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HARIT KHABAR

Newsletter featuring Environment Action by HCLFoundation



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Observed annually on June 5, World Environment Day 2025 was hosted by Jeju Province, Republic of Korea, under the joint leadership of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Republic of Korea. Over 150 countries observed World Environment Day and the participating nations reaffirmed their support for a binding global plastics treaty. Governments also pledged to phase out single-use plastics and scale up reuse and recycling efforts.

The official theme was "Beat Plastic Pollution" driven by the global campaign #BeatPlasticPollution



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Educational Institutions Embrace Digital Exam Pads



In a move towards sustainability, universities in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, including Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Nitte, and Yenepoya, began adopting digital exam pads in May 2025.

This initiative aims to reduce paper consumption and promote eco-friendly practices in the education sector.

Meghalaya Initiates 'Mission Clean Shillong 2027'



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Ahead of hosting the next National Games, the Meghalaya government has launched "Mission Clean Shillong 2027," a campaign aimed at transforming Shillong into one of India's cleanest cities. The two-year initiative focuses on achieving litter-free streets, clean water, and pure air through collective community action.

World Environment Day Celebrated across India by Harit by HCL Foundation Partners

MSSRF

The Fish for All Research Centre, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, celebrated World Environment Day 2025 at Indra Nagar, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu. A coastal cleanup drive was also organised with the help of 30 school students.



Development Alternatives

Development Alternatives celebrated World Environment Day in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh with 75 participants. A transect walk around a rejuvenated pond was conducted, followed by fun water-themed games and a screening of an animated video on the importance of pond rejuvenation.



Give Me Trees Trust

To celebrate the day, Give Me Trees Trust organized nature-based activities at the Harit Upvan, Upralsi, Uttar Pradesh, such as a vibrant nature walk and a leaf painting workshop.



ARRC

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the ARRC team hosted an awareness session for 85 students from classes 6 and 7 at VKO Government School, Shivaji Nagar, Karnataka, focusing on the devastating consequences of synthetic manjha on birds and humans.



Centre for Environment Education

GenCAN (Generation for Climate Action) schools across India celebrated World Environment Day with vibrant activities such as plantation drives, poster-making competitions, and informative assemblies.



TIDE

TIDE hosted an inspiring day of action, which included activities like a pledge to prevent plastic pollution, paper bag making, and plastic upcycling with 500 students from Government Higher Secondary School, Kovilambakkam, and ADW Hr Secondary School, Kannigapuram, Tamil Nadu.



Development Research Communication and Services Centre

DRCSCE celebrated World Environment Day 2025 with communities at Hingalganj and Patharpratima blocks, West Bengal, in which more than 130 participants took part.



NASA: Extreme Droughts and Floods Double in 5 Years

NASA's GRACE satellite data has revealed a sharp rise in extreme weather events across the globe, with both droughts and floods becoming more frequent and intense between 2003 and 2020. The findings indicate that in just the last five years the number of these events more than doubled. The study urges governments to invest in adaptive water management and infrastructure resilience, especially in climate-vulnerable regions.



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A New Chapter for Climate Transparency

A New Step for Climate Action—At the UN Climate Meetings in Bonn (June 2025), organised by the UNFCCC, countries began using the new Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) to report how they are tackling climate change. The ETF is important because it makes reports clear and fair, helps track real progress, and builds trust. In FMCP sessions, countries shared progress, discussed challenges, and learned from one another.



High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

As part of the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 2025, the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from May 29 to June 1. The Dushanbe Glaciers Declaration was adopted at the meeting, which was hosted by the Tajikistani government and focused on the pressing need to address glacier retreat because of its extensive effects on biodiversity and water security.



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Valmik Thapar – India's "Tiger Man" of Wildlife Conservation

Valmik Thapar, one of India's most passionate and influential conservationists, passed away on May 31, 2025. He leaves behind a towering legacy - as a writer, filmmaker, activist, and the unwavering voice of India's tigers and their vanishing habitats. His lifelong commitment to protecting tigers began in the 1970s during a visit to Ranthambore. Deeply moved by the plight of India's national animal, Thapar devoted himself to its study and protection. Over the next five decades, he became a familiar presence in India's tiger reserves, observing, documenting, and campaigning. He authored over 30 books, including Land of the Tiger, and brought India's conservation story to global audiences through acclaimed documentaries on BBC, Discovery, and National Geographic.



