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August breathed new life into us, urging us to pause and rejuvenate our green spirit.

It began with hope carried on the banks of the Brahmaputra, where the Forest Man of India got new momentum on his journey to build Molai Forest 2.0 with SankalpTaru, proving once again that one person's vision can inspire generations. Freedom, too, found fresh expression in our Aapno school, Rajasthan where Independence Day celebrations bloomed with the promise of young hearts ready to grow green.

Our conversations through Green Impact deepened—uncovering the gaps in climate finance, and spotlighting the power of green skills. Through DECODE, complex ideas found simple meaning, reminding us that awareness is the first seed of change.

Partnerships this month carried the spirit forward—India Exim Bank pledged green growth with us, Eco-Shop turned purchases into plantations, and TwigsnTrails showed how gifts can grow into forests. Each collaboration reminded us that impact grows strongest when rooted together.

And gratitude became motion through our Walkathon on the HUGE App—where every stride honoured the gurus in our lives, from teachers to Nature. GramYumm's Mint Squash added a touch of refreshment, a small pause to remind us that care begins within.

August, in every step, was not just about doing more—it was about renewing strength, reviving purpose, and carrying the green spirit forward into seasons yet to come.

~Team SankalpTaru



Blooming Desert Dreams: The True Meaning of Freedom

Aapno School, Rajasthan



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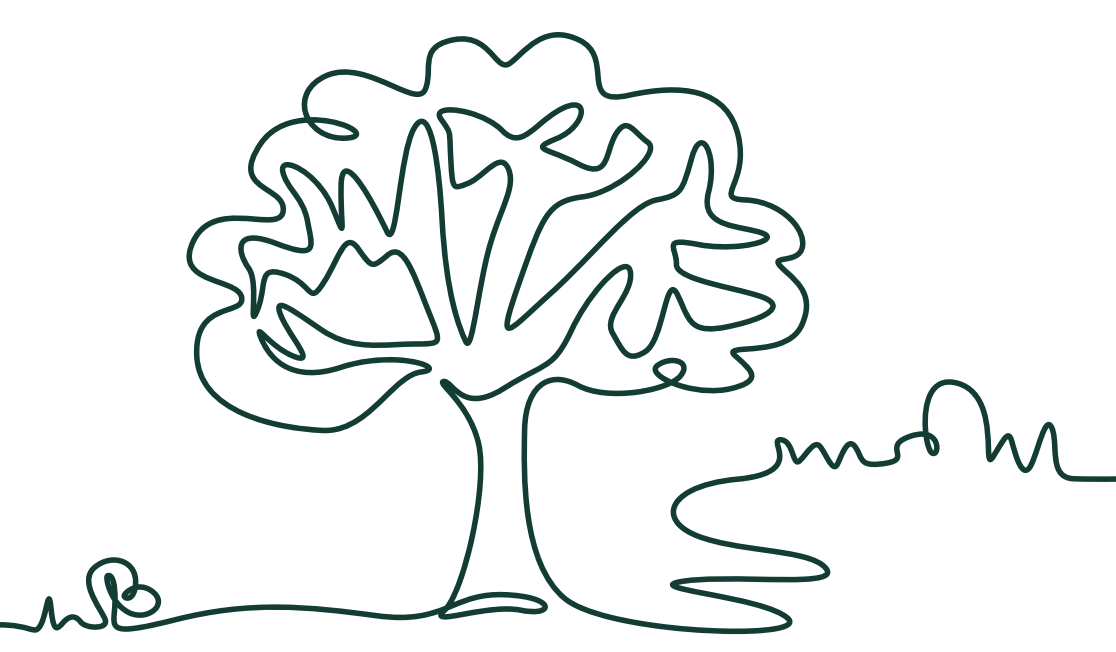
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1 ECO-ACHIEVEMENTS



From Rowing to Roaring

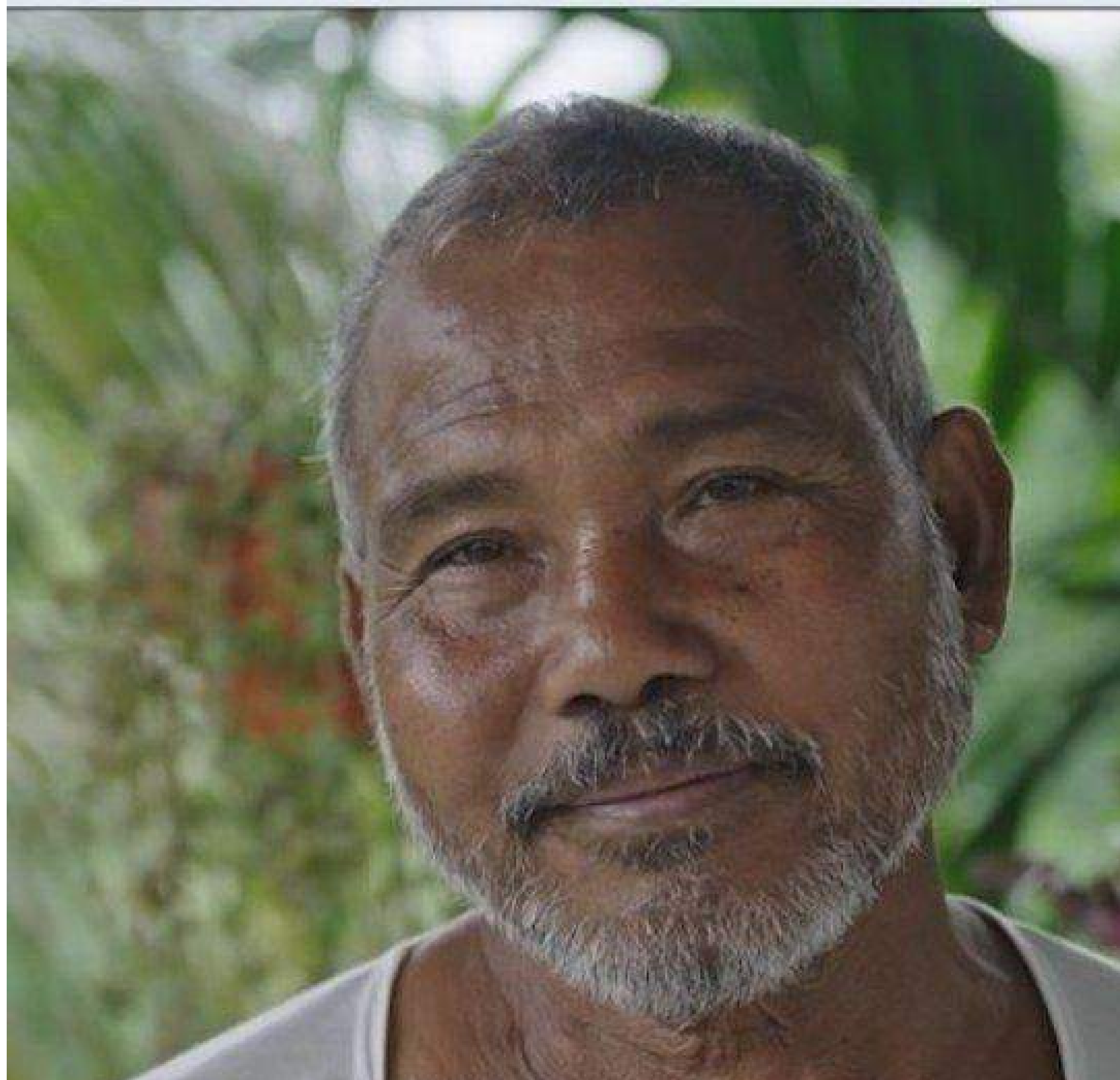
For decades, Jadav Payeng, Forest Man of India rowed tirelessly across the mighty Brahmaputra River, even braving fierce monsoons, to reach the Molai Reserve Forest — a once-barren sandbar that he transformed into a lush, biodiverse forest with over 40+ years of dedication.

Now, with the support of SankalpTaru, his journey becomes faster, safer, and more impactful. This motor boat will help him ferry thousands of saplings and continue nurturing the next chapter: Molai Reserve Forest 2.0.

Let's celebrate this milestone in the incredible story of the Forest Man of India!

Check Out [here](#)

From rowing to roaring:
Padma Shri Jadav Payeng,
the Forest Man of India,
will now sail on a motor boat.

