school level, students' activities including projects, plantation activities, local excursion to nature sites etc. Schools also participate in local level Van Mahotsav, Wildlife Week activities, Environment Day activities etc. Some of the Eco Clubs also conduct various competitions on the subjects of environment and ecology to encourage students for enhancing their competence. During the financial year 2017-18, the Eco Clubs also conducted various activities focusing on Swachh Bharat Mission of GoI.

## ACTIVITIES BY GEER FOUNDATION

### Observing World Earth Day 2019 (22 April 2019)

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar observed World Earth Day 2019 by organizing the nature trail cum cleanliness drive at Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar on the theme "Protecting our Species". More than 200 Eco Club members of Sheth Amulakh Vidyalaya, Gota, Ahmedabad; Adarsh Nivasi Shala, Sector 8, Gandhinagar and Shri R.C. Patel High School, Gandhinagar participated in the event. All participants were divided into groups and led by experts from the GEER Foundation. They explored various wilderness areas of Indroda Nature Park and gained knowledge about various components of the nature. They also learnt many things about various plants and wildlife in the nature park. During the nature trail, they all also collected the plastic waste. They were also given information on the importance of the day by Shri D.C.

Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation and Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation.



Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation interacting with volunteers



Basic orientation about the day's activity



Plastic waste collection by participants



Plastic waste collection by participants



Plastic waste collection by participants



Participants gaining knowledge about various components of environment



Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation interacting with participants and sharing knowledge on the importance of the day



Feedback by participants on the day's activities

## Observing World Environment Day 2019 (05 June 2019)

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar observed World Environment Day 2019 by organizing the awareness campaign and cleanliness drive at Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK). Volunteers from NYK and Eco Club Colleges participated in this programme. They were also given information on the importance of the occasion. On the day's evening the GEER Foundation organized the Kavi Sammelan "Vairo Kara Vaat" with a focus theme on environment in association with Gandhinagar Sahitya Sabha. Renowned poets from Gandhinagar namely Shri Bhagyesh Jha, Dr. Satin Desai, Shri Jigar Thakkar, Shri Dalpat Padhiyar, Shri Pratapsinh Dabhi, Shri Bharat Kavi, and Shri Natvar Hadau presented their exclusive poems focused on environment.



Plastic waste collection at Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar



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Plastic waste collection at Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar



Kavi Sammelan "Vairo Kare Vaat" at GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar



Kavi Sammelan "Vairo Kare Vaat" at GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar

## GLOBE Orientation Meeting cum Training and Training on Zika Virus (29-30 July 2019)

The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program is an international science and education program that provides students and the public worldwide with the opportunity to participate in data collection and the scientific process and contribute meaningfully to our understanding of the Earth system and global environment. Announced by the U.S. Government on Earth Day in 1994, GLOBE launched its worldwide implementation in 1995.

The MoEFCC, GoI relaunched the GLOBE program this year and implemented in six states namely Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha and Telengana. The GEER Foundation hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> orientation meeting cum training for SNAs for the GLOBE programme on 29 July 2019. The meeting was chaired by Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI. Two representatives from each SNA participated in the meeting. During the meeting they were given training for the GLOBE programme by master trainers for the GLOBE Dr. Deshbandhu and Prof. Garg.



Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC addressing the participating SNAs



Dr. Ritesh Joshi, Additional Director, MoEFCC explaining the programme details



Training of various GLOBE protocols by Dr. Deshbandhu and Dr. Garg



Participants during outdoor session



Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC visited the Sanskar Tirth Vidyamandir, Ajol (Gandhinagar) during his stay in Gujarat and observed Eco Club activities



Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC visited Govt. Arts College, Gandhinagar (Gandhinagar) during his stay in Gujarat and observed Eco Club activities

The Country Mosquito Training (CMT) was organized on 30 July 2019 for 60 selected Eco Club teachers of Gujarat. The training focused on Zika Virus and GLOBE Programme. During the training, the participants were given training on following points:

- What is Zika Virus and how it spreads?
- Identify potential breeding sites of mosquito.
- Sampling and counting of larvae.
- Identification of mosquito larvae.
- How to eliminate them.



Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC addressing the participants



Dr. Ritesh Joshi, Additional Director, MoEFCC addressing the participants



Shri Vishant Yadav, ASO, MoEFCC explaining GLOBE Protocols



Ms. Kanchan Puri, Programme Coordinator, MoEFCC explaining GLOBE Protocols



Prof. Dr. Garg explaining GLOBE Protocols



Dr. Deshbandhu explaining GLOBE Protocols

## Swachchh Tat Abhiyan: Beach Cleaning Programme (11-17 November 2019)

To strive to make our beaches clean and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems, Environment Education Division of the Ministry and Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM) under the aegis of the MoEFCC organized the mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the "Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan", from 11 -17 November 2019 in 10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs) namely Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. Following beaches in the Gujarat State were identified for the said drive and given responsibility to carry out cleanliness drive at such beaches.

