Why should your school join the Challenge?

Be a part of unique national-level climate action initiative

Create a cadre of climateliterate young leaders

climate change education

Sensitize entire school about climate change concerns

Adopt low carbon or carbon neutral practices at school

Enhance your school environment and carbon

on climate change

Become part of climate action schools' network 08

About Partners

HCLFoundation

HCLFoundation was established in 2011 as the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of HCLTech in India. It is a value-driven, not-forprofit organization that thrives in contributing towards national and international development goals, impacting the lives of people and communities through long-term sustainable programs. The Foundation aims to alleviate poverty and achieve inclusive growth and development through a life cycle-based integrated community development approach. It has been working towards providing affordable, reliable, sustainable innovative solutions to combat climate change and its impact. In 2021, HCLFoundation launched HCL Harit - The Green Initiative, a distinct flagship program for Environment Action. HCLHarit is operational in 9 states of India and is working with urgency to mitigate the impacts of environmental degradation.

HCLFoundation



CEE

Centre for Environment Education (CEE)



CEE was established in 1984 as a Centre of Excellence under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. CEE's mandate is to promote environmental awareness nationwide. CEE develops innovative programmes, educational material and builds capacity in the field of Environmental Education (EE) and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). The climate change education and action is one of the core areas of the centre to engage and empower different stakeholders through interactive educational methodologies. Paryavaran Mitra is CEE's flagship initiative for schools on sustainability and climate change education.

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Sustainability and Climate Action Leadership Challenge for Schools



The Generation for Climate ActioN (GenCAN) is a Leadership Challenge for schools initiated by HCLFoundation and CEE. It is a sustainability and climate change education initiative to engage schools with their teachers and students to communicate, collaborate and cooperate in learning about climate change and developing their own action plan for reducing carbon footprint.

Why this Challenge?

Climate change is one of the most serious global challenges which requires urgent attention. It is critical to develop new skills, values and attitudes that lead to more sustainable and climate-resilient societies. Education plays an important role as the driver for change in building these.

At the school level this requires preparing young climate leaders to understand and respond to the nature, causes and consequences of climate change. The global 2030 agenda for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change highlights climate change education as a key area of action. India has committed to the inclusion of climate change concerns in the school system in its National Education Policy and through Mission LiFE. UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership recommends accreditation of green schools.

To support this effort in India, **HCLFoundation and Centre for Environment Education (CEE)** have joined hands to implement a national level Climate Action initiative which aims at working with schools through teachers to prepare young minds to be climate literate and showcase climate action leadership taking local level actions and inspiring others in the society.

Objectives

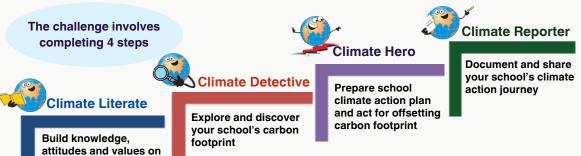
- Engage schools for taking positive action to respond to climate change.
- Build capacity of teachers in educating students about climate change.
- Encourage school's leadership towards reduction of carbon footprint of the school.

What is the Challenge?

climate change science

and concerns

Schools preparing young citizens are ideal for ensuring that students have the critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration and leadership skills needed to promote climate action. Keeping this in mind, an exciting climate action leadership challenge for schools has been developed. It is an annual programme where schools are invited to engage a team of students and teachers who further involve the entire school in becoming a climate friendly school.



How to participate in the Challenge?

To join this initiative, schools are required to:

- Nominate one teacher in charge
- Select a team of 5-8 students studying in grades 6-12
- Provide quality time to implement the challenge
- Must have basic knowledge of computers and familiar with using internet.

Challenge requires 8-9 months duration to complete by following the process below:

REGISTER **NOMINATE LOGIN** Fill the all required After selection, get 1 or 2 Mentor Teacher details school login details **TRAINING ACCESS PROFILE** Orientation of **Educational Resources** Create your own Nominated teacher school profile **PARTICIPATE** INTERACT **SUBMISSION Other Youth Climate** Start the Challenge Report, Evaluation and Leaders certification



Education





Challenge Timeline



Register your school on www.gen4climateaction.org