

International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) 2021



CONCEPT NOTE

Environment and development issues have dominated the global discourse for a very long period starting from the Stockholm Conference in 1972. Over the time and with the launch of the Agenda 2030 and associated 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), role of education has become critical in achieving sustainability and solving pressing global ecological issues including biodiversity and climate change. This has become more important under Indian and South Asian context because of large population and vulnerability of the region to disasters. Further the region is also facing unprecedented sustainability challenges including that of covid like pandemics which urgently require urgent and transformative action. The education system in the region also need to respond to these challenges by empowering educators and learners to include sustainability principles in their curriculum and pedagogies in an appropriate manner. The conference has now become an annual event which besides providing a platform for sharing learnings and experiences from across the spectrum, brings forth actionable insights for bringing much needed transformation in education for a sustainable future.

ICSE 2019

The **1st ICSE** in the year 2019 was successfully organized by Mobius Foundation in association with many national and international organizations including UNESCO, UNEP, UNFCCC, Earth Day Network, FEE, CEE, TERI, WWF, Climate Reality Project, Earth Day Network and 30+ other distinguished partners on 9th and 10th September in New Delhi. The conference brought together around 750 delegates including experts and practitioners of Environment Education (EE), Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and Climate Change Education (CCE) to discuss innovative ideas, practices and pedagogies to incorporate sustainable practises in education. The conference highlighted the key role of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) as an element of quality education through 5 Plenaries, 15 special sessions with as many 20 keynote speeches on various themes of sustainability education. The event was graced by **Shri Prakash Javadekar** and **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal**, former Union Ministers through their video messages.

ICSE FORUM and ICSE 2020

In order to carry forward the initiative of the ICSE 2019, a networking platform, 'ICSE FORUM' was also created for regular exchange of ideas, experiences and efforts related to sustainability education. The 1st FORUM was organized on World Environment Day 2020 through an International Webinar and School Principals Conclave on the theme "SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN COVID ERA" on 4th -5th June 2020. ICSE FORUM 2 was organized on the World Population Day 2020 through webinar titled "POPULATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN COVID ERA" on July 11th, 2020. The 2nd ICSE was also organized on 9th - 10th September 2020 virtually which focussed on sustainability education in the new normal and role of youth in sustainable development. The event was addressed virtually by our Chief Guest Shri Amit Khare, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India. For more details about the ICSE you may kindly visit our website at <https://www.icse2019.org/>

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The **3rd International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE)** is being organized on **9-10 September 2021** between **15:00 – 17:00 hrs** by Mobius Foundation in partnership with some of the key environmental organizations, Climate Reality Project, UNESCO, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE, Copenhagen), The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), Earth Day Network, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) etc. The year 2021 marks the launch of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021 – 2030). The first day of the ICSE 2021 will therefore focus on the theme "**Education for Ecosystem Restoration**". The deliberations of the 2nd day will be devoted to the theme of "**Climate Literacy**", in view of the urgent need to create enlightened citizenry for concrete action on climate change. This is being organized in continuation to the '**Climate Literacy Conclave for South Asia**' which was organized by Mobius Foundation with Climate Reality Project and Earth Day Network to mark the 51st anniversary of the Earth Day on 22nd April 2021.