Sr. No.	District	Beach Name	Nodal Officer
1	Kachchh	Mandvi	Shri G.C. Kuriya, ACF, GEER Foundation
2	Kachchh	Pingleshwar	Shri Bhavesh Trivedi, Assistant Prog. Coordi., GEER Foundation
3	Bhavnagar	Bhavani Beach in Mahuva	Shri Mahamad Parmar, Assistant Prog. Coordi., GEER Foundation
4	Junagadh	Mangrol Bara Beach in Mangrol	Shri Ashok Pambhar, Assistant Prog. Coordi., GEER Foundation
5	Valsad	Tithal Beach	Ms. Vaishali Popat, Assistant Prog. Coordi., GEER Foundation Ms. Kusumben Suthar, GEER Foundation

The cleaning drives in all beaches were undertaken, involving school/college students of Eco Clubs, district administration, institutions, volunteers, local communities and other stakeholders. The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar; State Nodal Agency for the Eco Clubs facilitated the week long intensive cleanliness drive in all beaches. Nodal Officers from the GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar were present at all sites during the

entire cleanliness drive. Dr. A.K. Agarwal, Director, MoEF&CC also visited Mandvi and Pingleshwar Beach during the drive.

The GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar successfully organized the cleanliness drive at all the identified beaches. The summary of the drive is as follows:

Particular	Beach 01: Mandvi (Kachchh)	Beach 02: Pingleshwar (Kachchh)	Beach 03: Mangrol Bara (Junagadh)	Beach 04: Bhavani (Bhavnagar)	Beach 05: Tithal (Valsad)	Total
Cleaning Stretch (Approx Km)	6.15	4	6.9	8.45	6.1	31.6
Total weight of solid waste collected (in Kgs) during the 7 days drive	7975	1765	2200	8450	4240	24,630
Total no. of participants present for the cleaning	1698	720	1091	1189	549	5,247
No. of Volunteers / Local Villagers / Panchayats	163	125	120	240	357	1,005
No. of students (sch & college)	1220	401	753	685	50	3,109
No. of Organizations- Govt, Semi Govt & Private	187	130	155	65	139	676
No. of NGOs, if any	125	60	60	195		440
Press & media coverage / News Paper Agencies / TV Reporters	3	4	3	4	3	17
Disposal Mechanism of Solid Waste (in Kgs)	Given to Civic Authority	Given to Civic Authority	Given to Civic Authority	Given to Civic Authority	Given to Civic Authority	Given to Civic Authority

#### Mandvi Beach (Kachchh District)



Participants cleaning the beach



Dr. A.K. Agarwal, Director, MoEF&CC, Gol also joined the cleanliness drive and observed the works



Awareness rally during the drive



Installing large dust bins at the beach

**Pingleshwar Beach (Kachchh)**



Cleanliness drive



Participants with waste collected



Cleanliness drive



Awareness rally

**Mangrol Bara (Junagadh)**



Cleanliness drive



Beach cleaning with machine provided



Eco Club students with collected waste



Staff of local Forest Department and NGO volunteers

**Bhavani Beach, Mahuva (Bhavnagar)**



Cleanliness drive



Participants with collected waste

**Tithal Beach, Tithal (Valsad)**



Cleanliness drive



Cleanliness drive



Cleanliness drive



Local Forest Department staff and civic workers with waste collected

## 1st Annual Meet of SNAs at Kevadiya (20 & 21 December 2019)

The First Annual Meet of the State Nodal Agencies implementing the National Green Corps 'Eco Club' programme of the Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), organized by the Ministry's Environment Education Division, in collaboration with the GEER Foundation, Gujarat was held from 20 – 21 December 2019 at Narmada Tent City Statue of Unity Site, Kevadiya, Gujarat under the chairmanship of Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC. Senior officers from 22 States and UTs implementing the programme along with about 200 Eco Club students from Gujarat participated in the meet. An exhibition also showcased the projects, resource material, handicrafts items etc. prepared by the Eco Club students across the States/UTs. The event witnessed a huge footfall, even of other tourists and visitors.