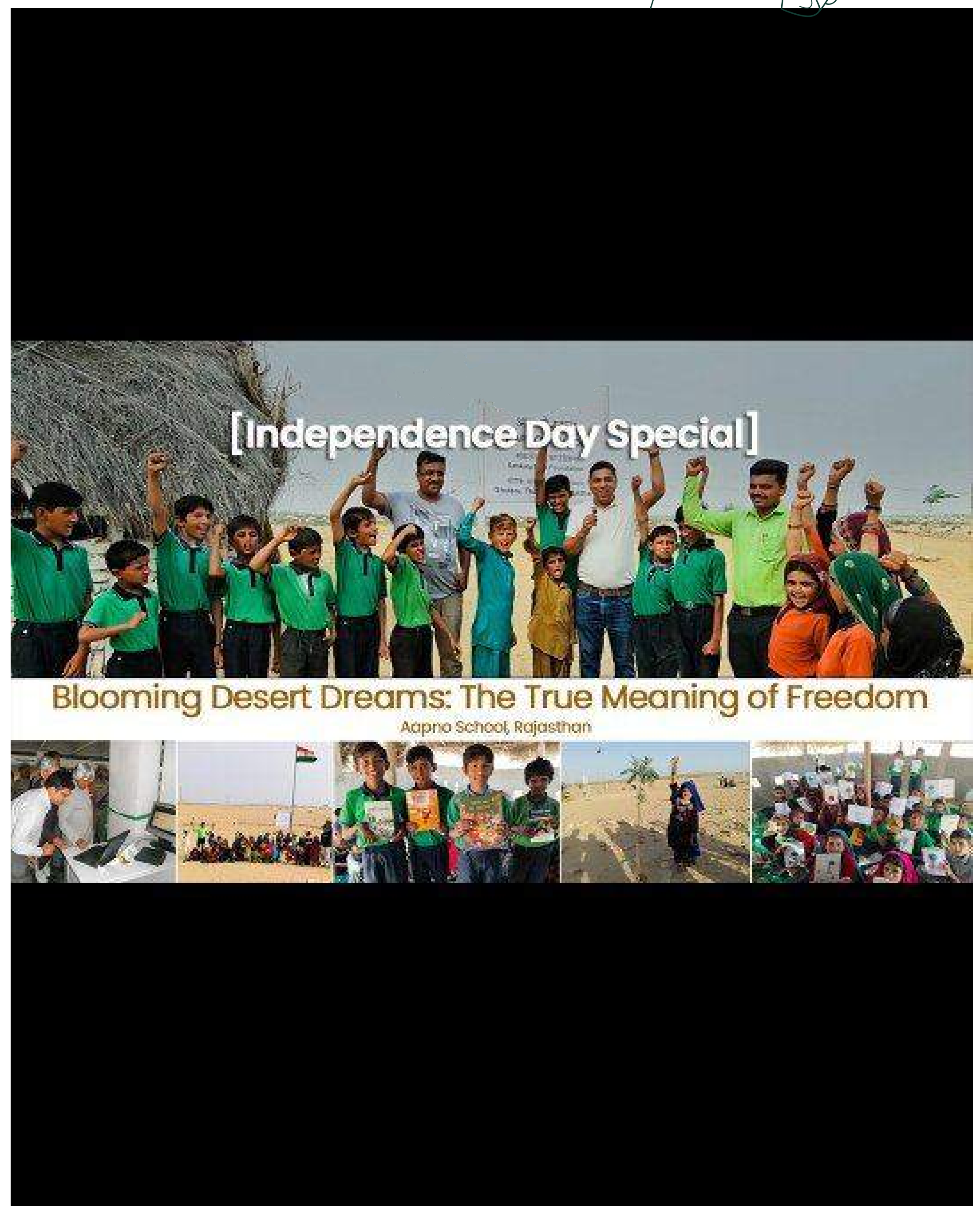
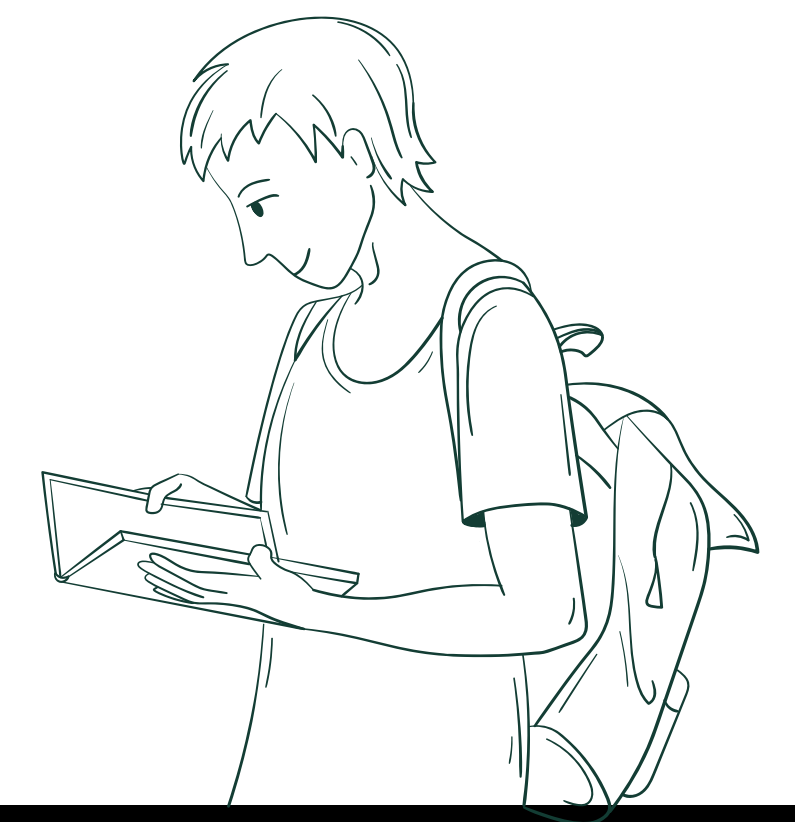


Aapno School Independence Day Celebrations

This 79th Independence Day, we celebrated the truest form of freedom taking root in the young minds of a remote village of Rajasthan.

Watch the heartwarming Independence Day meet-and-greet between Aapno School students and Apurva Bhandari, Founder of SankalpTaru Foundation, as they celebrate the school's progress and the dreams it continues to nurture.

Check Out [here](#)



