



2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

Knowledge-Based Activism







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Director's report

The year 2025–26 was a stark reminder that environmental challenges are no longer distant risks—they are shaping economies, livelihoods and public health in real time. Across India, communities faced extreme heat, erratic rainfall, water stress, pollution and growing climate vulnerabilities. Yet the year also reinforced an equally important lesson: solutions exist, and meaningful change is possible when science, policy and public action come together.

At the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), our work continues to be guided by a simple conviction: environmental protection and economic development are not opposing goals. The challenge before us is to build pathways that are affordable, inclusive and sustainable. Our effort is to identify, demonstrate and advocate solutions that improve environmental outcomes while strengthening livelihoods, public health and economic resilience.

During the year, CSE continued to advance research, policy engagement, capacity building and communication across its programme areas. Our work on clean air, sustainable mobility, water management, sanitation, waste management, climate-resilient agriculture, biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, industrial decarbonisation and climate adaptation sought to bridge the gap between policy ambition and implementation on the ground.

During 2025–26, CSE contributed to several important policy and implementation initiatives. Our work advanced pathways for climate-resilient cities and vulnerable communities, strengthened efforts towards circular economy and waste management, supported cleaner industrialisation and renewable energy transitions, and expanded environmental education and capacity building through our training programmes and partnerships. Across sectors, our focus remained on demonstrating practical solutions that can be scaled up for greater environmental and social impact.

A defining feature of our work has been the focus on practical solutions. Across cities and states, we have worked to strengthen waste segregation and circular economy practices, promote non-sewered sanitation systems, improve water security through decentralized approaches, accelerate rooftop solar and renewable energy adoption, and support pathways for cleaner industrial growth. We have continued to document and advocate approaches that can reduce pollution while creating economic opportunities and improving quality of life.

Capacity building remained central to our mission. Through the Anil Agarwal Environment Training Institute (AAETI), our online platforms and field-based programmes, we trained government officials, regulators, urban practitioners, researchers, journalists, community leaders and young people. Building a cadre of informed practitioners remains one of the most effective ways to translate knowledge into action and to scale solutions across the country.

Equally important has been our role in informing public discourse. Through our publications, digital platforms, events and outreach initiatives, we continued to communicate evidence-based analysis on critical environmental issues. In a time of misinformation and growing complexity, independent and credible research remains essential for informed decision-making.

As we move forward, CSE will remain focused on what has defined our work for over four decades: rigorous research, public-interest advocacy, practical solutions and the belief that environmentalism must deepen democracy and improve the lives of people, particularly the most vulnerable. The environmental challenges before us are immense, but so too are the opportunities to reinvent growth and development in ways that are equitable, resilient and sustainable.

The task ahead is urgent, but there is reason for optimism. Across India, governments, communities, institutions and citizens are increasingly embracing solutions that were once considered difficult or impossible. Our commitment is to continue supporting this transition—with evidence, innovation, capacity building and the conviction that a sustainable future is both necessary and achievable.

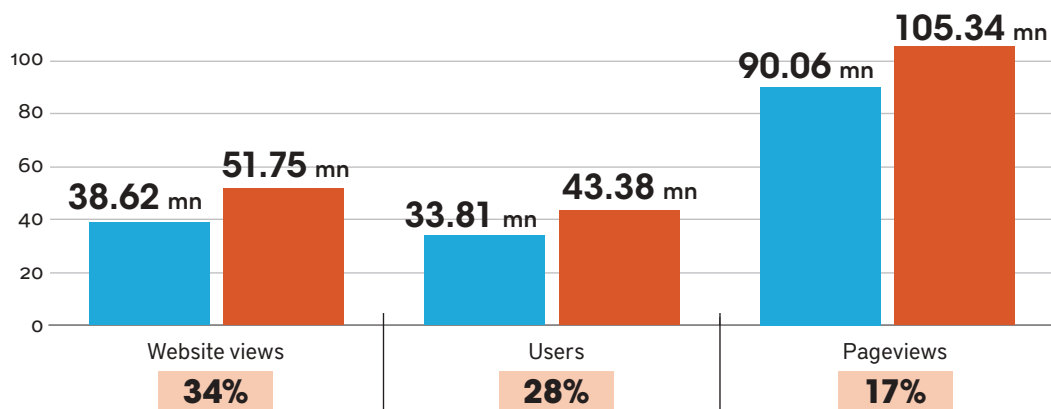


(Sunita Narain)

Highlights of the Year

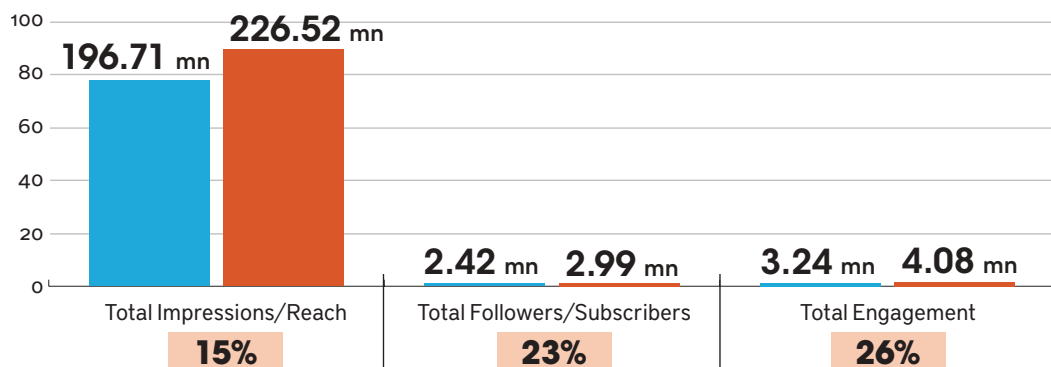
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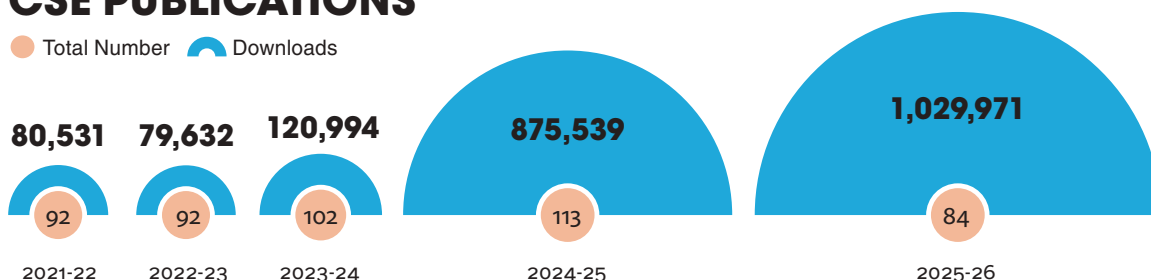
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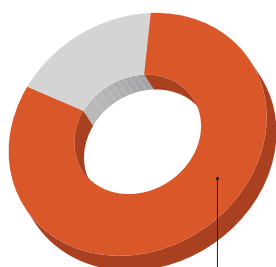
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CSE'S TOP 10 (PUBLICATIONS DOWNLOADED)

