

Meet Your Panellist

Session-1
Date-6th June
Time-5pm to 7pm

STORIES ON RESTORING THE HEALTH OF MY PLANET, MY ONLY HOME

LET'S CREATE RIPPLES TOGETHER

SKILL ENHANCING PRACTICE-BASED SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

ACTIVITY 01- MEET OUR BIODIVERSITY EXPERTS

06TH JUNE 2021

DURATION- 100 MINUTES

TIME- 05:00-6:40 PM



RITURAJ PHUKAN

National Coordinator,
Biodiversity
Climate Reality India



PARTH JOSHI

National Livelihoods
Specialist, SECURE
Himalaya, UNDP



ELSIE GABRIEL

National Coordinator,
Oceans
Climate Reality India



DR. PRADNYA GIRADKAR

Scientist and Socialist
Wildlife Conservation &
Rural Development
Society

Mr. Rituraj Phukan



Rituraj Phukan is an environmental writer, adventurer & naturalist based out of Assam. As the National Coordinator for Biodiversity for The Climate Reality Project India, Chief Operating Officer of Walk For Water, and Secretary General of Green Guard Nature Organization, he facilitates awareness and action on the 3 W's – Warming, Water and Wildlife- working with all stakeholders including indigenous communities, students, civil society, business and media, for a positive societal impact.

Having worked extensively at the grassroots, he says “Water is the local issue of global climate change, for people, and for biodiversity.” He is driven by concerns over glacial loss in the ‘water towers’ of Asia and is currently working on an initiative to mobilize civil society action in the countries of the Himalayan region.

Rituraj was personally trained as a Climate Reality Leader by Nobel Laureate Al Gore and was featured in the former US Vice-President's 2017 book ‘An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power’. He authored the chapter “Biodiversity in a warming world” in the Amazon No.1 Bestseller ‘Climate Abandoned,’ a book launched in the USA on Earth Day 2019.

Rituraj has personally experienced the impacts of climate change in Antarctica and across the Arctic region. He has delivered presentations and talks in Malaysia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, South Africa and Bangladesh, and participated in deliberations in the USA, Canada, Argentina, Denmark, Thailand, Mexico and Turkey. He is a member of the International Union for

Conservation of Nature and sits on the board of civil society groups in the Americas, Europe and Australia.

Mr.Parth Joshi



Parth Joshi is a development, research and advocacy professional based in New Delhi with over 10 years' experience in project management, strategic research, public policy and communication. He has experience of working in a wide range of sectors with industry, academia, government and local communities towards creating sustainable and inclusive growth models through grassroots projects, academic discourses and industry forums.

Parth is currently National Livelihoods Specialist, SECURE Himalaya, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In this role, Parth is implementing a conservation-based livelihoods programme in snow leopard habitats in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). Prior to this, he was Vice President, Strategic Government Advisory, YES BANK Ltd., providing advisory services and knowledge management support to government agencies and industry forums.

Parth has been associated with The Climate Reality Project since 2009, and was trained by Mr. Al Gore in New Delhi in 2015.

An avid outdoorsman, he has a keen interest in adventure travel, photography and blogging

Ms. Elsie Gabriel



Come dive with me under the Ocean 🌊

Elsie Gabriel Founder Young Environmentalists Programme Trust, Ambassador for India Ocean Quest Global, Certified Deep Sea diver and National Coordinator Oceans Climate Reality Project India having researched on over 32 ocean destinations across the globe documenting the ocean Communities as Agents of Change and various marine biodiversity.

Dr. Pradnya G. Giradkar



A wildlife scientist and a socialist. She has presented papers on Natural Habitat of wild animals in Tadoba National Park, *Natural Habitat of wild animals in Tadoba National Park*, Biodiversity: Colour Pattern & Butterfly Diversity in Tiger Reserve in Tadoba National Park, Maharashtra.) She has received a lot of Awards as well- Chess championship by K.J.Somaiya College of Science & Commerce. She is also awarded for her Biodiversity conservation actions. She is also awarded by Wild Defender Organisation for Wildlife-Human Conflicts.

Session-2
Date-13th June
Time-5pm to 7pm

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ACTIVITY 02- MEET OUR FILM-MAKING EXPERTS

13TH JUNE 2021

DURATION- 100 MINUTES

TIME- 05:00-6:40 PM



GAURAV RATURI

Founder, Cinemapreneur



NITIN DAS

Film maker, Youtuber

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Mr.Gaurav Raturi



Gaurav completed his masters in International Business from Delhi University and worked in the corporate sector for 10+ years in tech, ecommerce and content.