2 ECO-COLLABORATIONS

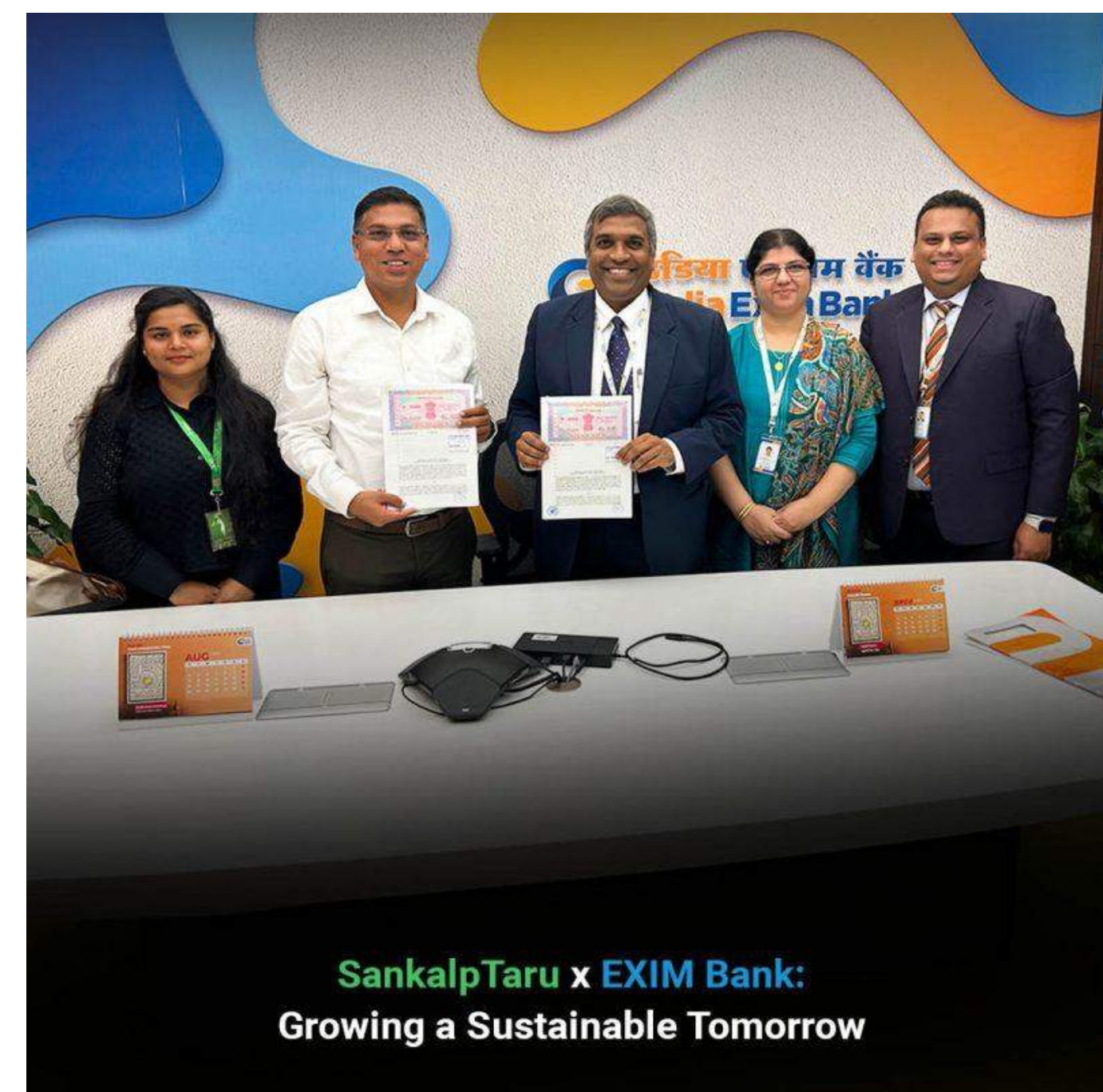


India Exim Bank: Investing in Tomorrow's Green Future

We're thrilled to announce a meaningful partnership between SankalpTaru Foundation and India Exim Bank, formalized on 1st August 2025, as part of the Bank's CSR initiative.

We are taking a step toward a more resilient and inclusive future by blending environmental stewardship with socio-economic development.

A heartfelt thank you to India Exim Bank, Sivakumar T.D. KASHMIRA PAVRI Renzdon Rodrigues , and our visionary founder Apurva Bhandari for their unwavering support and commitment to this cause.

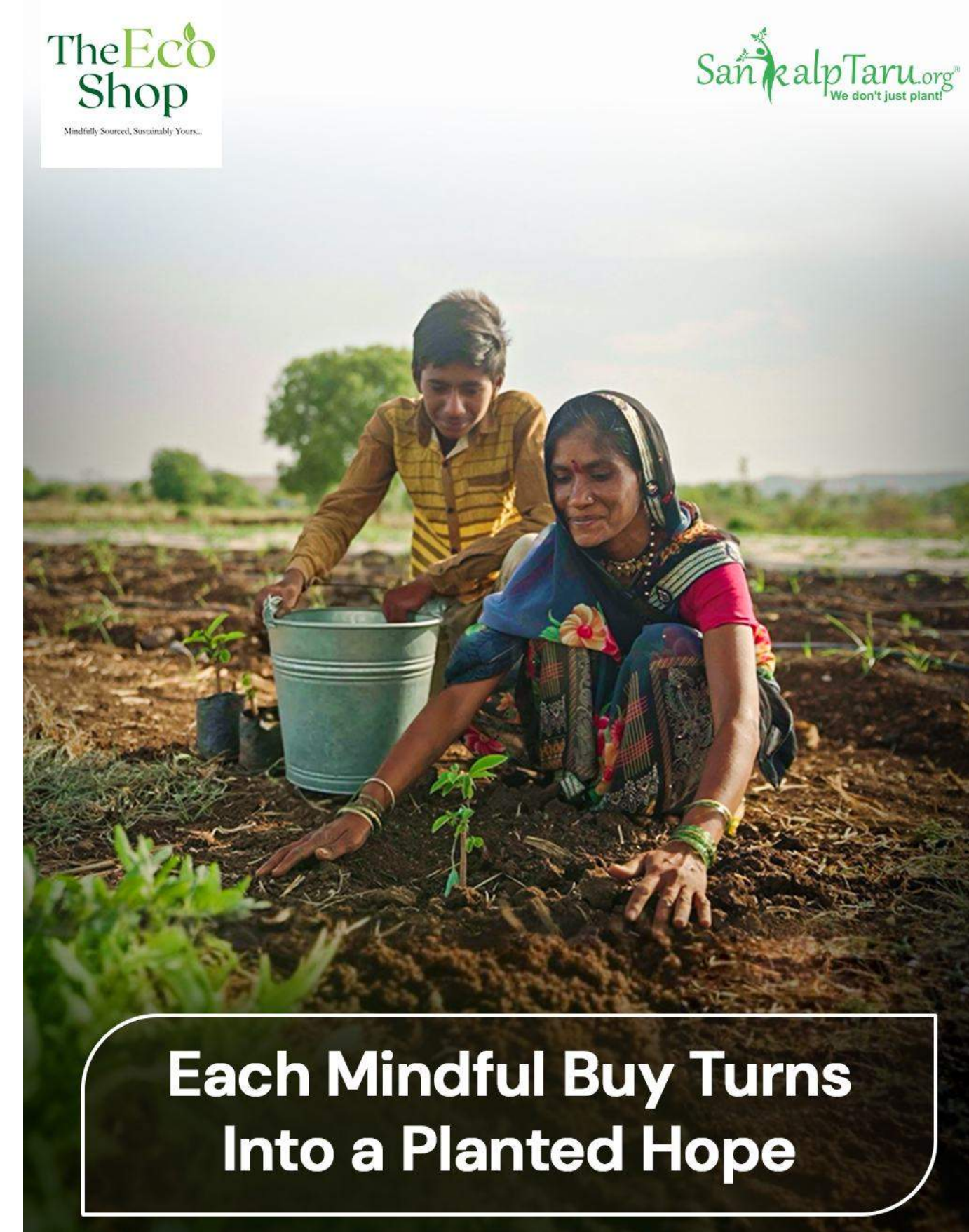


Rooting Sustainability with Eco-Shop

The Eco Shop has partnered with SankalpTaru Foundation, where every purchase doesn't just bring you a product — it plants a future.

Join us in making shopping a force for good. Every product = a step towards a cleaner, greener future.

📦 Shop now at [@theecoshop_](https://theecoshop1.etsy.com/) , plant your tree today: <http://theecoshop1.etsy.com/>



Now, Gifts Can Grow Forests with TwigsNTrails

Every gift you choose with TwigsNTrails (@twigsntrails) now helps nurture a greener, more sustainable future—because with every order, a tree takes root.

Each tree is more than just green cover – it's cleaner air, healthier soil, and a brighter tomorrow for the communities around it



3 GREEN IMPACT



Bringing the Right News to Your Social Feed!

In the quiet hum of daily life, critical environmental stories often go unheard. Our **Social Feed** is more than just news—it's a mirror to the planet's pulse. Each update is a call to awareness, a reminder that change begins with understanding. Whether it's a breakthrough in climate policy or the cry of a vanishing forest, staying informed helps us respond with purpose.

Read on, not just to know—but to care, reflect, and act.

Tap into this month's most meaningful environmental moments [here](#).