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1	Slow Murder Continues: India's suffocating journey of knowing and forgetting the deadly air pollution	121398	Air Pollution
2	सांसों का आपातकाल : भारत के दमघोंटू वायु प्रदूषण को समझने और उसे भूलने की दास्तान	72382	Air Pollution
3	State of Africa's Environment 2025	71701	SOE Annual Reports
4	Our Right to Clean Air is Non-Negotiable	51149	Air Pollution
5	Climate India 2025: An Assessment of Extreme Weather Events	40481	Climate Change
6	YAMUNA The Agenda for Cleaning the River	29443	Water
7	Missing from the Plate: Edible Plants in Wetlands Lose Favour	22088	Biodiversity & Food
8	Waste-Tyre Dialogue: A Review of Pathways and Regulatory Gaps	21171	Industry
9	एजेंडा: नदी की सफाई का	20653	Water
10	Towards a New Green World Critical minerals	17191	Climate Change

Research



79%
of our plan
completed



Our specialized
newsletters reach
396,000
people every month



We did **84**
publications; which
were downloaded

1,029,971

times



We had
1,694
media mentions
in the year

TRAINING PROGRAMMES



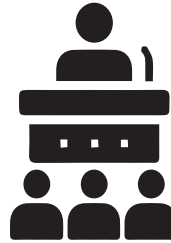
We conducted **66** on-site training programmes during the year, welcoming **1,849** participants who visited our campus.

We organised **166** seminars, conferences and webinars, engaging **11,746** participants from across the world.



We delivered **33** online training programmes, training **2,513** participants on subjects ranging from municipal solid waste management to environmental education.

OUTREACH



Across our website and social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and others, we recorded **27.85** million impressions during the year.

CSE-DTE websites attracted **51.75** million visitors in 2025–26, up from **39.08** million visitors in 2024–25, reflecting a **32.4%** increase in website traffic year-on-year.

<https://www.>



Our online events were viewed by **248,336** people in different social media platforms, LinkedIn to Youtube

Multimedia: Expanding Reach and Impact

In 2025–26, CSE and Down To Earth (DTE) expanded their multimedia presence, using digital platforms to inform and engage global audiences on critical environmental issues

YouTube Growth and Content Production

The combined CSE/DTE YouTube platforms recorded



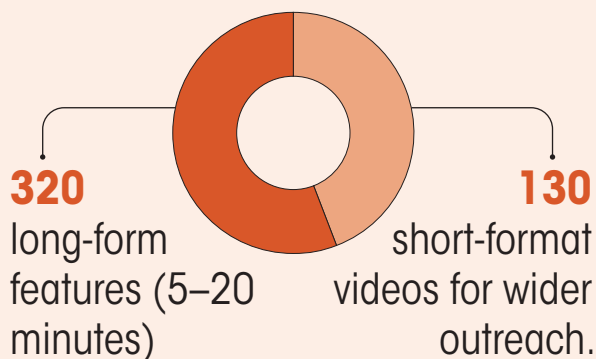
14.4 million views and hosted around 61 live-streamed events on priority topics.



The *Down To Earth* channel grew by **160,208** new subscribers, reaching 861,699 subscribers by year-end.



Over **450** new videos were uploaded, including



The *Down To Earth* Hindi channel added 581 new subscribers, closing the year at **5,398** subscribers.

RELEVANT SHOWS 2025-26

The Sunita Narain show + podcast published on YouTube and Spotify

Urban Heatscapes
Stories of heat from urban India

Cool Habitats
Designing spaces to beat the heat

Green Kitchen Stories of people and communities protecting India's biodiversity which is rooted in its seeds.

How India Moves
Cities and their mobility needs and interventions

Beyond the Bins
Types of bulk waste generators within a city



IN-DEPTH TOPICS



HUMAN RESOURCES AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), people are our most valuable asset. Building and nurturing a skilled, motivated and mission-driven workforce remains central to our ability to advance research, policy advocacy, communication and capacity-building on environment and sustainable development.

Investing in People

During 2025–26, CSE continued to strengthen employee welfare and long-term financial security by aligning its compensation and benefits framework with evolving labour regulations. The organisation maintained its commitment to provident fund contributions, gratuity, medical insurance and life insurance, ensuring that employees benefit from a comprehensive package of earnings, savings and social security.

Learning and Professional Development

Continuous learning remains a key pillar of CSE's human resource strategy. During the year, staff participated in a range of training programmes designed to strengthen technical, managerial and organisational capabilities. These included:

- Training on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) and workplace ethics
- Quality Management Systems (QMS) and Internal Auditor training
- Microsoft Power BI training for data analysis and visualisation
- Special sessions on Artificial Intelligence and emerging digital tools
- Capacity-building programmes to enhance organisational effectiveness and professional skills

Building Leadership for the Future

CSE has continued to invest in leadership development and succession planning. Over the past several years, a strong second line of leadership has emerged, with experienced managers taking on independent responsibility for programme verticals and multidisciplinary teams. This leadership depth has strengthened institutional resilience and enhanced CSE's capacity to respond to emerging environmental challenges.

A Diverse and Multidisciplinary Workforce

CSE's workforce brings together expertise from a wide range of disciplines, including environmental research, journalism, science, engineering, planning, design, communications

and organisational management. This diversity of skills enables the organisation to combine rigorous research with effective outreach and policy engagement.

