

### Why should your school join the Challenge?

- 01** Be a part of unique national-level climate action initiative

**05** Create a cadre of climate-literate young leaders
- 02** Build the capacity of teachers in transacting climate change education

**06** Sensitize entire school about climate change concerns
- 03** Get access to educational resources on climate change

**07** Adopt low carbon or carbon neutral practices at school
- 04** Enhance your school environment and carbon profile

**08** Become part of climate action schools' network



## Sustainability and Climate Action Leadership Challenge for Schools

### About Partners

#### HCL Foundation

HCL Foundation was established in 2011 as the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of HCLTech in India. It is a value-driven, not-for-profit 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, HCL Foundation launched HCL Harit - The Green Initiative, a distinct flagship program for Environment Action. HCL Harit is operational in 9 states of India and is working with urgency to mitigate the impacts of environmental degradation.



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#### Centre for Environment Education (CEE)



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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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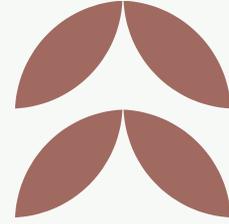
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The Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) is a Leadership Challenge for schools initiated by HCL Foundation and CEE. It is a sustainability and climate change education initiative to engage schools with their teachers and students to communicate, collaborate and cooperate in learning about climate change and developing and implementing 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.

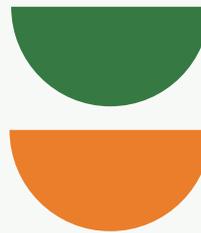
At the school level this requires preparing young climate leaders to understand and respond to the nature, causes and consequences of climate change. The global 2030 agenda for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change highlights climate change education 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.

To support this effort in India, HCL Foundation 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.



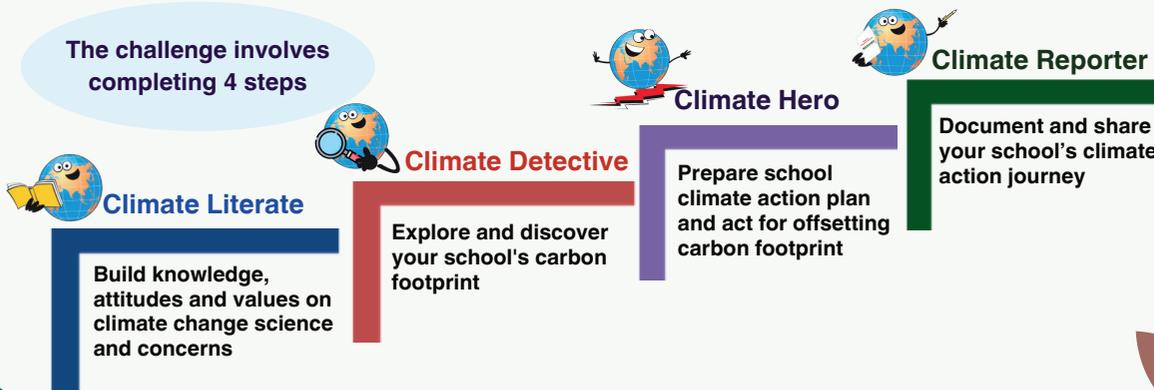
### Objectives

- 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?

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 class 6-12
- Give quality time to implement the challenge
- Have basic knowledge of computers and familiar with using internet.

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



### Challenge Timeline 2024-2025



Register your school before 15 April 2024

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