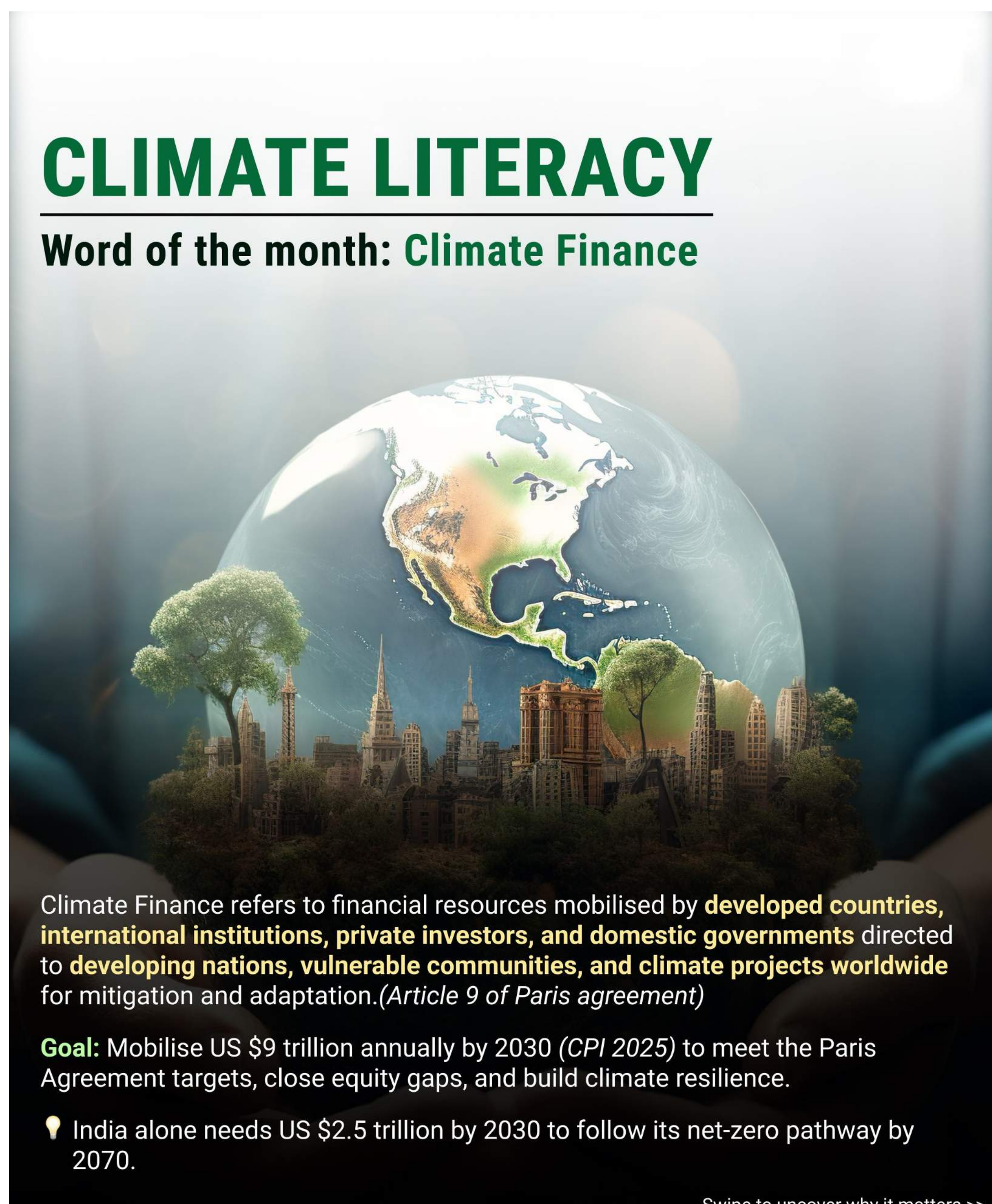
Climate Literacy – Climate Finance

This month's Climate Literacy spotlights Climate Finance—the engine driving climate action at scale.

From multilateral pledges and blended models to India's green taxonomy, explore how climate finance funds our shared future and what it means for fairness, innovation, and resilience.

At SankalpTaru, we believe climate literacy can break these barriers. Because the more we understand, the more we act—with clarity, courage, and conviction.

Understand how finance shapes change and the questions we must ask next [here](#).



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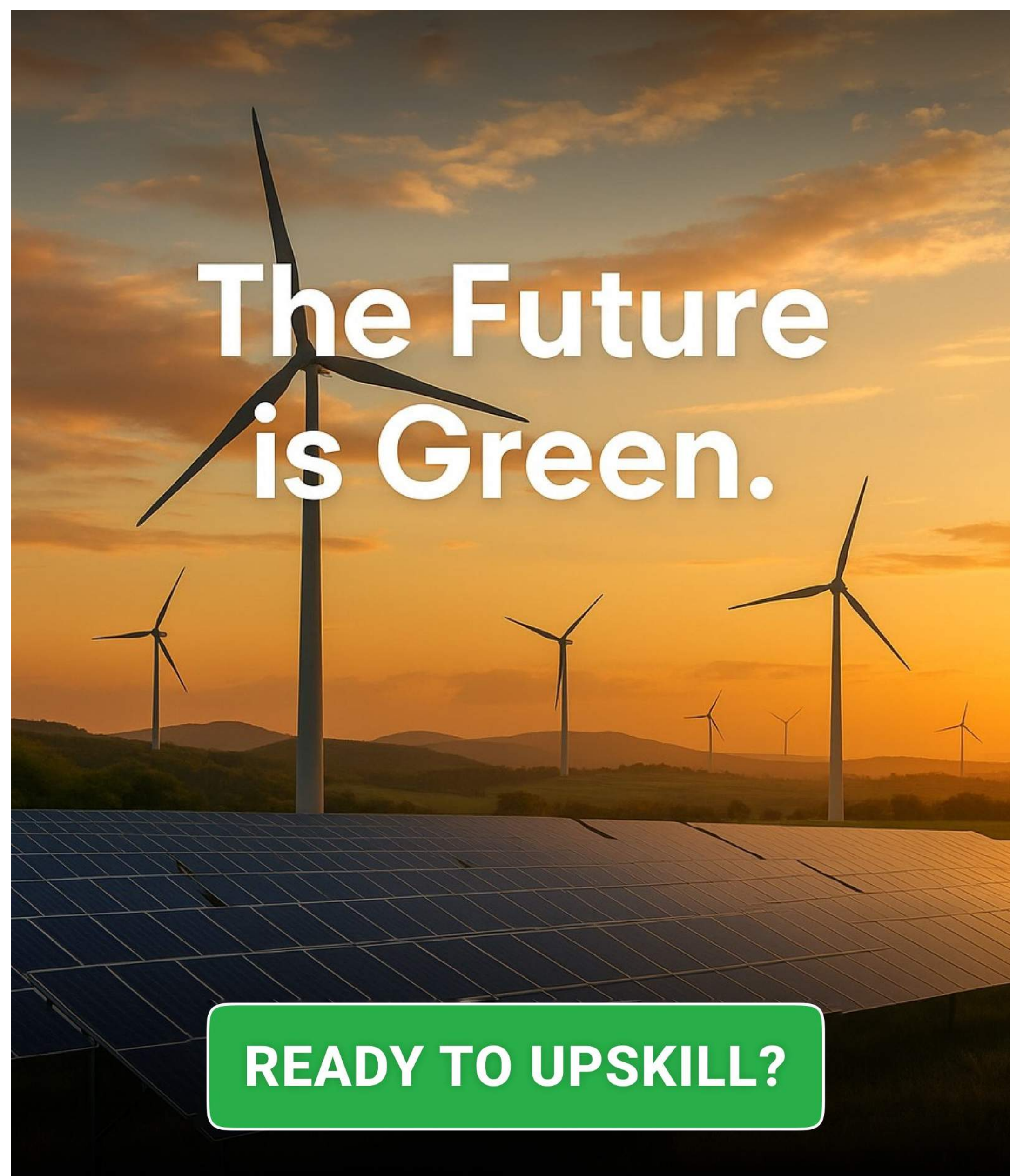
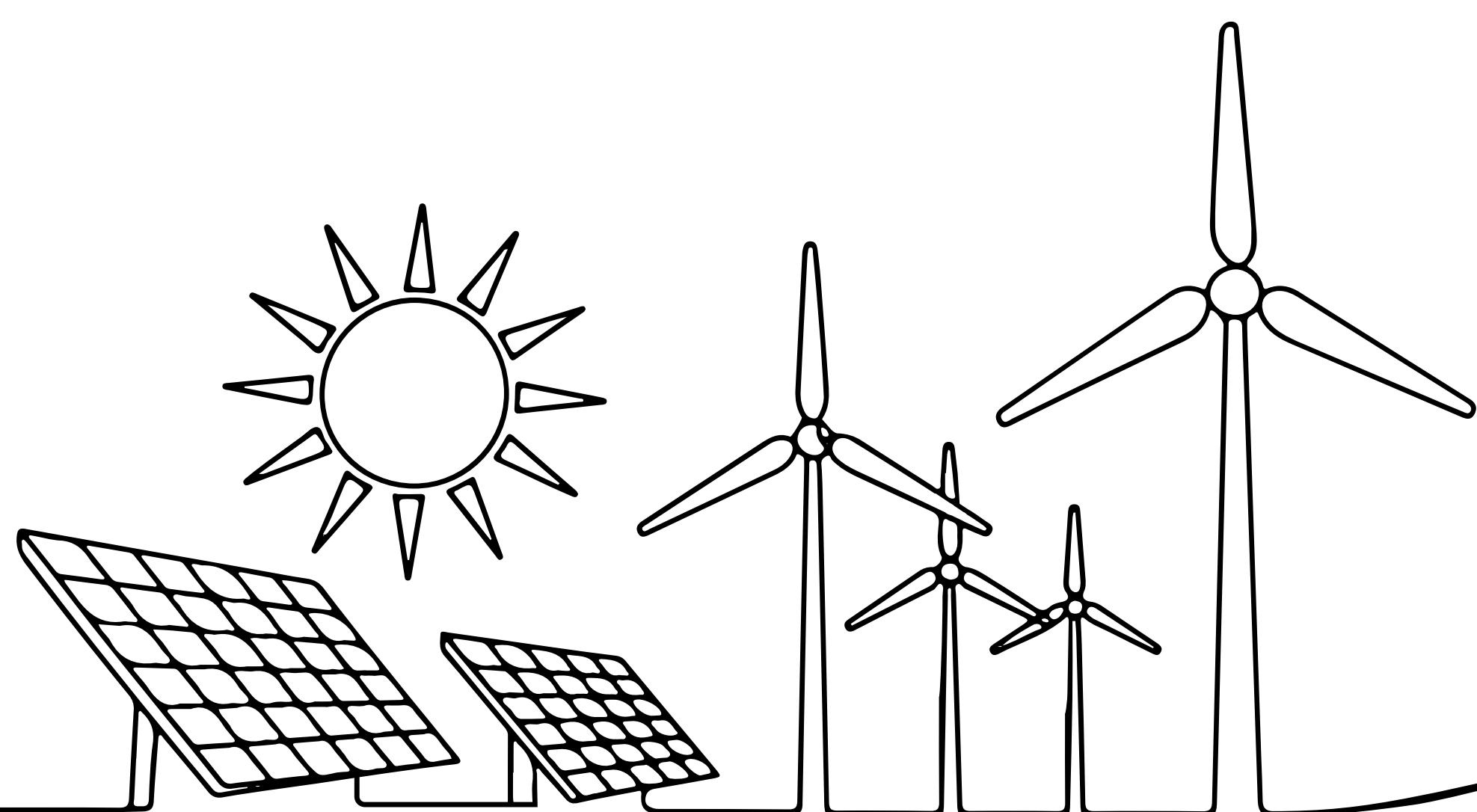