The organisation also benefits from a healthy mix of experienced professionals and younger talent. More than half of CSE's staff have joined within the last five years, bringing fresh ideas and new perspectives, while a substantial number of long-serving colleagues provide institutional memory, mentorship and continuity. Similarly, the age profile reflects a strong base of young professionals complemented by mid-career and senior experts.

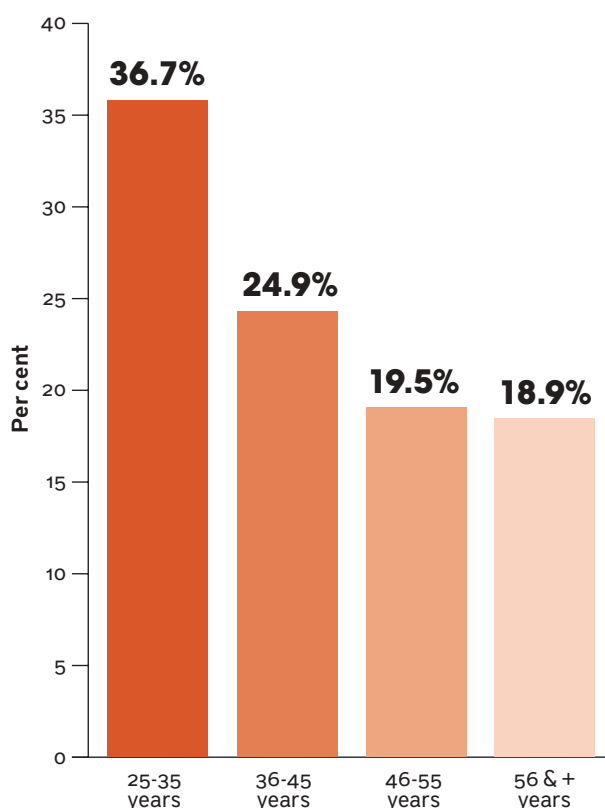
Internship Programme

CSE's internship programme continues to serve as an important platform for nurturing the next generation of environmental professionals. During 2025–26, the organisation hosted 62 interns from India and abroad who contributed to research, data analysis, communications, sustainable infrastructure, wastewater management, green building initiatives, event organisation and content development for Down To Earth.

Many interns made valuable contributions to ongoing projects, and several have subsequently joined CSE's wider talent network. The programme remains an important avenue for mentoring young professionals and strengthening the environmental movement through knowledge, skills and practical experience.

Age Group of Staff

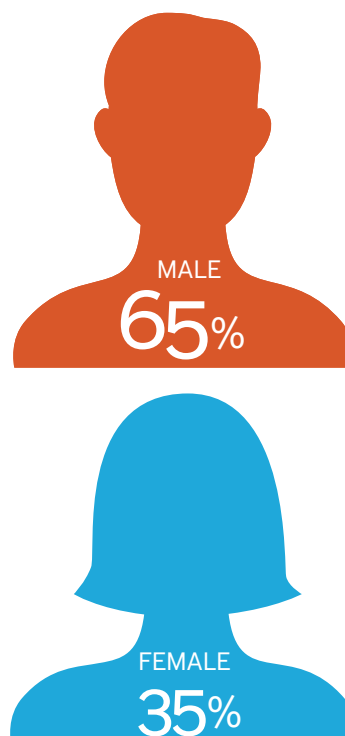
Age Group of Staff indicates a youthful and energetic workforce, with a significant portion in early to mid-career stages.



Gender Representation

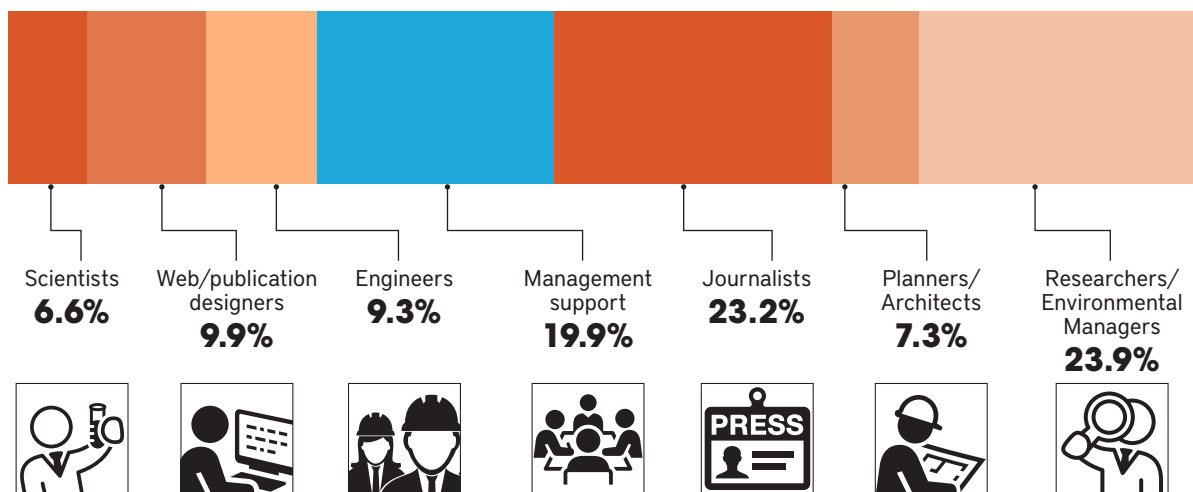
(2025–26)