He has been passionate about films, he co-founded Filmbooth - one of the first few organisations to start short film festivals in the country in 2008. As a curator, he has programmed and built more than 8 film festivals and screened more than 500 films at various alternate spaces in India. Through the years Gaurav has been building avenues and forums for promoting short films in India. He is also a TedX speaker and has given many sessions on storytelling in the digital era. Gaurav believes that right talent should meet the right opportunity and Cinemapreneur is an outcome of his own story as an entrepreneur in the film space. Apart from curating and watching arthouse films from India, he devotes his time in getting better at chess and yoga.

Mr. Nitin Das



Nitin runs a film production house that creates socially relevant films. His youtube channel has over 1.7 million subscribers. His films document stories of uncommon people and extraordinary places. He is currently working on a project called the Healing Forest. The idea uses arts, creativity, and mindfulness to bring forests and people closer to each other.

Session-3
Date-20th June
Time-5pm to 6.30pm

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ACTIVITY 03- MEET OUR SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERTS

20TH JUNE 2021

DURATION- 90 MINUTES

TIME- 05:00-6:30 PM



NIKHIL KAMATH

Food and Travel Writer
The Salt & Pepper Guide



KANISHTHA DHANKHAR

Miss India 2011
Supermodel,
Sustainability Advocate



SMRUTI SAMANTRAY

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Ms. Kanishtha Dhankar



Former Miss India World 2011, Supermodel, Sustainability and Gender equality advocate. Kanishtha Dhankar is a dynamic personality. She loves to travel, lives her life through experience, a yogi, an environmental activist and a believer in community. Her philosophy – Honesty, simplicity and sincerity. She believes in making positive impact and is forging a path as a change maker in society. Kanishtha began her career in modelling in her last year at university where she was scouted by modelling agents. She moved to New York for a few months where she walked the runway at the Mercedes Benz fashion week spring summer 2013. She has lived and worked in New York, Munich, Paris, Cape Town, Barcelona and Madrid with a base in Mumbai of her home country India. Kanishtha is a top model in India and has been on the cover of many coveted magazines like Elle, Marie Claire, Harpers Bazaar, Grazia to name a few.

She believes in making positive impact and is forging a path as a change maker in society. She says

"Winning the Miss India World has put me on a world platform. The demands of this high pressure job that pushed me out on the world stage has nurtured a deep embedded quality of leadership in me.

Mr.Nikhil Kamath



Nikhil Kamath, is a food & travel writer and author from New Delhi. With great knowledge of food, Nikhil started food blogging at the age of 15 with his blog ‘The Salt and Pepper Food Guide’ and has been doing this since 2011. With a zeal for guiding and mentoring, Nikhil started mentoring students in schools and colleges in 2018 and has since then mentored 1000+ school and college students on topics like Entrepreneurship, Content Writing, Blogging and Creative Writing. A Climate Reality Leader trained in August 2020 by former Vice President of the United States, Al Gore under The Climate Reality Project, Nikhil is constantly working towards engaging the youth with the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations and he believes that the youth across the world is well equipped with the resources to drive change for the better and only needs to be given the right kind of motivation and direction to bring about a positive change.

Smruti Sweta Samantray



Smruti Sweta Samantray, National Coordinator Media and Communication – The Climate Reality India, Marcom Specialist and Career Counsellor wears multiple hats. She is a Climate Leader, Writer, Feature Editor, Freelance Brand Consultant, Counsellor & Music composer. She has been working in the genre of Corporate Communication for >12 years now (specialization: Green PR). She hails with an interesting mix of backgrounds of English Literature-Mass Communication, MBA and PR, and she has been imparting training sessions to the college students (including engineering, management/ IIM students) on various related topics. She has had an opportunity to work on some stories with an array of international and national media. Having the knack of branding, marketing communication strategies, in her DNA, she assists NGOs and start-ups as Communication & Brand Consultant.

Her knack of creativity is evident in her culinary skills too. She enjoys cooking and blending it with literature. She has written 3500+ feature stories, reviewed 40+ books and counselled approx. 3000 students and 1500 parents. Her script and dialogues for a movie, “The Torn Wish,” along with the lyrics of three songs has been her debut strike in the film industry. Currently, she is working on independent research projects on education and environment, and incorporating sustainability in pre-school education is in the primary radar of her research. She loves connecting with people and having constructive feedback. What keeps her going? Food and positive thoughts!!