Awareness: The Green Skillset

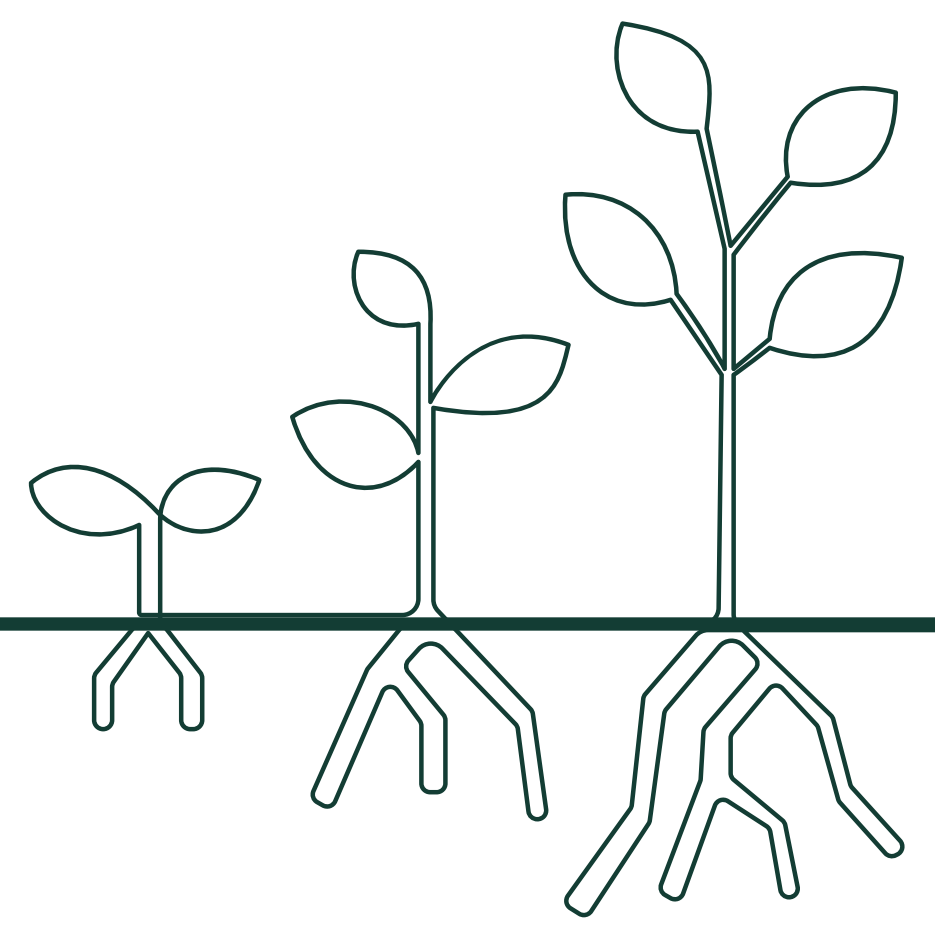
From renewable energy to sustainable farming, climate finance to eco-design — the job market is rapidly shifting.

And students everywhere are responding — enrolments in green courses are surging year after year.

Check out how the green jobs are revolutionising [here](#). Are you ready?



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DECODE: Simplifying Climate Data for Action

Continuing our mission to break down overwhelming climate reports into digestible, actionable insights through the power of acronyms, this month we took a deep dive into another critical climate science report: **UNEP – Frontiers 2025: Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern.**

A collaborative effort by scientists, policy experts, and global research institutions, highlights four emerging environmental issues that demand urgent attention before they escalate.

This month through our DECODE lens, we’ve simplified this urgent narrative, translating complex data into clear, engaging visuals to make sustainability efforts more accessible and impactful—empowering our community to take informed, meaningful action.

Check out [here](#).

DECODE

DISCOVER, EVALUATE, CONSERVE, OPTIMIZE, DEVELOP, AND EDUCATE


Report of the Month

Frontiers 2025 – Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern.
Published by **UNEP** in collaboration with global scientists.




DISCOVER THE FACTS

UNEP identifies 4 critical but less-talked-about issues where climate change is a key driver: microbes released from melting ice, ageing populations, legacy pollutants remobilized by extreme floods, and the need to remove river barriers like dams to restore ecosystems. These challenges show how deeply climate change, health, and ecosystems are connected.