Gender Representation shows a balanced approach toward inclusivity



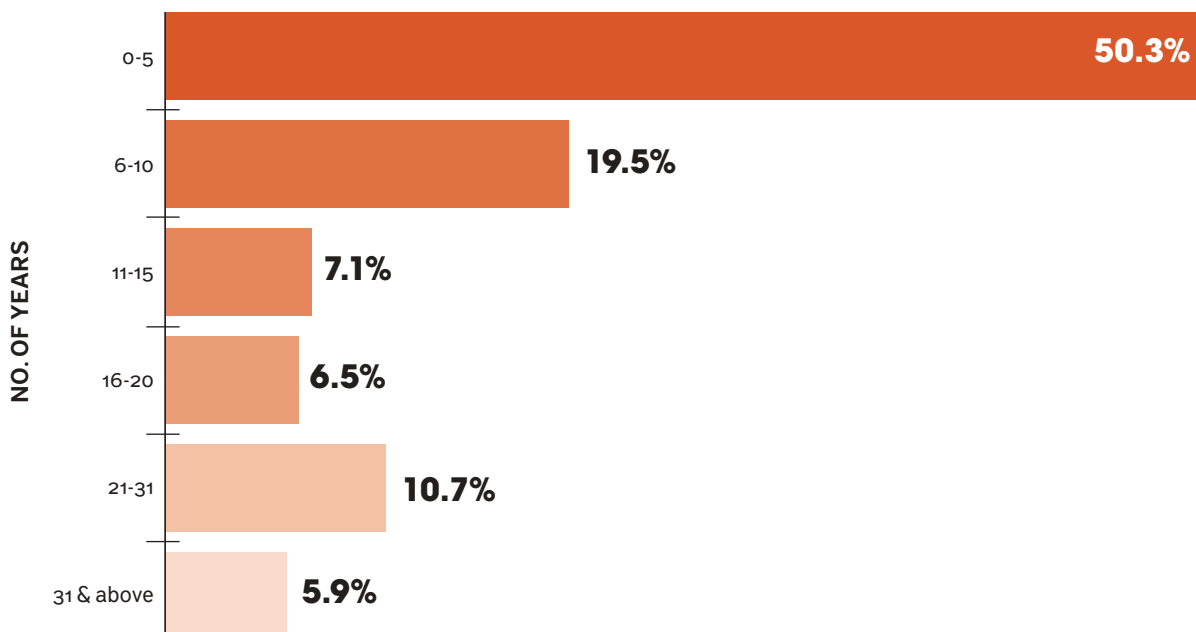
CSE TALENT POOL

Talent Pool demonstrates a diverse set of skills and educational backgrounds across departments



YEARS IN CSE

Years in CSE highlights strong staff retention, with a good mix of experienced and newer employees, ensuring continuity and innovation





CLEAN AIR AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

The Clean Air and Sustainable Mobility Programme works to advance policies and practices that reduce air pollution and accelerate the transition to cleaner transport systems. Through research, policy advocacy, capacity building and strategic partnerships, the programme supports governments in developing evidence-based solutions for clean air, sustainable mobility and climate-resilient urban development.

National and State-Level Policy Influence

During 2025–26, the programme strengthened its influence on transport and air quality policy in India by contributing to key regulatory and planning processes. Technical inputs informed discussions on the BS VII roadmap, future Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) norms and vehicle electrification pathways. The programme also advanced science-based approaches to in-use vehicle emissions management, including inspection systems, remote sensing and targeted vehicle scrappage.

CSE contributed to the development of Delhi's Draft EV Policy 2.0 and generated recommendations to improve electric bus deployment under the PM e-Bus Sewa programme. As a member of the Central Pollution Control Board's Steering Committee, CSE supported the revision of National Ambient Air Quality Standards and advocated for stronger integration of air quality management within the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), including greater focus on PM_{2.5} reduction and targeted interventions.

At the state level, the programme supported policy development and implementation in Rajasthan, Delhi-NCR, West Bengal and Maharashtra. Key contributions included support for Rajasthan's State Clean Air Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan 2030, recommendations for next-generation EV policies, inputs to climate budgeting initiatives, and technical advice on sustainable urban transport and parking policies.

Advancing Electric Mobility

The programme advanced policy thinking on zero-emission transport by developing frameworks for zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) mandates and state-level implementation strategies. Research and stakeholder engagement generated practical recommendations on charging infrastructure, battery swapping, electricity supply, electric bus operations, depot digitalisation and freight electrification.

Recognising the importance of circularity in the EV transition, the programme expanded its work on battery recycling and end-of-life vehicle management. Research on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and battery recycling policies informed recommendations on vehicle scrappage, fleet renewal and circular economy approaches for future mobility systems.

Global Programme

Across Africa, the programme strengthened institutional capacity and policy engagement on clean air and sustainable mobility, establishing CSE as a trusted knowledge partner for governments and regulators.

In Kenya, collaboration with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) supported the development of a national clean air framework and city-level action planning for Nairobi, while paving the way for longer-term institutional cooperation. In Nigeria, sustained engagement with government agencies contributed to national discussions on clean air planning, sustainable transport and electric mobility. Notably, CSE's recommendations were incorporated into the National Land Transport Policy.

At the regional level, the Pan-Africa Network of Regulators for Clean Air Solutions, comprising regulators from 17 countries, continued to promote peer learning and collaboration.

Through regular engagements and the Pan-Africa Electric Mobility Action Forum in Nairobi, the programme facilitated the exchange of knowledge on clean transport, electric mobility and air quality management, strengthening regulatory capacity and South-South cooperation across the continent.

The programme also maintained an active presence in global forums, amplifying Global South perspectives on clean air, sustainable mobility and climate action, while promoting knowledge exchange between Africa and Asia.

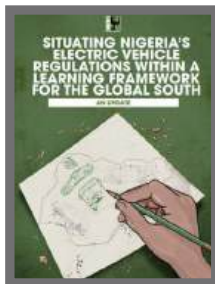
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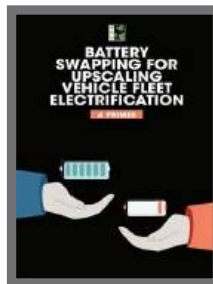
Factsheet: Global EV Battery Recycling Policies At A Glance



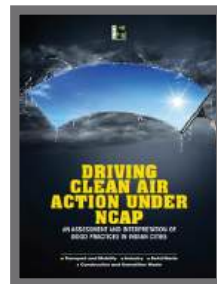
Africa: Too Hot to Cool?