Third UN Ocean Conference Highlights Marine Protection

Coinciding with World Oceans Day, the Third UN Ocean Conference took place in Nice, France, from June 9–13, 2025. Over 100 nations gathered to reaffirm their commitment to protecting at least 30% of the world's oceans by 2030.

A central focus was the High Seas Treaty, which calls for a halt to deep-sea mining until its environmental impacts are fully understood.



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Nepal Welcomes Otters Back

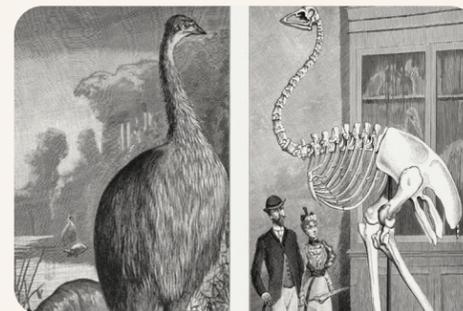


After 185 years, the Asian small-clawed otter has been spotted in western Nepal. Classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN due to dams, water pollution, and habitat loss, this species is the smallest otter in the world.

Its rediscovery brings hope for river conservation and better protection for other freshwater animals too. Conservationists hope this rediscovery sparks more surveys and inclusion in national wildlife protection policies.

The Silent Skies Ahead

A recent study from the University of Reading, published in Nature Ecology & Evolution, warns that over 500 bird species could face extinction within the next century due to climate change, habitat loss, and human activities like hunting.



Hawaii Approves Climate Resilience Tax on Tourism

In May 2025, Hawaii passed a bill adding a 0.75% levy to hotel room tax and 11% cruise ship tax to fund climate resilience and environmental protection. Tourism-dependent Hawaii is facing rising seas, coral bleaching, and droughts intensified by global warming.



Earth Day

Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, raises awareness about environmental challenges and promotes actions to protect our planet. It reminds us of nature's importance and our role in preserving it. The day encourages global unity in fighting pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss for a healthier, sustainable future.

Marine conservation and community awareness



This Earth Day (April 22), ReefWatch celebrated with impactful action in Kanchogodu village, Karnataka, focusing on marine conservation and community awareness. In collaboration with Dr. B. B. Hegde First Grade College, Kundapur, the team organized a beach clean-up that saw 44 enthusiastic students collect 184 kg of marine debris.

They also inaugurated a new community space, featuring benches and a table creatively upcycled from discarded ghost nets, symbolizing sustainable reuse and innovation. An awareness program was conducted with the local fishing community, reaching 54 members and children from the village, where discussions focused on ocean health, responsible fishing, and reducing plastic waste. The event fostered a strong sense of environmental responsibility among both students and villagers.

If Earth Could Speak, What Would It Say?

Junior High School Nagla Charan Das, UP, with support from Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG) and HCLFoundation, celebrated Earth Day with the theme "Our Power, Our Planet." Students were introduced to the importance of renewable energy and simple, everyday actions to care for the environment. A highlight of the celebration was a student-led talk show titled "If Earth Could Speak, What Would It Say?"

Children used creative props, such as Earth costumes, models of solar panels and windmills, dustbins, trees, paper bags, and brooms to bring their messages to life. The event left students inspired and empowered to take small yet meaningful step-steward protecting the planet and building a greener, more sustainable future.



Celebrating the World of Bees

On the occasion of World Bee Day, a special workshop was held at Harit Upvan, Sorkha, led by biodiversity expert Mr. Ishtiyak Ahmad. The session actively engaged local community women in an enriching discussion on the vital role of bees in our ecosystem. Through interactive conversations, participants learned how bees facilitate pollination, support biodiversity, and play a critical role in sustaining food security. The workshop fostered greater appreciation for these often-overlooked pollinators and encouraged community members to take small steps toward protecting them.



Fishing Community takes the Lead

Spandan celebrated World Sea Turtle Day on June 16 with the fishing community of Penthakotta, Puri, with 110 fishermen participating. Elderly fishermen demonstrated how to safely release turtles caught in nets, while children wore models of the five sea turtle species found in the Bay of Bengal. The group discussed turtle ecology, including feeding, mating, and nesting habits. Most fishermen could identify four out of five species, except the green turtle. All participants took a pledge to protect sea turtles.