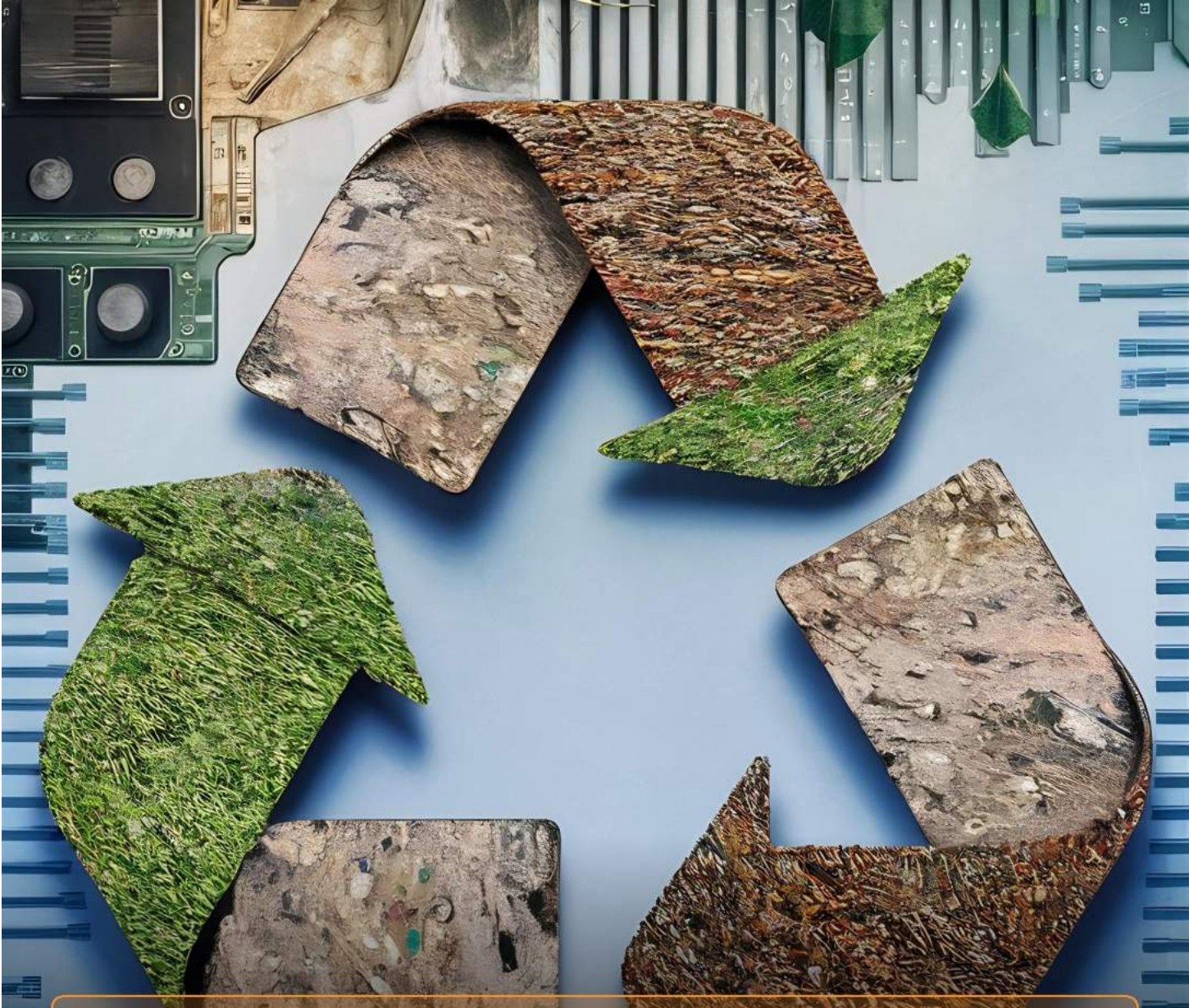
EVALUATE THE RISKS

Microbes: Cryosphere warming could reactivate dormant pathogens, sparking new disease risks.
Ageing: Heatwaves & disasters hit elders hardest.
Pollutants: Floods push toxins into food & water.
Rivers: Dams + climate stress cut biodiversity, water, and equity.



CONSERVE THE PLANET

Microbes: Strengthen public health surveillance in glacier and permafrost regions.
Ageing: Build age-friendly climate adaptation and health systems.
Pollutants: Cut hazardous waste, strengthen flood defences, stop toxins from re-entering ecosystems.
Rivers: Strengthen **ecosystem stewardship** by Indigenous Peoples, women & youth in river restoration.



OPTIMIZE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Microbes: Invest in early-warning systems and cross-border health monitoring.
Ageing: Ensure policies include older adults in disaster protection and recovery.
Pollutants: Monitor and manage **legacy waste hotspots** before disasters strike.
Rivers: Scale up **community-led dam removals** for healthier rivers & equitable water flows.



EDUCATE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

Building resilience starts with cultivating awareness, responsibility, and the ability to adapt in an uncertain world. By strengthening eco-literacy and weaving this climate understanding into everyday learning, we empower people and communities to make choices that safeguard both life and livelihood.

4 HUMAN STORIES



Humans of SankalpTaru



HUMANS OF SANKALPTARU

ABHILASHA SATI, Program Specialist, Grants, Reports & Research

Raised in the lap of Uttarakhand's pristine landscapes, Abhilasha's path to Master's in Forestry at FRI was a natural extension of that bond, a way to nurture and safeguard what nurtures her. With a green heart that wishes to echo harmony in every walk of life, she has found her flow state as a Program Specialist at SankalpTaru, contributing passionately since July 2024.

From drafting detailed proposals and reports to curating case studies, her work doesn't just record impact, it makes it resonate. Her learnings at SankalpTaru come as much from mentors, field coordinators, and peers as from the projects themselves, where she has discovered how to balance ambition with reality, value local knowledge, and weave collaboration into sustainable change.

One of her proudest contributions has been co-creating a standardized system for program documentation and reporting. Thanks to her proactive mindset, and collaborative spirit, what was once a challenge with existing framework is now an organized and reliable process—earning recognition for the supportive presence she brings to the team.

Outside her professional canvas, she balances inner stillness with adventurous zeal, embracing hobbies that nourish her soul.

Abhilasha's mindful presence reminds us that the path to sustainability is built as much through ideas and systems as it is through passion and purpose.

5 SMART GREENY MOVES

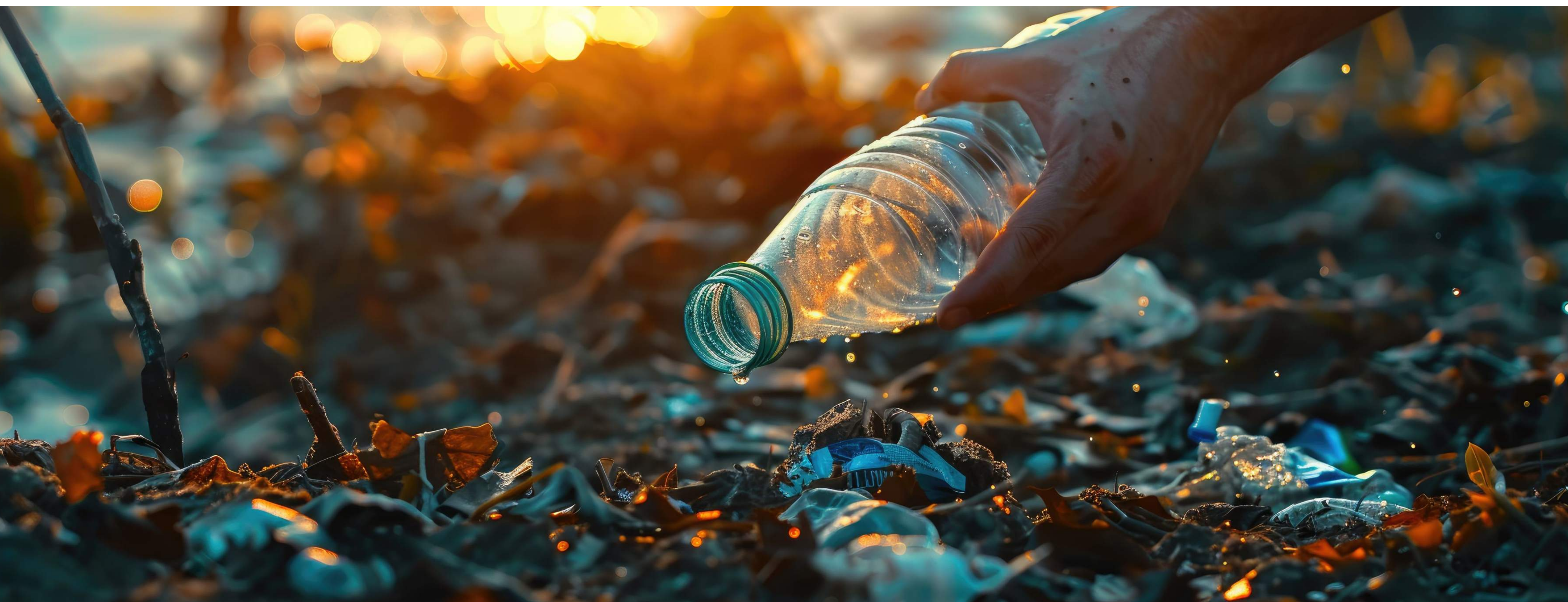
Zero Waste Starts with You

Every year, millions of tonnes of waste end up in landfills and oceans—polluting ecosystems, draining resources, and fueling climate change. Zero Waste Week is a call to rethink what we throw away and embrace mindful consumption.