Situating Nigeria's Electric Vehicle Regulations within a Learning Framework for the Global South



Battery swapping for upscaling vehicle fleet electrification - A Primer



Driving Clean Air Action Under NCAP



Ground-level ozone - Delhi-NCR: An invisible threat



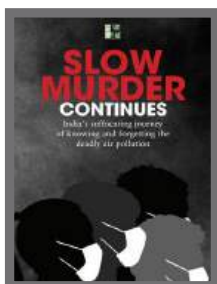
An invisible threat: Ground-level ozone - Metro cities



How Delhi is losing its Cool: Heat and rising demand for cooling and electricity consumption



Air Quality Monitoring- Addressing Data Shadow Regions



Slow Murder Continues: India's suffocating journey of knowing and forgetting the deadly air pollution



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Our Right to Clean Air is Non-Negotiable



Multi-Sector Action for Clean Air



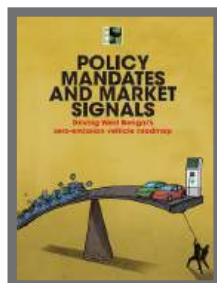
Toxic cocktail of pollution during early winter in Delhi-NCR



Beyond the Burn: Delhi's winter smog intensifies even after stubble fires fade



EV Battery Recycling and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Reform the terms of action



Policy Mandates and Market Signals

INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

The Industrial Pollution Programme works to reduce the environmental footprint of industry by advancing cleaner production, industrial decarbonisation, pollution control and resource circularity. Through research, policy advocacy, capacity building and stakeholder engagement, the programme supports the transition towards low-carbon, resource-efficient and environmentally responsible industrial development.

Industrial Decarbonisation

During 2025–26, the programme advanced the national discourse on industrial decarbonisation through research, stakeholder engagement and capacity building. The publication of Decarbonizing the Coal-Based Thermal Power Sector in India brought together key stakeholders from government, regulators and industry, including major power producers, to discuss pathways for reducing emissions from the power sector. The report generated interest among leading utilities in adopting recommended decarbonisation strategies.



The programme also conducted a specialised training programme on carbon markets and decarbonisation for energy managers from more than 50 Aditya Birla Group facilities. In addition, research was undertaken on coal power plant flexibilisation, power purchase agreements and energy-efficiency strategies for hard-to-abate sectors, laying the foundation for future policy recommendations.

Industrial Pollution and Circularity

The programme generated new evidence to strengthen industrial pollution control and resource efficiency. Sectoral studies on lime kilns and brick kilns in Rajasthan assessed opportunities for cleaner production and improved emission performance. Notably, the report *Turning Brick Burning* documented the progress of zig-zag technology adoption in the state and highlighted pathways for accelerating the transition to cleaner brick production.

At the national level, the programme elevated industrial emissions within the clean air agenda through consultations on integrating industrial pollution control into the next phase of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). It also strengthened regulatory capacity through cross-state learning initiatives on Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS).

In the area of industrial waste circularity, the programme published *Relax the Tax* and developed practical toolkits to support the inventorisation of non-hazardous industrial waste. These resources addressed critical data and policy gaps and provided regulators and industries with methodologies for estimating waste generation and identifying opportunities for resource recovery. The programme's work on waste tyres contributed to policy discussions on strengthening circular economy approaches in India. Recommendations related to differentiated HSN codes and GST rationalisation were reflected in NITI Aayog's 2026 report on advancing circularity in the waste tyre sector.

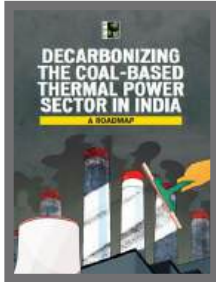
Global Programme

The programme expanded its influence across Africa by supporting governments and regulators in advancing industrial waste circularity and pollution management. In Uganda, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) sought CSE's technical assistance for developing a national industrial waste inventory and circularity framework. In Tanzania, the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) used CSE's tools and methodologies to build awareness and technical capacity on industrial waste management and circular economy approaches.

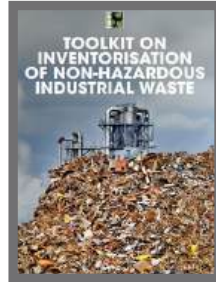
The programme also advanced policy discussions on end-of-life tyre (ELT) management in Africa. In Nigeria, the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) initiated steps towards developing a national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) portal and sought CSE's support in designing the framework and guidelines.

In addition, CSE's earlier work on pollution management in the Lake Victoria basin contributed to ongoing cooperation between Tanzania and Qatar, with key recommendations being incorporated into a forthcoming bilateral initiative on pollution assessment and management.

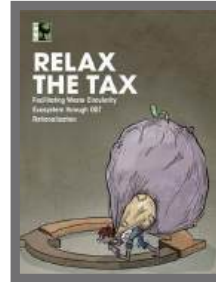
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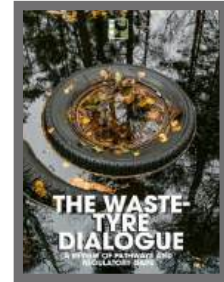
Decarbonizing the Coal based Thermal Power Sector in India: A Roadmap



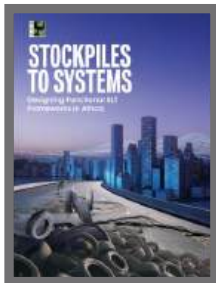
Toolkit on Inventorisation of Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste



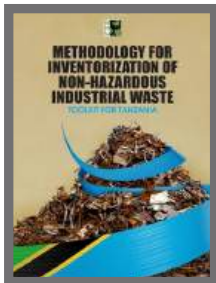
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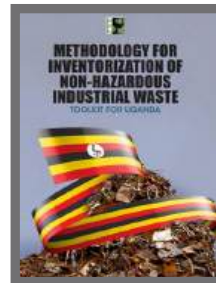
Waste-Tyre Dialogue: A Review of Pathways and Regulatory Gaps



STOCKPILES TO SYSTEMS: Designing Functional ELT Frameworks in Africa



Methodology for Inventorization of Non-hazardous Industrial waste: Toolkit for Tanzania



Methodology for Inventorization of Non-hazardous Industrial waste: Toolkit for Uganda



WATER

The Water Programme works to advance sustainable and climate-resilient water management through policy research, technical support, capacity building and stakeholder engagement. Its work spans water conservation, wastewater management, faecal sludge and septage management (FSSM), treated water reuse, river and lake restoration, and climate adaptation, supporting governments and institutions in India and internationally.

Water Reuse, Sanitation and Urban Water Management

During 2025–26, the programme strengthened the policy and implementation landscape for wastewater reuse and sanitation management. It supported the governments of Uttar Pradesh and Odisha in advancing treated water reuse policies and prepared city-level action plans for Agra, Prayagraj and Bhubaneswar. The programme also strengthened the sustainability of faecal sludge treatment infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh through improved operational systems, regulatory support and promotion of treated water and sludge reuse. Research on co-composting and sludge drying technologies, along with guidance documents and training programmes, further supported the adoption of circular approaches in urban water management. More than 1,300 stakeholders were reached through trainings and webinars on water reuse and sanitation.