MSSRF Organized Co-Management Committee Meetings

MSSRF's Fish for All Research Centre, in collaboration with HCLFoundation, successfully conducted Ghost Gear Co-Management Committee meetings at Vethalai (June 20, 2025) and Vellapatti (June 21, 2025). The meetings aimed to strengthen community involvement in managing marine debris, maintaining ghost gear segregation sheds, and exploring livelihood opportunities through its recycling and upcycling.



A New Beginning

Wild CER has completed 120 dog neutering operations in month of May in Khadsangi range of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. The camp site was established at chimur, with the support of Forest Department.



Students Join Hands for Sparrow Conservation

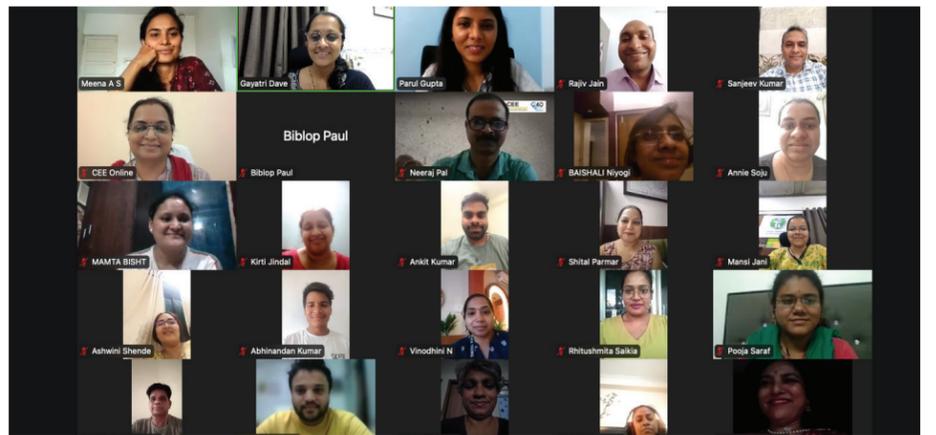


Under the Green Window initiative, Eco Roots Foundation, in collaboration with HCLFoundation, conducted nest-making workshops in government schools in Gejha and Challeria in Noida, on May 17 and 19, 2025. Led by Mr. Animesh, 156 students actively participated in creating 100 eco-friendly sparrow nests.

The workshops helped students understand the importance of sparrow conservation while promoting simple, hands-on eco-friendly practices.

GenCAN Phase Three Empowers 100+ Teachers for Climate Action

Phase Three of GenCAN – Generation for Climate Action kicked off with an offline capacity-building workshop at DIET, Gautam Buddha Nagar, on May 8, 2025, with participation from 18 teachers. This was followed by two rounds of national-level online orientations—on May 28–29 and June 5–6—conducted by CEE in partnership with HCLFoundation. Together, these sessions engaged over 100 teachers from across India, equipping them to address climate change through the GenCAN challenge. The initiative emphasizes implementing sustainable practices at the school level and building a climate-conscious educator community.



Celebrating Life on Earth at Harit Club

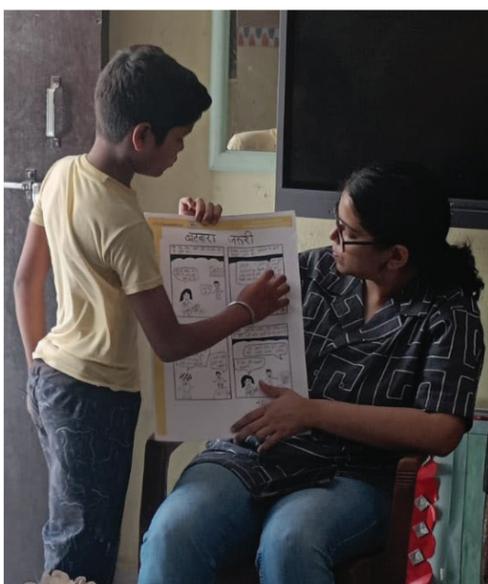
The International Day for Biological Diversity was celebrated by GEAG, with support from HCLFoundation, on May 28 at the Harit Club – Eco Corner in Police Lines, Noida. Children were introduced to the importance of biodiversity and how simple everyday actions can help protect it. Aligned with this year's theme, "Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development," the session emphasized that true progress must go hand in hand with environmental conservation.