The annual meet commenced with welcome note by Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar followed by welcome dance by the students of Swaminarayan Gurukul Vidyalaya, Kevadiya. Following dignitaries were present on dais:

- Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, Gol
- Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
- Dr. Ritesh Joshi, Additional Director, MoEF&CC, Gol
- Padmashree Dr. Anil Joshi
- Padmashree Dr. Jadav Payeng
- Dr. K. Shashi Kumar, CF, Narmada Wildlife Division, GFD

Dr. Ritesh Joshi, Additional Director, MoEF&CC, Gol gave the brief introduction of the NGC programme and its successful journey of 19 years. Dr. K. Shashi Kumar, CF, Narmada Wildlife Division, GFD in his inaugural speech shared valuable experiences and insisted on ecological education as a life building process for an individual. He also motivated the students and appreciated them for taking up Eco Club activities in the school. Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar explained the importance of ecological balance on our planet. He appreciated the Eco Club schools and their students for playing a vital role in creating environmental education. Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, Gol explained the objectives of Ecological Education division and also shared the views of the Government of India on ecological education. He also highlighted few remarkable activities done by various Eco Clubs across the country. During the inaugural session the publication developed by the Environment Education Division for the Eco Club students were released namely 'Glimpses of Ecoclubs', Handbook on International Environment Conventions and Programmes and Handbook on Important Days of Environmental significance. After the inaugural of the meet, Padmashree Dr. Anil Joshi and Dr. Jadav Payeng shared their real life experiences with all. They, in their unique style, talked about how students should be more conscious about the benefits of a healthy environment and understand the importance of natural resources being provided

free by nature. They laid emphasis on keeping our environment clean and how we can help in the rejuvenation of environment by our small but consistent efforts.

The meeting acknowledged the contributions made by the State/UT Governments in implementing the NGC 'Eco Club' programme and certificates of appreciation were given to SNAs. Further, Best Eco Club Award, at National level were awarded to the students of the Eco Club from Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Telangana who secured First, Second and Third position, respectively and Consolation prizes were awarded to Eco Clubs from Gujarat, Sikkim and Karnataka.



Registration of participants



Performance of welcome dance by Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul Vidyalaya, Kevadiya



Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar welcoming participants



Participants at the meeting hall



Shri K. Shashikumar, CF, Narmada interacting with participants



Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar interacting with participants



Shri Arvind Nautiyal, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, Gol giving his keynote address



Inauguration of knowledge products done by MoEF&CC, Gol



Participants viewing the exhibition



Padmashree Dr. Anil Joshi interacting with participants



Padmashree Dr. Jadav Payeng interacting with participants



Best Eco Club 1<sup>st</sup> Prize to Bharat Mata English Medium School, Bilaspur, Chhittisgarh



Best Eco Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Ramakrishna Mission HSS, Kozhikode, Kerala



Best Eco Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize to Gov. Higher Secondary School, Bolaram Telangana



Best Eco Club award to Govt. High School, Gojanur, Karnataka



Best Eco Club award to Govt. High School, Pelling, Sikkim



Best Eco Club award to TATA Chem DAV Public School, Mithapur, Gujarat



Discussion with SNAs



Mr. Oinam Samuel, Dy. Director, NPC sharing his views about the NGC Programme



Facilitation of all State Nodal Agencies during the meet

### Eco Fair at Dang Darbar, Ahwa, Dang (04-06 March 2020)

One Day Eco Fair was organized for the NGC Eco Club Schools of Ahwa Taluka of Dangs District, during Dang Darbar on March 16, 2019 with the support of Forest Department, South Dang Division, the Office of the District Education Officer, Dangs and the Office of the District Primary Education Officer, Dangs. A unique eco exhibition was organized to make people aware of various Eco Club activities in the Ahwa Taluka of Dang District. About 25 NGC Eco Clubs participated in the Eco Fair with their projects, demonstration models etc



Opening of the Eco Fare



Eco Club students visiting the Eco Fare



Dangi People (Local Community) viewing the exhibition



Participants with their exhibits

## District Level Eco Club Teachers' Meeting cum Training

For effective implementation of this scheme, Eco Club teachers have to play a pivotal role, and therefore, training of the Eco Club teachers is critical & essential for effective NGC activities. There is also a need to enlist more support to this activity with focus on strengthening the NGC Eco Club teachers; in this regards, the GEER Foundation took the initiatives to impart training to Eco Club Teachers in different Districts.

With the rich experience of conducting NECs and other activities, it is understood that active participation of learned and experienced teacher is an essential / critical / key element of the effective nature education. More often than not, indifference of teachers towards these activities do not yield desired results in facilitation of nature education to the students. Therefore, large numbers of teachers are required to be continuously trained, oriented and motivated for such important nature education activity. The GEER Foundation had conducted District level NGC Eco Club Teachers' Meeting cum Training in six Districts. Such type of teachers training for Bharuch District was supported by CSR Project of UPL Ltd., Ankleshwar unit. The programme included field visit to best performing eco clubs in Bharuch District. Following is the detailed list of the training programs and glimpses of the programme.