Water Security, River Restoration and Climate Resilience

The programme expanded its work on climate-resilient water management through river and lake restoration initiatives. Action-oriented studies were completed for the Yamuna and major urban rivers and water bodies in Hyderabad, Bhopal, Indore, Pune and Nashik, contributing to policy discussions on urban river management. The Yamuna report generated significant interest among government agencies and research institutions, while CSE continued to contribute to Delhi's Urban River Management Plan. The programme also published knowledge resources on urban lake management and conducted residential and online trainings, webinars and media workshops that reached nearly 4,500 participants on water conservation, river restoration, aquifer management and climate resilience.

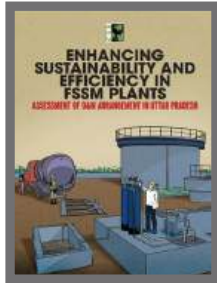
Global Engagement and Capacity Building

The programme strengthened international cooperation on sanitation and water management across Africa and Asia. In South Africa and Ethiopia, it supported governments through technical assistance, policy inputs and capacity-building programmes on faecal sludge management and wastewater treatment, training over 145 officials and helping mainstream sanitation planning within national frameworks. In Nigeria, the programme contributed to discussions on the country's first WASH policy, while in Uganda it supported initiatives on decentralised greywater management, rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge. These collaborations have enhanced institutional capacities and created pathways for scaling sustainable sanitation and water management solutions across partner countries.

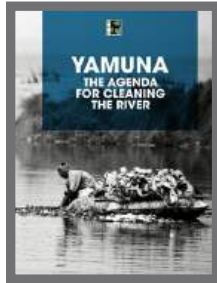
Rural Water Management

The programme also developed action agendas on source sustainability and greywater management in rural areas, based on field studies in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The work informed state-level policy discussions and generated interest among government agencies responsible for watershed management, groundwater protection and rural development. A policy framework developed by CSE is expected to support greywater management planning in rural Uttar Pradesh.

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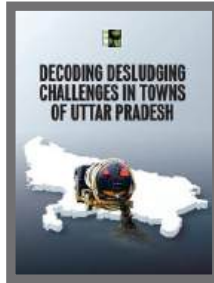
Enhancing Sustainability and Efficiency in FSSM Plants



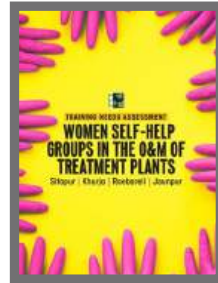
YAMUNA The Agenda for Cleaning the River



यमुना: एजेंडा नदी की सफाई का



Decoding Desludging Challenges in Towns of Uttar Pradesh



Training Need Assessment for women Self Help group in the O and M of treatment plants



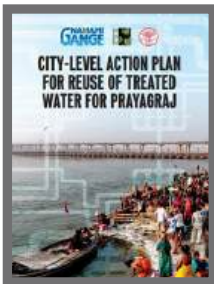
Reuse of Treated Biosolids from FSTPs and Co-Treatment Plants for Uttar Pradesh



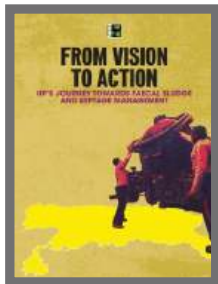
SHG Capacity Building in FSSM- Training Module for Effective O&M



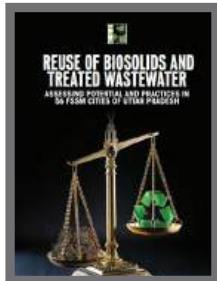
Streamlining Faecal Sludge and Septage Management in Uttar Pradesh



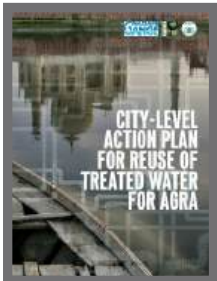
City-level Action Plan for Reuse of Treated Water For Prayagraj



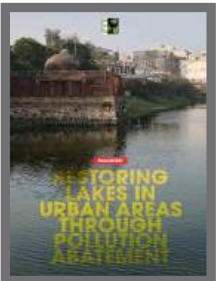
UP's Journey Towards Faecal Sludge and Septage Management



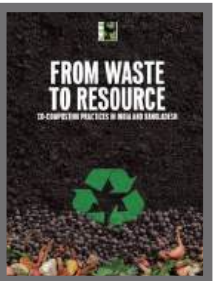
Reuse of Biosolids and Treated Wastewater



City-Level Action Plan for Reuse of Treated Water for Agra



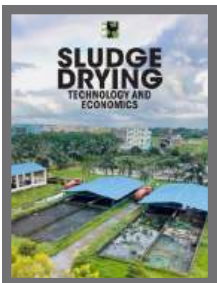
Factsheet: Restoring Lakes in Urban Areas Through Pollution Abatement



From Waste to Resource: Co-Composting Practices in India and Bangladesh



Current Landscape of Faecal Sludge Management in Rajasthan (December 2025)



Sludge Drying Technologies and Economics



संकल्प से समाधान तक: फीकल स्लज और सेप्टेज प्रबंधन (एफएसएसएम) की दिशा में उत्तर प्रदेश की यात्रा



CLIMATE CHANGE

The Climate Change Programme advances equitable and development-centred climate action by promoting Global South perspectives on climate finance, green industrialisation, trade, carbon markets and energy transitions. Through research, policy engagement, capacity building and strategic communication, the programme contributes to international debates and supports more inclusive approaches to climate governance.

Climate Finance

During 2025–26, the programme focused on the challenges that developing countries face in accessing adequate climate finance. Through research and engagement with negotiators and policymakers, it highlighted the links between sovereign debt, climate vulnerability and the need for reforms in the international financial architecture. The programme also contributed to discussions on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), adaptation finance and the alignment of financial flows with climate and development priorities.

