F.No. 17-65/2022-UT.1 (INS.5) Government of India Ministry of Education Department of School Education & Literacy ***

Dated the 23rd May, 2023

To,

- 1. The Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education, Shiksha Kendra, 2, Community Centre, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092.
- 2. The Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016.
- 3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan, 18 Institutional Area, S.J.S. Marg, New Delhi-110016.
- 4. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P.-201309.

Subject: GREEN Olympiad conducted by The Energy and Resources Institute - reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that **The Energy and Resources Institute**, **New Delhi**, conducts GREEN Olympiad for school students annually since 1999 which addresses a range of topics such as water, waste, energy, air, biodiversity, climate change, culture, green skills and other contemporary issues related to environment and sustainable development.

2. The exam is conducted offline (MCQ) and is open for school students of Classes 4th to 12th. The registrations for this year's Olympiad have already begun and will end on 15th June, 2023 with the examinations dates being 1.9.2023 & 12.10.2023.

3. A PPT presentation detailing the various aspects of the GREEN Olympiad is forwarded herewith along with the project poster. It is requested that all schools under your organization may be advised to register for the GREEN Olympiad as part of the activities under Mission LiFE.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary (SE&L).

Yours faithfully,

(Tej Pal Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: As above.

G R E E N Olympiad 2023

Register your school NOW

GREEN Olympiad, launched in 1999, is India's premier environmentbased examination. It is an annual feature that enhances knowledge and skills amongst students about environment and sustainability issues related to air, biodiversity, climate change, culture, energy, green skills, waste, water, and other contemporary issues.

Important Dates

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2023 Examination Dates: September 1, 2023 and October 12, 2023

What is in store for you?

Students Instil a ser

Instil a sense of responsibility towards planet Earth by enhancing understanding of environment and sustainability issues.



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Teachers

Motivate and equip to deliver interdisciplinary learnings.

Schools

Facilitate creation of a robust network of pro-active institutions, committed to sustainable development.

Features

- Offline examination (English and Hindi medium)
- ✓ Open for students of Std. 4−12
- ✓ Multiple-choice questions
- ✓ No negative marking
- Attractive prizes and incentives for winners, and certificates for all participants



GREEN Olympiad Secretariat Environment Education and Awareness (EEA)

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

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www.teriin.org/olympiad











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GREEN Olympiad 2023-24 Transitioning Learning to Action Realignment of pedagogy to *unlearn, relearn and learn!*

Presentation

Ministry of Education May 03, 2023



Decade of Action to Deliver the Global Goals (2020 - 2030)



action **Global**

• to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals



Local action

• embedding the needed transitions in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities



• include youth, civil society, the media, the private sector, academia and stakeholders, to generate an unstoppable movement pushing for the required transformations

Education for Sustainable Development: 2030 Roadmap

Five priority action areas



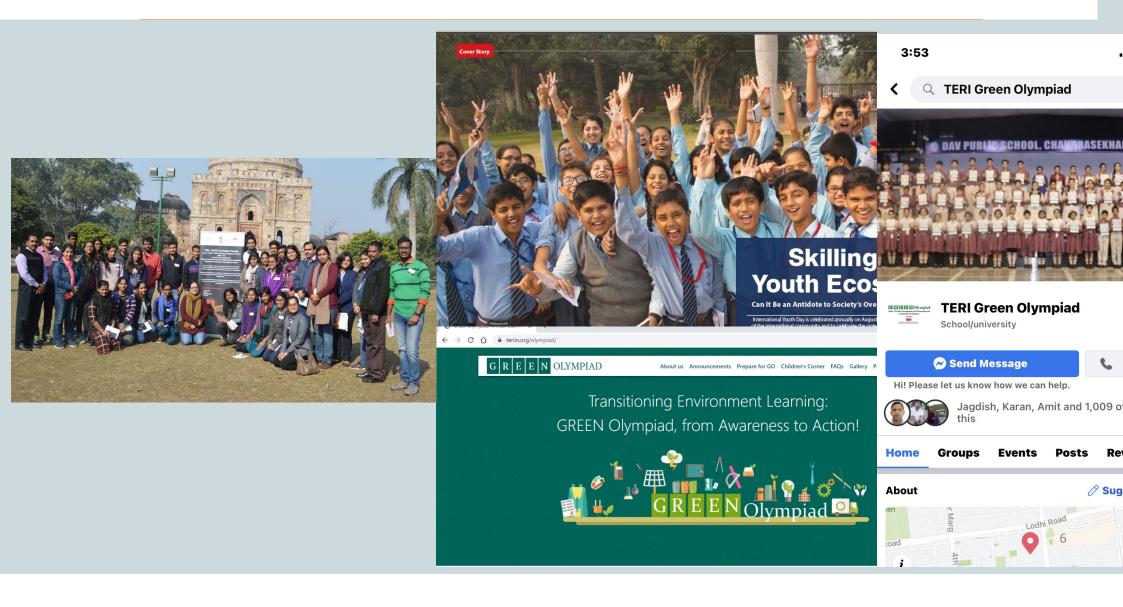
The 75 actions listed under LiFE are framed to motivate every individual to be a part of this mass movement to nudge action simultaneously from individuals, community, institutions, governments and non-state actors to protect and conserve the environment.