To creatively express this idea, children made face masks of trees, flowers, insects, animals, and birds, highlighting their role in maintaining ecological balance. The activity deepened their connection with nature and inspired a sense of responsibility toward its protection.



Drawing Change: Environmental Comics Workshop at Rasta Gurukul



On June 27, 2025, World Comics India, with support from the HCLFoundation, organized an Environmental Education Comics Workshop at Rasta Gurukul, Noida.

The workshop brought together 27 students for an engaging and interactive learning experience. The day began with a comics exhibition featuring powerful grassroots stories on environmental issues, followed by a comics reading session that sparked curiosity and meaningful dialogue.

A lively discussion on current environmental challenges led into a storytelling session, where students shared their own experiences and insights. These stories became the foundation for the final activity—creating draft comics that reflected their perspectives and ideas for a better environment.





Harit by HCLFoundation eff

Plastic pollution has made its way into our water, food, and even our bodies, posing serious risks to health and the challenges, with some obvious solutions at hand. Harit by HCLFoundation is committed to addressing this issue a

Cutting the threat: Eliminating Manjha, saving lives



Synthetic manjha, a nylon string coated with materials such as powdered glass or metal, presents risks to public safety, wildlife, and the environment.

HCLFoundation, in collaboration with Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Trust (ARRT), implemented a focused initiative to address these concerns through bird rescue and rehabilitation, as well as awareness and outreach to support the removal of manjha from the environment. Through these efforts, over 11,000 birds entangled in manjha have been rescued and treated.

Additionally, with support from local communities and volunteers, synthetic manjha is collected and safely disposed of from urban areas and sensitive ecosystems. The initiative reflects the role of coordinated action in reducing environmental hazards and contributing to safer, healthier surroundings.



Learning to Lead: Spreading a

Fosters a Sense of Environmental Responsibility



HCLFoundation, in collaboration with Centre for Environment Education (CEE), has been instrumental in initiating behavioral change through environment education and awareness initiatives. Generation of Climate ActioN (GenCAN) is a climate change education initiative for schools of HCLFoundation and Centre for Environment Education (CEE).

It involves schools taking up the four step climate action leadership challenge with the team of student leaders and a mentor teacher. Students are not only taking active steps to reduce their own carbon footprint but are also developing local strategies to address the plastic waste challenge as part of broader climate action efforts.

These collective efforts have resulted in a measurable environmental impact—3,340 kg of plastic waste is being sent for recycling every month. The initiative not only eases the burden on landfills but also fosters a strong sense of environmental responsibility among students, embedding sustainability into their daily lives.

Support to #Beatplasticpollution



environment. While plastic pollution is a major concern, it is also one of the most fixable of today's environmental and strengthens efforts through various initiatives and partnerships.

Protecting Oceans, Protecting Life

HCLFoundation, along with its partners across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha, has been driving sustained community-led efforts for coastal and marine conservation to combat plastic pollution. Over the years, these collaborations have engaged local fishing communities in retrieving numerous ghost nets and preventing significant amounts of marine debris from entering the ocean.

The ongoing interventions have contributed to improved coastal ecosystem health, reduced threats to marine biodiversity, and fostered a strong culture of environmental stewardship among coastal populations, demonstrating the lasting impact of collective action.

The Marine debris including ghost nets collected – 4582 KG



Wetlands without waste: Communities in action



Collective efforts of communities are contributing to cleaner villages and surrounding water bodies. Community members, along with NGO partners and HCLFoundation, work to protect the ponds surrounding their villages. Educational sessions are held to inform the public about the dangers of single-use plastics and the importance of sustainable practices.

The community organized a series of impactful activities, where members collected plastic waste from ponds and public spaces, promoting a cleaner environment.



Action to best plastic pollution

Innovative Hand Washing Solution by Student Leaders

In a simple yet impactful experiment, student leaders discovered a creative way to reuse discarded plastic bottles. They observed that when a small hole is made in a bottle and the cap is tightly closed, no water spills out.