Green Industrialisation and Trade

The programme advanced policy discussions on how developing countries can benefit from the low-carbon transition through green industrialisation. Research examined opportunities related to critical minerals, clean technology manufacturing and value addition in commodity sectors, while highlighting the importance of industrial policy, technology access and finance.

The programme also strengthened Global South perspectives on trade-related climate measures, analysing how emerging climate and industrial policies in major economies could affect industrial development and competitiveness in developing countries. Its work contributed to international discussions on trade, climate cooperation and sustainable development pathways.

Equitable Energy Transition and Carbon Markets

Recognising the need for development-centred approaches to decarbonisation, the programme advocated equitable pathways for energy transition that account for national circumstances, energy security and access to finance and technology. It contributed to international discussions on the transition away from fossil fuels and just transition frameworks.

The programme also analysed the evolving architecture of international carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and developed tools to improve transparency and understanding of India's emerging carbon market landscape.

Global Engagement and Public Outreach

The programme maintained an active presence in international climate processes, including the UNFCCC negotiations, Bonn Climate Conference and COP30. Through side events, expert dialogues and negotiators' workshops, it helped bring Global South perspectives into discussions on climate finance, energy transitions, carbon markets, trade and industrial development.

To strengthen public engagement, the programme launched Carbon Politics, a monthly podcast exploring the political economy of climate change through a Global South lens. The series has helped make complex climate policy debates more accessible to wider audiences through conversations with researchers, practitioners and policymakers.

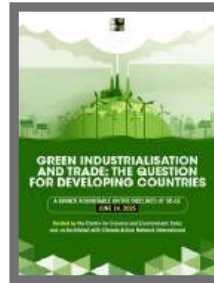
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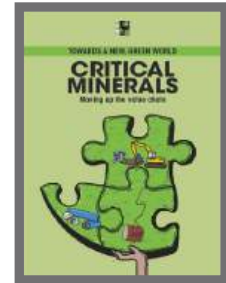
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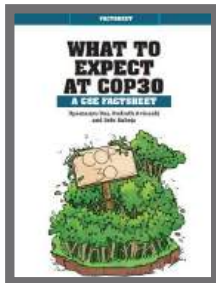
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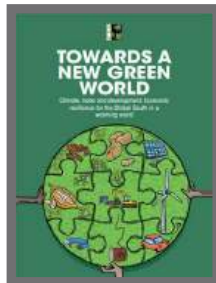
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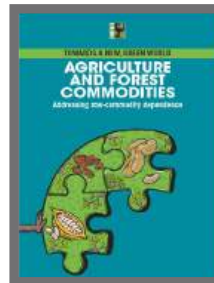
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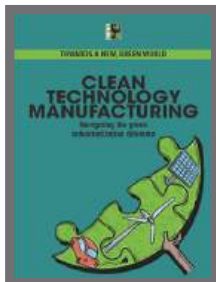
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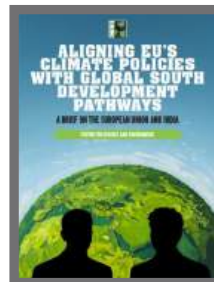
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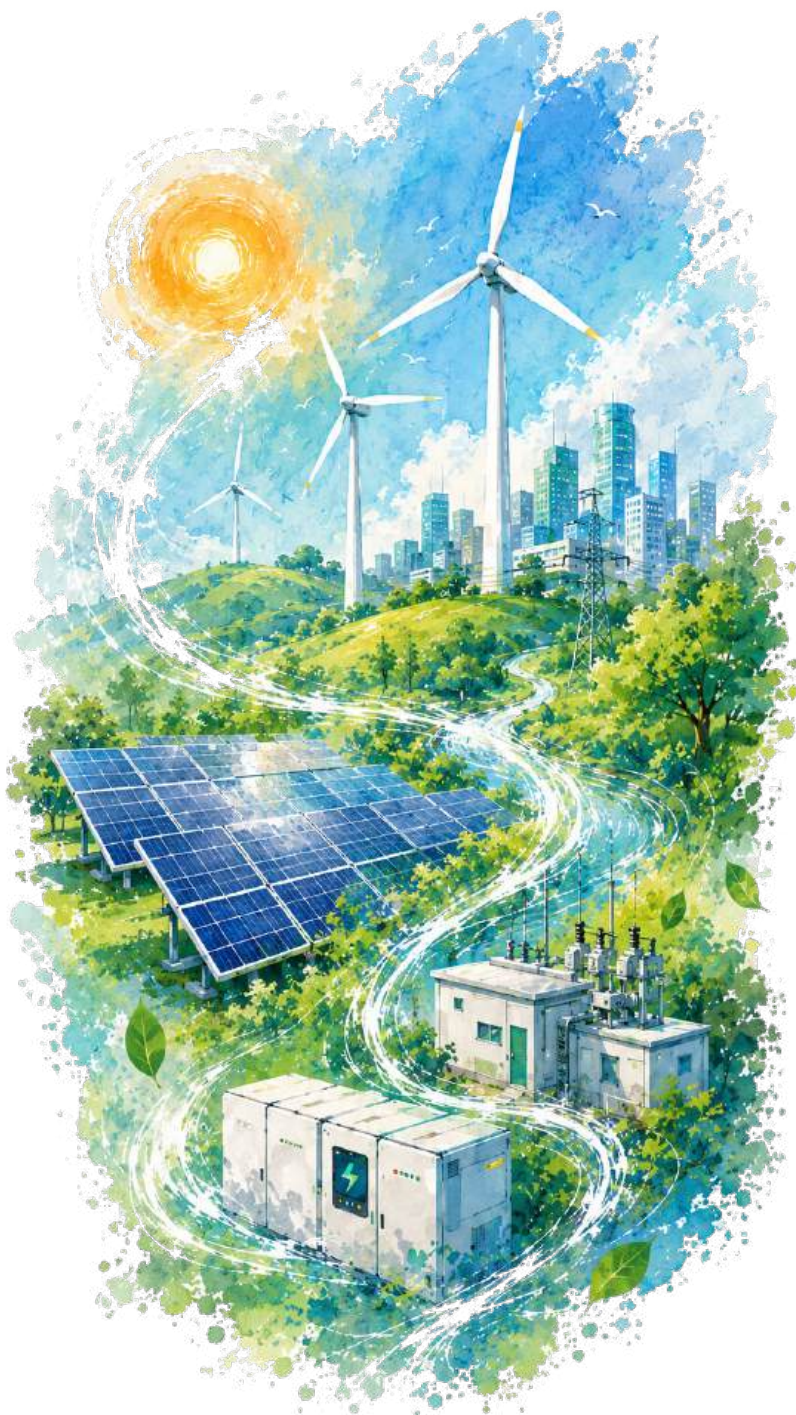
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RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Renewable Energy Programme promotes clean, inclusive and climate-resilient energy transitions through research, policy advocacy, capacity building and stakeholder engagement. The programme focuses on expanding access to decentralised renewable energy, strengthening renewable energy governance, and advancing sustainable energy solutions that support livelihoods, climate goals and equitable development.