◆ Your Steps:

- ✓ Refuse Excess – Say no to unnecessary packaging and freebies you don't really need.
- ✓ Reduce Smartly – Buy less, choose durable goods, and plan meals to avoid food waste.
- ✓ Reuse Creatively – Give a second life to jars, cloth, containers, and electronics.
- ✓ Recycle Right – Sort waste properly to ensure materials go back into circulation.
- ✓ Rot Organically – Compost kitchen scraps to return nutrients to the soil.

🎯 Bonus Challenge: Pick one item you usually throw away—like plastic bottles, food scraps, or shopping bags—and replace it with a reusable or compostable alternative for the entire week.



6 HUGE APP- HEALTHY US THROUGH GREENING ENVIRONMENT

🌟New Walkathon Alert🌟 Gratitude Walkathon

Every milestone of our life has been guided by someone—a silent supporter, a gentle pusher, a voice of reason, or a lighthouse in chaos whether we noticed it or not.

From the parent who helped us take our very first steps...

To the teacher who nurtured our curiosity,

To the senior who showed us the ropes in college,

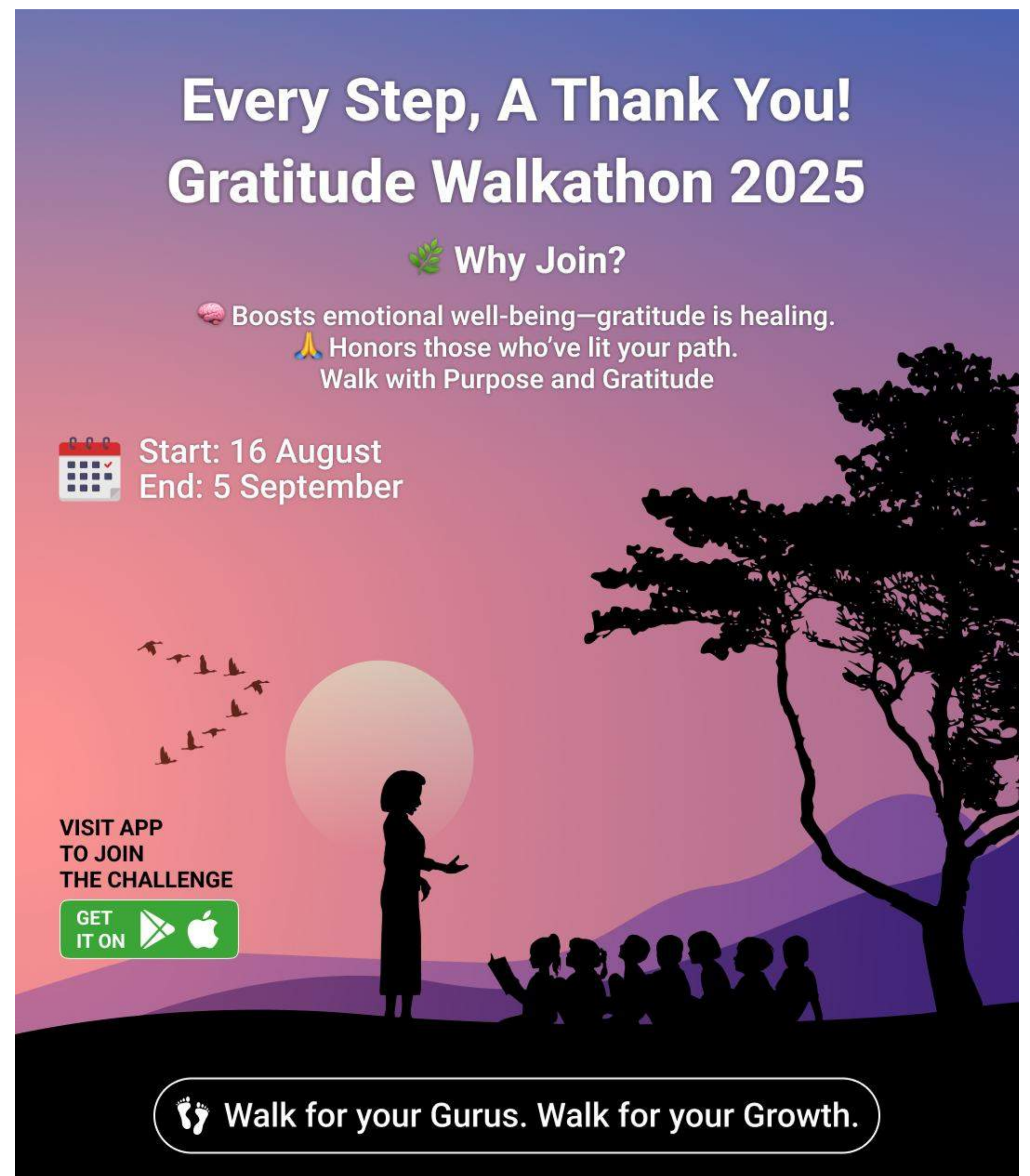
To the mentor who believed in us at work,

And to Nature herself—who continues to teach us patience, resilience, and balance with every breeze, tree, and sunrise.

Each one has been a **Guru** in their own way.

This **Teacher's Day**, we walked in remembrance and gratitude for every hand that held us, every word that lifted us, and every moment that shaped us.

Let your walk become your way of saying: Thank you for showing me the way.



🌟New Walkathon Alert🌟 “Women Only” Gratitude Walkathon



This month, our **Women Special Walkathon** takes a meaningful turn—with each step guided by Gratitude. In the quiet strength we carry, the patience we've practised, and the wisdom we share—we see reflections of the countless gurus who shaped our journey.

From mothers and mentors to friends, teachers, and Nature itself, this walk is our collective namaste—a tribute to all the guides who've shaped our journey, seen and unseen.

Let's walk not just for wellness, but with awareness—of how much we've received, and how beautifully we can give back.



6 HUGE APP- HEALTHY US THROUGH GREENING ENVIRONMENT

🌟New Walkathon Alert🌟 Gratitude Activity

With **Steps of Gratitude** remember and honor the mentors, guides, and quiet supporters who shaped your path making your journey soul-nourishing.

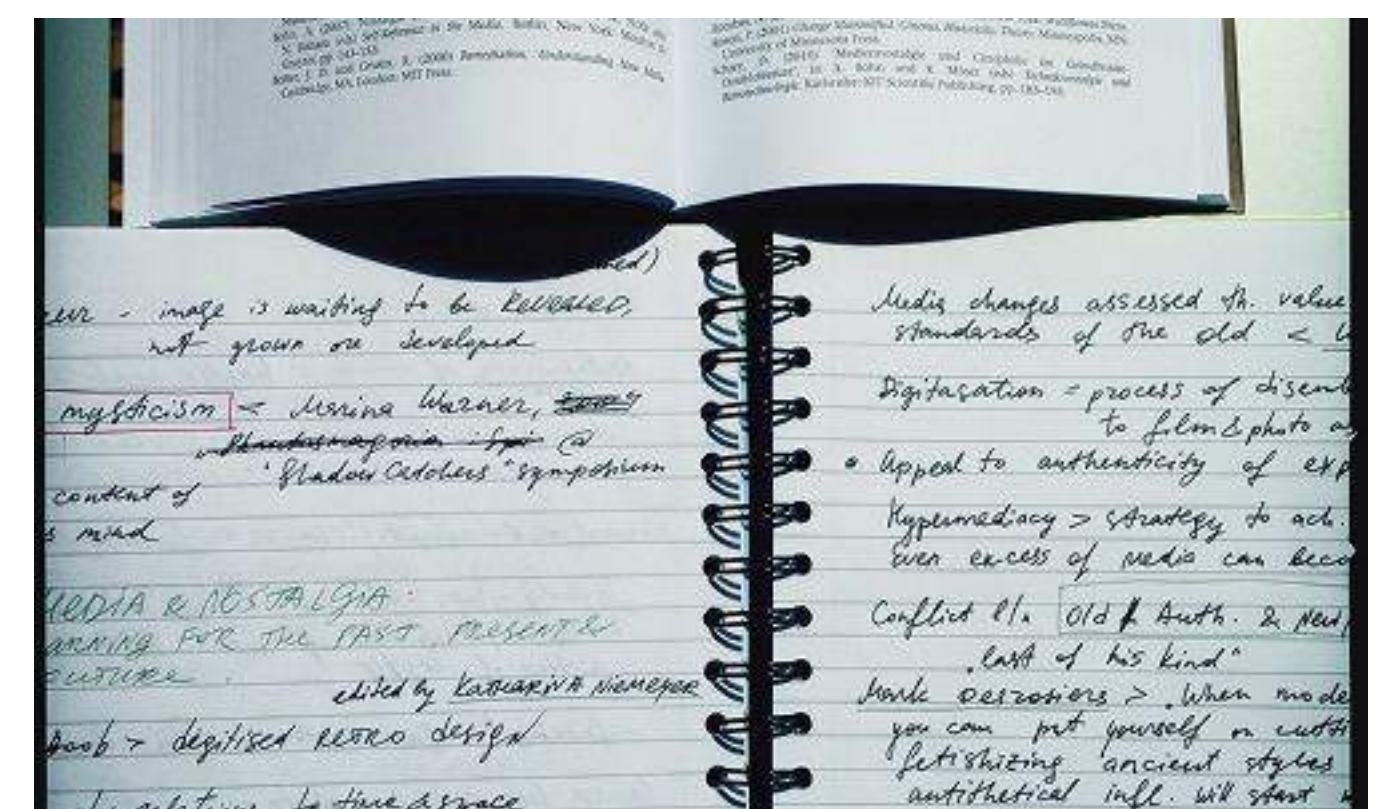
Through a series of thoughtfully crafted **7 interactive phases**, this activity invites you to reflect on the moments of guidance and encouragement, express silent thanks through mindful walks and share photo memories or symbolic acts of appreciation.