- GREEN Olympiad is an example of the school based mass movement to trigger behaviour changes

TERI's Presence in PAN India



EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) @ TERI



Education for Sustainable Development @TERI

Overview

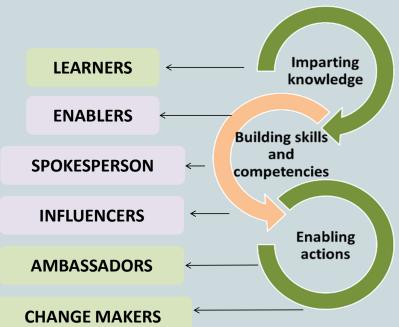
EEA has reached out to youth in 32 countries Involved with over 3.5 million children and youth in rural and urban settings in India Over 3,00,000 teachers trained on ESD in India 5000 campuses (both schools and institute of higher learning) impacted by TERI's ESD programmes across India and abroad Since the outbreak of COVID- 19, EEA digitized most of its programmes and reached out to approximately 60,000 students in a year

International presence and recognition

Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE), by the United Nations University (UNU), Tokyo, Japan. Member of the International Expert Networking Group on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) called 'ESD-Expert Net' led by Engagement Global UNESCO's Key Partner for the Global Action Programme (GAP)

Presented Climate Change Education Programme (The Green School) at COP24 and COP 25, FCL (COP 26)

The Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation (Project SEARCH)



GREEN Olympiad 2023-24 Transitioning Learning to Action



Demystifying GREEN Olympiad

- Changing lifestyles dependent on exploitation of resources is causing a rapid deterioration of our environment.
- Need of the hour is to educate and create awareness in young minds to minimize their ecological footprints and orient them towards creation of a cleaner and greener future.
- Schools are earliest examples of resource efficiency that a child can learn from. Schools as sustainability labs, make our young citizenry aware of issues related to campus greening, natural lighting, zero waste zones, energy smart structures, biodiversity awareness, etc.

- The SDG 4 Goal regards Education as a lifelong learning experience. It is process oriented. Just as target 4.7, GREEN Olympiad does not focus on acquisition of subject knowledge, but enhances the learning graph of a student.

S. No	Questions	Linkage with environment themes	Linkage with curriculum	Translate to action at community level
1.	 Natural habitat of most polar bears is north of the Arctic Circle to the North Pole. Polar bears live in Alaska, Canada, Russia, Greenland, and some northern islands owned by Norway, such as Svalbard. Of the following which is the most preferred natural prey of polar bear? a. Seal 	Animal behavior	GeographyScience	Inspire students to maintain nature diaries
	b. Garbagec. Seaweedd. Berries			
2.	Which of the following food type makes up nearly all of a giant panda's diet? a. Bamboo b. Insects c. Apples d. Spirogyra	Endangered species	GeographyScience	Young reporters' field activities
3.	 Forests are considered extremely important in the fight against climate change as they serve as a sink in the carbon cycle. However, a lot of carbon is released when trees burn or when they decay (due to fire/insect attacks, etc.). In this case, the forest is considered to be a carbon source, if it releases more carbon than it absorbs. True or false? a. True b. False 	Carbon cycle Climate change	• Science	Afforestation drives
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Examples of introduction of environment themes through GREEN Olympiad