However, loosening the cap allows water to flow. Leveraging this principle, they designed handwashing stations by hanging these modified bottles from tree branches. It serves a dual purpose- the wastewater is directly going to the plants, and plastic bottles get reused.



Government High School, Dasgrain, engaged in sustainable practices



Government High School, Dasgrain, located in Rupnagar's Anandpur Sahib Dher, Punjab, exemplifies grassroots environmental action with over 250 students actively engaged in sustainable practices. As part of the GenCAN programme, the school has implemented effective waste segregation systems, separating wet and dry waste, and adopting both natural and vermicomposting techniques to produce organic manure.

With increased awareness around plastic pollution, the school collaborated with a local recycling agency to responsibly collect and divert approximately 25 kg of plastic waste, showcasing a strong commitment to reducing environmental impact through student-led efforts and community collaboration.



Record-Breaking Heatwave Grips Northern India

In April 2025, northern India experienced an intense heatwave, with cities like New Delhi and Jaipur recording temperatures up to 5°C above normal. Delhi faced its hottest day of the year and the warmest night in six years. Studies attribute this extreme event to human-induced climate change, highlighting the escalating impact of global warming on the subcontinent.

April 2025 was recorded as the seventh warmest April in India over the past 125 years, with an average temperature of 29.16°C, which is 0.86°C above the seasonal norm.

State of India's Environment Report Highlights Alarming Trends



The "State of India's Environment in Figures 2025" report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) revealed concerning trends, including record displacement due to extreme weather events, worsening air pollution, and increased forest diversions.

The report emphasizes the urgent need for comprehensive policy action to address these escalating environmental challenges.

Unseasonal Weather Patterns Observed Across India

Contrary to typical climatic expectations, May 2025 witnessed cooler temperatures and unseasonal rains in various parts of India. Meteorologists attributed this anomaly to shifts in atmospheric circulation patterns, highlighting the increasing unpredictability of weather due to climate change.



India rolls out advanced weather model



On May 26, 2025, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, introduced the Bharat Forecasting System (BFS), a cutting-edge weather prediction model developed in India.

Featuring a highly detailed 6-kilometre grid—the most refined of its kind worldwide—BFS enhances forecasting precision significantly. It offers a 30% improvement in forecasting extreme rainfall events and a 64% increase in accuracy for monsoon rainfall over the core zone.

Gir Lions Thrive

The Asiatic lion population in India's Gujarat state has surged by 32 % from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, a testament to robust conservation efforts under "Project Lion" and strong community support, according to the 2025 Gujarat Forest Department census.

Project Lion is a conservation initiative launched by the Indian government in 2020 to ensure the long-term survival of Asiatic lions in Gujarat's Gir Forest. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat has emerged as a second home for Asiatic lions, now hosting 17 big cats under Project Lion through habitat restoration, community involvement, and successful breeding.



Living the Heat Crisis

A recent survey conducted by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication in collaboration with CVoter revealed that 71% of Indians experienced severe heatwaves in the past year, highlighting the intensifying impact of climate change across the country.

Conducted between December 5, 2024, and February 18, 2025, with a sample of 10,751 adults, the survey also found that 60% reported agricultural pests and diseases, 59% faced power outages, and 52% encountered droughts or water shortages.

Notably, 32% of Indians remain unaware of global warming, indicating a critical need for enhanced climate education and awareness initiatives.



India's Climate Performance: 10th in Global Rankings

India secured the 10th position in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025, maintaining its status among the top-performing countries. The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is an instrument to enable transparency in national and international climate politics. The CCPI uses a standardized framework to compare the climate performance of 63 countries and the EU, which together account for over 90% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The climate mitigation performance is assessed in four categories: GHG Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use and Climate Policy.



Dawn William Glassford

Blue Cross of India



Meet Dawn William Glassford, a former officer of the Indian Armed Forces, now serving as the Resident General Manager at Blue Cross of India. With a strong background in Rescue and Disaster Management, Dawn has dedicated his life to protecting and rescuing animals, working tirelessly in demanding conditions and constantly innovating to improve outcomes. His commitment goes far beyond animal welfare.

