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**LEAD INDIA** is a non-profit organization with an ever-growing live network of professionals committed to development that is environmentally sustainable and socially equitable. This network was established in 1991 with support of Rockefeller Foundation but has now become an independent organization. Our mission is to create, strengthen and support networks of people and institutions promoting change towards sustainable development – development that is economically sound, environmentally responsible and socially equitable. In the last 17 years we have been instrumental in training and mentoring 147 LEAD'ers committed to sustainable development. In keeping with the growing consensus of the danger that Climate Change poses to the world as a whole, LEAD India has taken firm steps into the vast and challenging field of Climate Change and has been undertaking a number of projects aimed at dealing with this threat.

## **LEADERSHIP AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERS INITIATIVE** | This is LEAD India's latest and most ambitious project to address the challenges of Climate Change. It has been observed that there is a gap between the climate change needs at the regional and local level and the national thinking and policies. This is largely due to lack of leadership at the regional and local levels. The CCL program is aimed at addressing this concern by building a cadre of leaders in different regions of India from all key stakeholder groups and across various sectors (agriculture, forestry, freshwater, fisheries etc). We will help identify, train and mentor these influential members of their communities to facilitate action plans that bring forth regional priorities/concerns to policy-makers at the national level.

LEAD India will identify the 60 climate leaders at grassroots level from Indian Himalayan region and train them to work for sustainability of the Himalayan ecosystem. The project will then be spread to different regions of the country as well as across the world through our partner organizations.

**BUILDING LEADERSHIP AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE** | To create Leaders committed to Climate Change and sustainable development, a one-year Leadership Training on Climate Change has been designed keeping in mind our flagship cohort training programme. The theme for training this year's Cohort 13 associates is "Building Leadership around Climate Change". The training

curriculum is divided into four training sessions of which two are National Training Sessions, one Virtual Training Session and one International Training Session. The specific themes for the two National training sessions held in April and July this year were 'Climate Change and Social Responsibility' and 'Climate Change and Energy'. The International Session to be held in Mexico in November 2008 will focus on 'Mega cities and Climate Change- Sustainable Cities in a Changing World'.

**VOLUNTARY CARBON MARKET** | LEAD India has realized that it is important to build awareness and capacities of the community through trainings by initiating interventions in the process of mitigating climate change. LEAD India is planning to initiate a network for Voluntary Carbon offsets by involving NGOs working with society at grassroots level through a programme to familiarize local heads with the concepts of the Clean Development Mechanism and the Voluntary Carbon Markets. The objective is to enable people working on the ground level in rural areas to identify projects with the potential to generate Carbon Credits. They learn the basic steps to be followed in developing CDM projects as well as implementing projects that would provide sustained development, improved livelihoods and a cleaner environment to the local people. As the pilot programme held in Pune in May proved to be very successful, it is currently being replicated with local level organizations across the country.

## ***YOUTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE***

### **DELHI YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

| LEAD India, in collaboration with Indian Youth Climate Network, UNESCO, the Youth Parliament Foundation and FODRA, organized the Delhi Youth Summit on Climate which took place on the 28th & 29th of May 2008 at the Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi. The first of its kind, the youth summit expressed the concerns and dedication of the youth towards the environment. The summit culminated in the drafting of the Delhi Youth Charter on climate 2008. The Charter, containing a list of proposals which are to be taken into consideration while planning Delhi's development, has been presented to the Chief Minister of Delhi Ms Sheila Dixit.

**MULTIMEDIA PACK FOR SCHOOLS** | Aiming to create awareness and foster a sense of responsibility among children towards their environment, LEAD India is currently undertaking the designing and development of a multimedia pack to supplement the prescribed syllabus of environmental education in schools.





## **ART AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**“VASUNDHARA”- A MUSICAL BALLET** | Endeavoring to use innovative ways to raise awareness on Climate Change, Lead India organized a musical ballet “Vasundhara” which was presented on the 12th of June, 2008 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. Choreographed, directed and performed by Classical Odissi dancer Sharmila Ganguly along with students of the “Mohini” troupe from Mount Sinai School, Ram Nagar in Uttarakhand, the ballet was very well received and appreciated.

**THIN GREEN LINE** | LEAD India had produced a film series titled Thin Green Line in collaboration with Aaradhana Kohli Kapur, a LEAD Fellow of Cohort 5, which was aired on a National Television channel, Doordarshan. The Series focuses on discussions with school children and eminent environmentalists on issues related to Animal Rights, Human and Wildlife Conflicts, Economic Development & Environmental Degradation, Closure of Polluting Industries & Labour Problems, Eco Tourism & Environmental Degradation.


LEAD India is currently organizing a once a month screening of an episode of The Thin Green Line in the Chief Minister’s residence, for 200 school children per screening. It will be an interactive session with our resource persons answering the children’s queries.



## ***POLICY AND CLIMATE CHANGE***

**CLIMATE CHANGE FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS** | A one day training programme is currently being designed by LEAD India to create awareness among decision-makers on Climate Change and its specific environmental and socio-economic impacts on India. Apart from information sharing, the module will also look at policy implications of Climate change as well as share best practices from around the world. We will also discuss how best to implement the governments' National Action Plan on Climate Change at the grassroots level.

**WORKSHOPS FOR DISTRICT FOREST OFFICIALS** | A series of trainings have been initiated for District Forest Officials and District Officials of agriculture and watershed departments. These trainings focus on the issues and challenges of Mountain Ecosystems in Uttarakhand. The objective of the training is capacity building along with building an understanding of the emerging issues and challenges of mountain ecosystem which can be transformed by these officials for the benefit of the society.



**"Climate change** is any long-term significant change in the "average weather" that a given region experiences. Average weather may include average temperature, precipitation and wind patterns. It involves changes in the variability or average state of the atmosphere over durations ranging from decades to millions of years. These changes can be caused by dynamic processes on Earth, external forces including variations in sunlight intensity, and more recently by human activities.

In recent usage, especially in the context of environmental policy, **the term "climate change" often refers to changes in modern climate (see global warming)**. For information on temperature measurements over various periods, and the data sources available, see temperature record. For attribution of climate change over the past century, see attribution of recent climate change." – [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

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