About The Project

- Initiated in 1999, GREEN Olympiad reaches out to approx. 100,000 school students annually in India and abroad.
- The examination is conducted offline (MCQ). An alternative online mode of examination was adopted during COVID 19 outbreak (2020-2022).
- GREEN Olympiad addresses a range of topics such as water, waste, energy, air, biodiversity, climate change, culture, green skills, and other contemporary issues related to environment and sustainable development.
- The examination reaches out to students from std. 4-12. There is a college variant too; GO4Youth for all undergraduate and post graduate students.
- In 2022, endorsements received from KVS, SCERT-Goa, UNU- RCE, and MoEFCC,
 Gol.
- In 2023, endorsement support is already extended by MoEFCC, Gol.
- Star features of GO 2023- School Principals' Forum, Teachers' workshops, Sample Question Booklet, dedicated website (3 lakh visitors annually).
- International presence through participation from over 20 countries over the years.

A Journey of Over Two Decades

through MoEF

Identified Inclusion of 2 Introduced GO Junior coordinator for themes **On Earth Day** Examinations held in • More than 45,000 'The Bahamas (Environment & 1999, TERI regional languages in students from Examination with MOEF, SD; and Green Puducherry, Assam and across the country Received conducted online Gol launched Skills) Karnataka for CBSE and abroad for schools GRFFN Endorsement by government schools endorsement • Partnership with outside India Olympiad in NDSC Identified Coordinator • Online **DD1** and Terraquiz Fiji chapter 10 cities with for Kuwait launch registrations 3000 students 2020 2018 2006 2009 2012 2014 2021 2022 2002 2004 2016 1999 Examination Introducing 3 Endorsement Identified Endorsement Involvement of conducted online levels of by **MOEFCC Coordinators** by KVS NGC Individual examination and AICTE for Singapore, coordinators

Qatar and Russia

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showcased in WSDS 2023

Project

registration

GREEN OLYMPIAD

Conduct of GO in offline format: GREEN Olympiad quiz will be conducted offline. All logistics (printing of question paper and OMR sheets, dispatch of question paper and certificates and evaluation) will be done by TERI. Tentative dates are 01 September 2023 and 12 October 2023.

Inclusion of two themesin the paper

- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Environment, Sustainable Development and Green Skills

Development of question papers: Level 1(Std 4-5), Level 2 (Std. 6-8), Level 3 (Std. 9-10) and Level 4 (Std. 11-12).

School Registration: Similar to pre-COVID times, only school registration will be accepted, This will be undertaken through GO website (<u>https://teriin.org/olympiad</u>)

GO Stakeholders' Meeting: Stakeholders are brought together to have a consultative discussion on the flow of the program. This is tentatively planned on World Environment Day 2023 i.e 5th June 2023.

Endorsements: Liaison with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, United Nations University – Regional Centre of Expertise, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and State Council of Educational Research and Training. New Endorsements are being pursued: Ministry of Education, Government of India, Skill Council for Green Jobs, UNICEF. CBSE to be revived.

TECHNICAL FEATURES OF GREEN OLYMPIAD

Other Allied Activities

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS:

The purpose is to build capacity and encourage schools to register their students.

MANAGING GO WEBSITE:

Updates and development of online registration, examination and results frameworks.

OUTREACH THROUGH EEA NETWORKS:

RCE, SDSN, GAP, Eco clubs, ENVIS, TERI's regional centers, TERI's existing projects, KVS, T-SAS, Nehru Planetarium, IRIS Fair.

MEDIA & OUTREACH:

Social media campaigns, video tutorials before and during registration is live.

WORKSHOP FOR REGISTERED STUDENTS:

Introducing thematic knowledge and examination format.

PRIZE AT STATE / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL I EVEL:

Organizing of Prize Distribution Ceremony at New Delhi.

POST REGISTRATION SERVICES:

Problem solving of schools, students, parents, handling of GO mailbox, website updates, solving queries, etc

DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASE:

Compilation of school data through secondary sources.