Dawn has also been actively involved in human rescue operations during natural disasters, demonstrating his deep compassion and unwavering sense of service. Whether in disaster zones or dense urban settings, his presence is marked by resilience, leadership, and empathy.

A defining feature of Dawn's work is his technologically driven approach to animal rescue. He customizes his own darts for use in Animal Birth Control (ABC) operations and mass vaccination drives modifying them to suit specific field requirements.

His practical innovations and operational insights have become a catalyst for our project, enabling smoother and more impactful interventions on the ground. Dawn's unique blend of discipline, technical knowledge, and compassion continues to inspire those around him and improve the standard of care in animal rescue and disaster management.



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Chandani T. Sahu



A City's Woes: Once, two friends visited a village and felt how clean the air is in the village. When they go to a city, they feel its pollution first always. They feel the food and water are also cleaner in the village compared to cities. In cities people throw garbage wherever they want, even in rivers and seas. They realize this is the reason cities look so dirty and even water and air are polluted. By Chandani T Sahu

Dhruv Shah

Indian National trust for Art and Cultural heritage (INTACH)



Dhruv Shah is a passionate ecologist, geographer, and tireless fieldworker who has been associated with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and HCL Foundation for the past three years. The aim is to preserve the revered Rudraksh (*Elaeocarpus ganitrus*), construct multi-species forested structures with related species, especially broad-leaved ones, and engage communities in planting and safeguarding the indigenous species. He is also involved in biodiversity monitoring and training at the restored sites. The rest will remain the same.

His work has led to the documentation of over 205 bird species, 75 species of butterflies and insects, and several species of reptiles and mammals. Importantly, this documentation is now being carried out by community members themselves, and schoolchildren can now identify butterflies and birds, while elders recall stories of the forest as it once was.

This growing reverence culminated in the site being declared a sacred grove. Through this revival, Dhruv has helped embed ecological values into the spiritual and cultural fabric of the community. Today, the grove stands not only as a space of biodiversity but also of prayer, learning, and celebration—protected not just by conservation strategies but by collective memory and faith.



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Dhanush IXth

Farming - There are people farming in the land and due to sudden but continuous heavy rains the crops are destroyed and the two farmers wonder is they lost their crops to drastic change in climate. - Dhanush

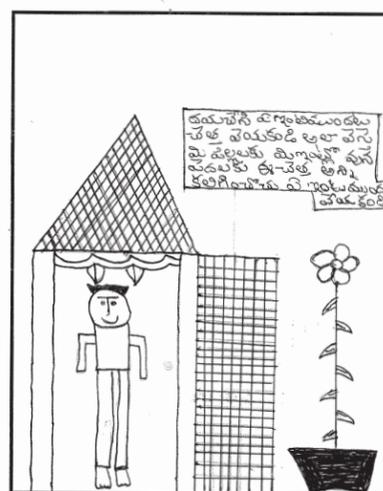
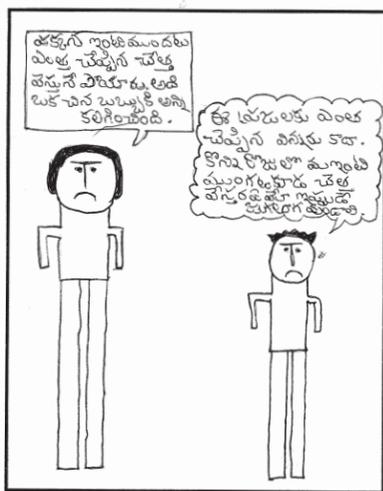
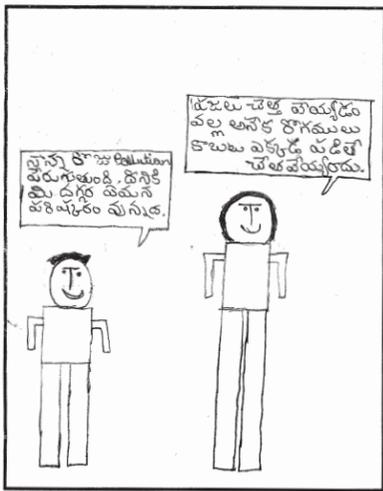
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Ayasha SHARPA NAO

