



Bharti Infratel and TERI empower schools to take forward water, sanitation and hygiene awareness

The two organisations held a ceremony to mark the successful completion of Project FLOW and felicitate its Guwahati stalwarts

Guwahati, 26th Oct, 2018: Water is one of the pillars of sustainable development. Access to safe drinking water, adequate hygiene and sanitation facilities can strengthen overall social well-being and environmental sustainability. In 2015, Bharti Infratel and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), initiated Project FLOW (Facilitating Learning on WASH) with an objective of educating school children on the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) nexus. In the last three years, the project has provided WASH education to approximately **700,000 students, teachers and community members** across **6 cities**, in addition to providing access to safe drinking water in **63 schools**.

Project FLOW aims to translate awareness and knowledge into action through knowledge workshops, school and community action projects along with providing grassroots solutions such as safe drinking water platforms, purification system, and rainwater harvesting structures in select schools. Geographically, the project covers 10 schools each in 6 cities in India, namely, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Indore, Jammu, Panipat, and Guwahati.

To mark the closure of the project, TERI and Bharti Infratel today organised “प्रवाह....go with the FLOW” at Ulubari Higher Secondary School, GS Road, Ulubari, Kamrup M. The ceremony marked the successful completion of three years of Project FLOW and the beginning of a new era where stakeholders would take the learnings of Project FLOW beyond the confines of schools, classrooms, and communities, and mainstream the learnings in their future thoughts, practices, and actions.

A publication by TERI titled प्रवाह...go with the FLOW series was also launched on the event. It is a collection of stories of students, teachers and community members who have done exemplary work on WASH issues in their schools, neighbourhoods and cities under the aegis of Project FLOW (Facilitating Learning on WASH) – a school ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) programme which directly caters to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 6 on clean water and sanitation.

Speaking on the occasion, Taru Mehta, Fellow, TERI, said, “Access to safe drinking water and adequate hygiene and sanitation facilities are the basis of any form of societal advancement. FLOW is our ambitious project that aims to develop an integrated governance framework that engages government officials, economic players, representatives of sciences, and the civil society for effective implementation of solutions.”

The ceremony brought together all partners in change – school students, teachers, school principals, members of School WASH Committee, and experts from water sector. The stalwarts of the project were felicitated on the occasion for their role in the project.



About TERI

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a leading think tank dedicated to conducting research for sustainable development of India and the Global South. Established in 1974, TERI has become the pre-eminent institution for research, discussion and thought leadership on environmental governance and sustainable development.

The Institute is committed to the application of thought that drives action in the direction of tackling climate change.

About Bharti Infratel:

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