Sr. No.	District	Date	No. of Participants
1.	Bharuch	28-06-2019	311
2.	Bhavnagar	18-07-2019	430
3.	Gir Somnath	29-08-2019	382
4.	Anand (Only High Schools)	24-12-2019	180
5.	Tapi	06-02-2020	282
6.	Surat	29-02-2020	265
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1850</b>

### Bharuch District



Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation guiding the teachers



Manager, UPL Ltd., sharing his views on environmental education



Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation interacting with participating teachers



Shri H.N. Sindha, District Coordinator (Bharuch) guiding the participants



Dr. Ranjit Kaur, Saras Conservation Program Incharge, UPL Ltd. educating participants on Sarus Cranes



Participants taking environmental oath



Participants visiting Sundhi Primary School on the second day of the programme



Participants visiting **Sundhi** Primary School on the second day of the programme



Participants visit the CSR project of UPL Ltd at \_\_\_ village



Participants during the field visit

**Bhavnagar District**



Participants teachers from the Eco Clubs of Bhavnagar District



Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar interacting with participants

**Gir Somnath**



Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar interacting with participants



Participants teachers from the Eco Clubs of Gir Somnath District

**Anand District**



Participants from Anand District



Guidance by various experts

**Tapi District**


Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation interacting with participants



Shri C.K. Sonawane, CCF, Surat during his session



Shri Ashok Pambhar, Assistant Program Coordinator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar interacting with participants



Participating teachers sharing their Eco Club activities and giving feedback about the programme

**Surat District**


Dr.



Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation interacting with participants



Shri C.K. Sonawane, CCF, Surat sharing his experience about ecological education



Participants of the programme

### “Eco Club Setu” Monthly Radio and TV Programme

Information distribution and to highlight some exceptional activities done by eco club, the GEER Foundation took the initiative to start a half hour special dedicated radio and television programme for eco clubs “Eco Club Setu”. Ten radio programme was broadcasted during the year 2019-20 from Akaswani Gujarat. Nine television programme was telecasted during the year 2019-20 from “Vande Gujarat” educational channel of Government of Gujarat managed by BISAG as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Date & Time	Subject & Resource Person
1.	20-06-2019 09:30 – 10:30	Sub: Introduction to National Green Corps (NGC) Programme Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri R.D. Kamboj, Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Ms. Vaishali Popat, Assistant Program Coordinator</li> </ul>
2.	26-07-2019 12:45 – 13:15	Sub: Activities under NGC Eco Club Programme Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Dr. Vinodkumar Pandey, Shri M.H. Vidhya Mandir Dabhoda, Gandhinagar</li> </ul>
3.	27-08-2019 11:30 – 12:00	Sub: Activities under NGC Eco Club Programme Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Ms. Hemangini T. Dipankar, Eco Club Teacher, Mt. Carmel High School, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Ms. Anjanben N. Patel, Principal, Sanskar Tirth Kanya Vinaya Mandir, Aajol, Gandhinagar</li> </ul>
4.	25-09-2019 11:30 – 12:00	Sub: Stop Single Use Plastic Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator</li> <li>• Shri Anil Patel, Nisarg Science Community Centre</li> <li>• Shri Naresh Thakar, Former PRO, GPCB</li> </ul>
5.	07-10-2019 11:30 – 12:00	Sub: Wildlife Week 2019 and Eco Club activities Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> </ul>

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6.	11-10-2019 15:30 – 16:15	Sub: Wildlife Week 2019 and Eco Club activities Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri B.D. Aal, ACF, Gujarat Forest Department</li> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Ms. Vaishali Popat, Assistant Program Coordinator</li> </ul>
7.	29-11-2019 15:30 – 16:15	Sub: Plastic free Eco Clubs and Nature Education Camps Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri K.A. Rathod, Former ACF, Gujarat Forest Department</li> <li>• Ms. Vaishali Popat, Assistant Program Coordinator</li> <li>• Ms. Jagrutiben Gajjar, Mt. Carmel School, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Niravbhai Sodha, Mt. Carmel School, Gandhinagar</li> </ul>
8.	31-12-2019 11:30 – 12:15	Sub: Plastic Waste Management Resource Persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri D.C. Mehta, Dy. Director (EE), GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Alap Pandit, Nature Educator, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar</li> <li>• Shri Mahamad Parmar, Assistant Program Coordinator</li> </ul>
9.	06-01-2020 16:00 – 16:30	Repeat Telecast of Programme Dated 31-12-2019