Treatment At Home - Ana, a schoolgirl, fell ill from eating too much junk food. After visiting the doctor, her mother explained the importance of a balanced diet. Ana began eating healthier and felt stronger. Her mother also started growing vegetables at home to support their health and save money. Ayesha

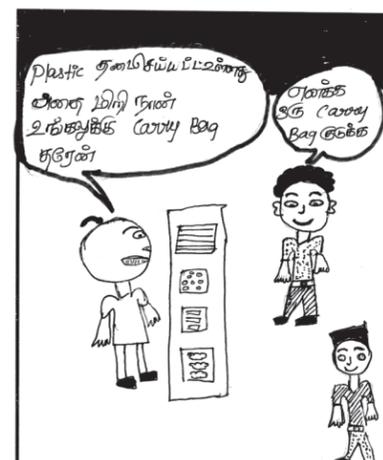
Pollution



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Pollution- Place outside our neighbours home has become breeding ground for many diseases and everyone is throwing waste there. It is not good practise. No one listens if we tell them not to throw waste in front of other houses. This is causing lot of problem. If we leave it like that unattended to, they will start throwing waste in front of everyone's house which is not good. If garbage is thrown in front of other people's houses it is not good for kids / children / elders / adults in family - Mounika

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M. Sumaiya Banu

We are everywhere, we are in everything – Kishore and Kumar went to the market and after shopping, they ask for a carry bag from the shopkeeper. The shopkeeper gives them a plastic bag while at the same time, use of plastics were banned. On the way to home, both of them noticed a mountain of plastic garbage. Kishore asked Kumar why is this situation? To this other replied that it is the carry bags like the one in our hands that has resulted in this huge garbage dump -M. Sumaiya Banu



WAYS TO BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION



CHOOSE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS



SAY NO TO DISPOSABLE CUPS AND STRAWS



DO NOT USE DISPOSABLE CUTLERY



AVOID BOTTLED WATER



CHOOSE PLASTIC FREE PACKAGING



AVOID COSMETIC PRODUCTS WITH MICROPLASTICS



CHOOSE REUSABLE PADS



DO NOT BUY SYNTHETIC CLOTHING



USE CLOTH DIAPERS



USE LESS DETERGENTS



REDUCE
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Movie Corner - Sharks: More Than a Movie Monster

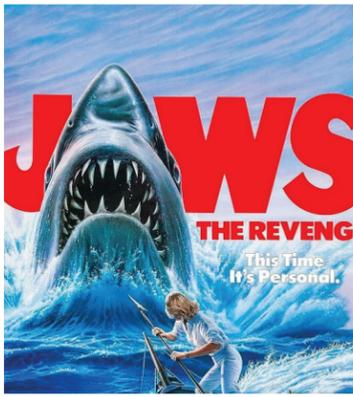


Photo: Reddit

The 1975 film *Jaws*, directed by Steven Spielberg, is completing its 50 years and it's important to understand how it changed the way many people (especially in west) think about sharks. It portrayed sharks as monstrous, man-eating threats, sparking widespread fear and misunderstanding and left a profound and largely negative impact on public perception of sharks.

This led to a sharp rise in shark hunting and sport fishing in the years following its release, directly contributing to the decline of shark populations and making conservation efforts more difficult.

Book recommendation: "The Tantrum That Saved the World"

"The Tantrum That Saved the World" by Megan Herbert and climate scientist Michael E. Mann is a beautifully illustrated children's book that introduces the complex topic of climate change through an engaging and empowering story. It follows a young girl, Sophia, who learns about environmental crises when displaced animals and people start arriving at her door.

The book balances emotion and science, making it ideal for children aged 6–12. It not only explains climate change in an accessible way but also encourages children to see themselves as part of the solution.