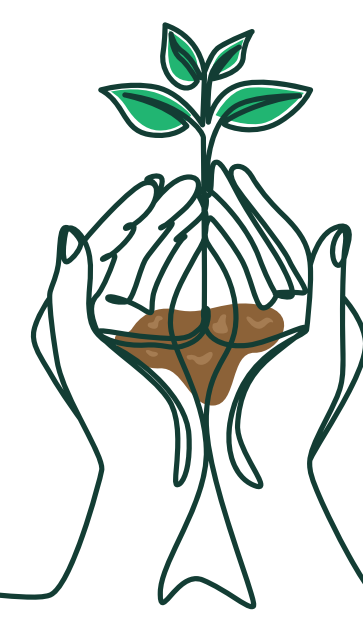
And as your feet touch the ground, remember the one teacher who's been with you all along—**Nature**. In her silence, rhythm, and constancy, she teaches us to slow down, listen, and live in harmony. She's the quiet Guru who heals, holds, and helps us thrive—often without asking for anything in return.

Join us:

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.sankalptaru.sankalptaru&pli=1>

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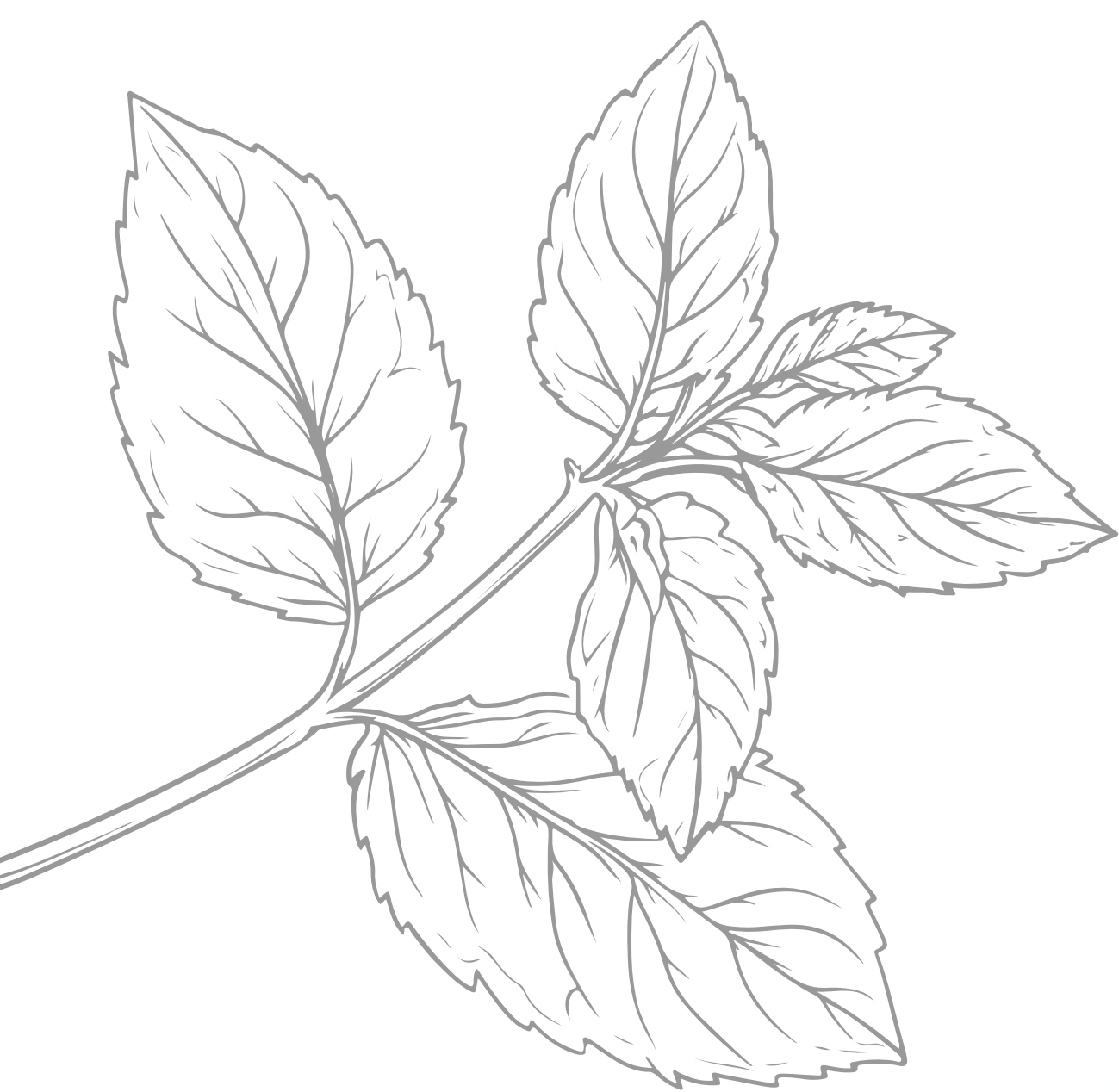
Mint Squash: A Tangy & Sweet herbal twist

Sourced from rural farms and packed with real minty goodness, it's not just a drink—it's a pause, a moment, a recharge.

A sip that brings a smile, turning fatigue into a minty burst of freshness!

Order Now & bring home the goodness of minty herbal squash.

<https://gramyumm.sankalptaru.org/product/mint-pudina-squash-550ml/>



8 ECO-INSPIRED READS



Geographical Indications: A Strategic Tool for Conservation of Natural Resources

In a world where environmental concerns and cultural preservation are more pressing than ever, a unique intersection is emerging; one where intellectual property rights fuel sustainability. In this blog, we delve into the fascinating world of Geographical Indications (GIs), a powerful yet often overlooked tool that does more than certify authenticity.

GIs are proving to be vital in empowering rural communities, safeguarding indigenous traditions, and protecting the environment. But how exactly do they work, and why are they so crucial in today's sustainability dialogue?

Let's [explore](#) the transformative potential of GIs in driving both economic resilience and ecological balance.



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9 CALL TO ACTION

ROOTED IN PURPOSE, GROWING WITH YOU

Every tree we plant, every community we engage, and every barren land we revive begins with a simple belief: **change is possible, and it begins with us.**

What keeps us going? The spark in a farmer's eye, the shade of a young sapling, the smile of a schoolchild learning about their planet. Your support, your action, your belief—it all adds up.

"Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations."

Let's keep moving forward—one act, one tree, one shared vision at a time.

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In the age of instant gratification, let's be like the snails with the right hearts. While you are safe at home, plant trees at www.sankalptaru.org and lend your hand with a click of a button.

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