Tentative Annual Timeline

Activities	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24
Ideation, internal meetings, drafting of the proposal, vendor finalization												
Drafting of letters, meeting with like minded org, for seeking endorsements												
School Principals' Forum												
Development of question bank												
Editing, typesetting and printing of question paper												
Dispatch of question paper												
Registration form, meeting with IT and alignment with Accounts												
Registration is live												
Workshop for teachers												
GO Examination												
Evaluation and printing of certificates												
Dispatch of certificates												
GO4Youth Examination												
WSDS and prize distribution												
Final Report												
Website and social media updates												
State driven outreach activities												
Coordination with GO Coordinators												15

Prizes

- e-Certificates for all the ٠ participants (in 3 categories - Distinction, Merit and Participation)
- Book vouchers for 18 • **Global Winners**
- Book vouchers for 71 • Country Winners.
- e-Certificates for teacher • coordinators.
- Internship opportunities ٠ for top scoring students.

Aanya Jaimar

Cambridge School

Samariit Das

Delhi Public School

Ahomgaon, Guwahati

Ghaziabad



Bengaluru

Aditya Arun Kartha

Smart Indian School,

Farvaniya, Kuwait





Abu Dhabi Indian School, Abu Dhabi

Gems Our Own Indian School, Dubai

Al Yasmin International School, Riyadh





Gowtham S Shrevanshu Ghosh DAV Boys Senior Secondary School, Delhi Public School Gopalapuram, Chennai **Bokaro Steel City**

GREEN Olympiad: Global Winners

Daiwik

Amity International School.

Noida



Anshika Ghosh

Bhavan's Gangabux Kanoria

Vidyamandir, Kolkata

Amravati

Indian Educational School ,

Kuwait

IBN KH

Bahrain





Agrat Chakrabor Delhi Public Scho Ahmedabad

Ch Yuvansh Pragathi Central School, Kukatpally, Hyderabad Anushka Sharma Sardar Patel Vidvalava, New Delhi Nayana Renjith Delhi Private School, Sharjah

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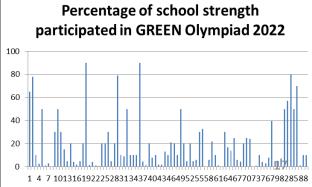


Excerpts of Feedback received from Teachers

Inferences:

- In 2023, preferred method that can be adopted is offline
- Best months to schedule GREEN Olympiad in 2023 is August September or October – November. Hence finalized the date as 01 September and 12 October 2023
- At an average, ~20% strength of the school registered for GREEN Olympiad in 2022
- The question paper is moderately difficult.
- By participating in GREEN Olympiad, schools are adopting various actions to promote environment literacy, such as formation of eco clubs, enhancing capacity of its members to initiate actions within schools for environment conservation, draw linkages into the curriculum, enhance peer to peer learning, etc.





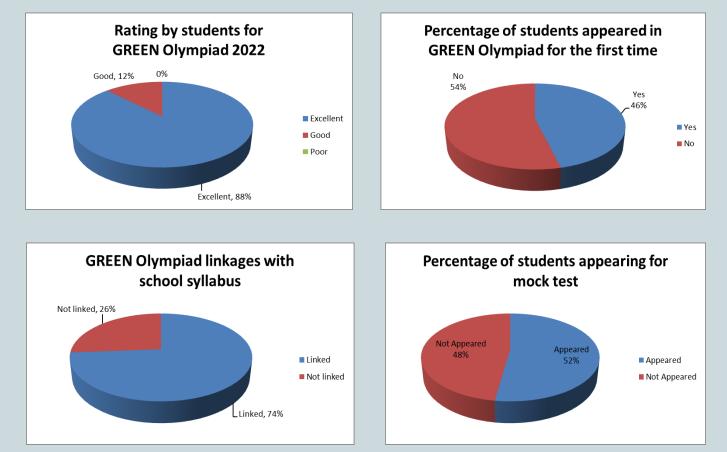
GREEN OLYMPIAD



Excerpts of Feedback received from Students

Inferences:

- 88% students rated GREEN Olympiad as 'excellent.
- GO 2022 reached out to 46% new students.
- Best months to schedule GREEN Olympiad in 2023 is October – November.
- Mock test was popular with students.



Impressions

By Gyanvi Jain, Std. 10 Student of Atomic Energy Central School, Indore, Madhya Pradesh (2022)



A symbol of hope A ray of light **Green Olympiad** shines so bright Inspiring the youth to take a stand For the environment and our precious land With every question knowledge is gained And love for nature is firmly ingrained Let us try to keep our Earth green For a better future And a world that is clean.

Thank You

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Transitioning Environment Learning: GREEN Olympiad, from Awareness to Action!

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