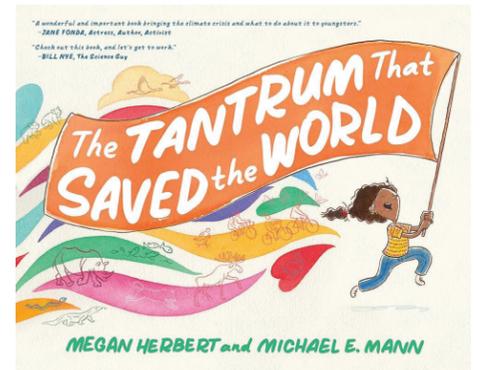
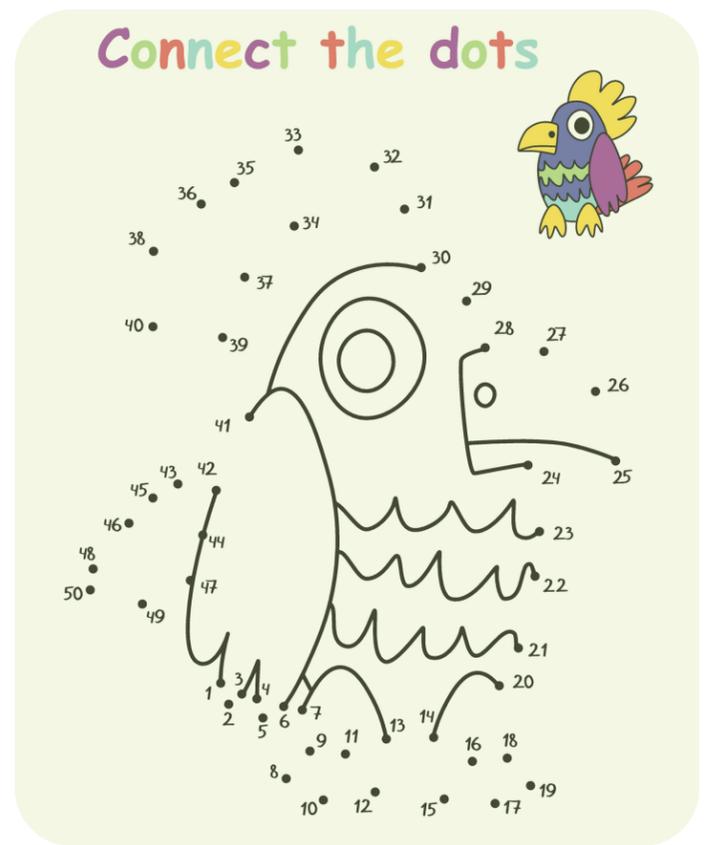


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Quiz

- Which of the following is the most common single-use plastic item found in India?
 - A. Plastic bottles
 - B. Plastic bags
 - C. Plastic straws
 - D. Plastic toys
- What happens to most plastic waste in India?
 - A. It is recycled
 - B. It is exported
 - C. It ends up in landfills or the environment
 - D. It is burned to make electricity
- Which of these plastic items was banned in India in 2022?
 - A. Plastic water bottles
 - B. Plastic furniture
 - C. Plastic earbuds with sticks
 - D. Plastic food containers
- Which Indian state was the first to ban plastic bags?
 - A. Goa
 - B. Karnataka
 - C. Sikkim
 - D. Maharashtra
- What is the best way you can help reduce plastic pollution?
 - A. Reuse plastic bags
 - B. Carry your own water bottle
 - C. Avoid single-use plastics
 - D. All of the above

Answer: 1(B), 2(C), 3(C), 4(C), 5(D)

Solve this Mystery



About the publication

HCLFoundation and World Comics India's collaborative initiative 'Harit Khabar' is a quarterly newspaper that aims to educate people on environmental issues and challenges and raise community participation towards the cause of the environment. This publication has been launched to provide a platform to various partner organizations working in collaboration with the HCLFoundation's distinct flagship programme Harit - The Green Initiative to showcase their work and accomplishments and also to create a network between them. Through Harit Khabar we aim to stir meaningful debates on critical issues concerning our environment and ecosystem, accessibility to environmental education and public participation in decision-making processes in the country.

About HCLFoundation

HCLFoundation delivers the corporate social responsibility agenda of HCLTech in India through its flagship programmes and special initiatives. It is a not-for-profit organisation that strives to contribute towards national and international development goals, bringing about lasting positive impact in the lives of people, through long-term sustainable programmes.

About World Comics India

Advancing Grassroots Comics as an alternate tool of communication to local communities, World Comics India has been continuously working for the past 20 years. Many successful mass campaigns have also been organized using this medium of communication.

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