Decentralised Renewable Energy and Policy Advocacy

During 2025–26, the programme strengthened policy discourse and implementation on decentralised renewable energy (DRE), including rooftop solar, mini-grids, compressed biogas (CBG) and solar irrigation. Through a series of studies, consultations and training programmes, it identified key barriers to scaling DRE technologies and developed recommendations to improve policy design, financing mechanisms and implementation.



The programme's work informed discussions on rooftop solar regulations, mini-grid policy frameworks, bioenergy development and PM-KUSUM implementation. Its recommendations contributed to policy processes in several states, including Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh, while research on distributed solar, mini-grids and bioenergy highlighted pathways for expanding energy access, strengthening rural livelihoods and accelerating the clean energy transition.

The School of Sustainable Energy conducted a series of training programmes for government officials, practitioners, community organisations and industry stakeholders, building technical capacity on solar energy, bioenergy and community-led energy systems.

Global Programme

The programme expanded its engagement across the Global South through research, knowledge exchange and international partnerships. A review of African Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) highlighted opportunities to strengthen renewable energy targets, improve implementation and link climate commitments with energy access goals.

CSE's work on wind repowering gained international recognition through its contributions to global discussions led by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), helping showcase India's experience in improving the efficiency and productivity of existing wind energy assets.

The programme also promoted South-South learning on decentralised renewable energy through international dialogues on solar mini-grids, bringing together policymakers, regulators and practitioners from Asia and Africa to exchange experiences on scaling clean energy solutions.

Renewable Energy Circularity and Community Governance

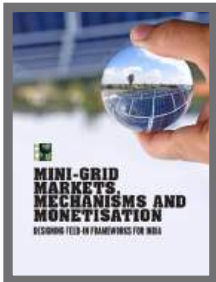
As renewable energy deployment expands, the programme strengthened its focus on resource circularity and community-centred energy planning. Research and policy engagement on solar waste management highlighted the need for stronger recycling frameworks and circular economy approaches for renewable energy technologies.

The programme also examined land-use challenges associated with renewable energy expansion and advocated approaches that balance energy development with community interests, including distributed solar models, agrivoltaics and other land-efficient solutions.

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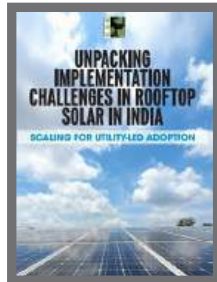
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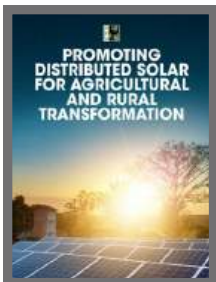
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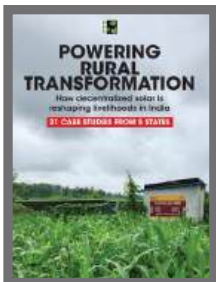
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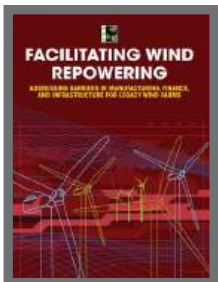
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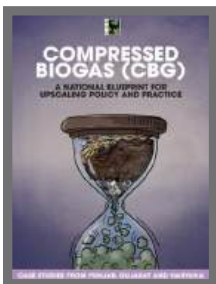
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SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS AND HABITAT

The Sustainable Building and Habitat Programme advances climate-resilient urban development through research, policy advocacy, technical support and capacity building. During 2025–26, the programme strengthened national and state action on heat resilience, climate adaptation, urban cooling and circular construction practices.



Heat Resilience and Climate Adaptation

CSE's methodologies for heat stress and vulnerability assessment were formally recognised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) following assessments conducted across 12 cities representing different climate zones. The work highlighted the impacts of extreme heat on health, productivity, energy demand and social equity, and informed the development of heat resilience frameworks and cooling pilots in Gwalior and Delhi NCR. The methodology has also been incorporated into IBM's global AI-based heat vulnerability platform.

At the state level, CSE developed the West Bengal State Action Plan on Climate Change and the Rajasthan Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2030. To support implementation, CSE introduced a climate-budget tagging framework in West Bengal, which is being examined by the state government for integration into sectoral planning and expenditure processes.

Urban Cooling and Planning

CSE developed an Urban Cooling Framework for Jaipur, providing a comprehensive approach to addressing heat stress, cooling equity and rising cooling demand. The framework has been integrated into the Rajasthan Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2030.

The programme also influenced planning education nationally through the integration of climate resilience, heat management, energy efficiency and sustainability modules into planning curricula adopted by all 83 planning schools in India. In addition, CSE's engagement with MoHUA's Core Group on Thermal Comfort contributed to updates in the Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code (ECSBC) 2024 and Eco Niwas Samhita (ENS) 2024, expanding their focus from buildings to neighbourhood-scale thermal comfort and urban heat mitigation.

Knowledge Dissemination and Capacity Building

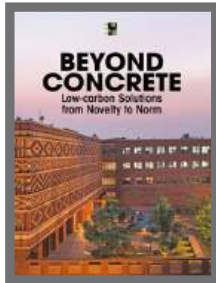
Through its 'Cool It' campaign, CSE strengthened public awareness and stakeholder engagement on urban heat, thermal comfort and sustainable cooling. The campaign produced reports, toolkits, fact sheets and media content that collectively recorded more than one million downloads. Its video series on urban heat and cool habitats garnered over 2.3 million views, while outreach activities across 12 states engaged nearly 3,800 stakeholders from government, academia, industry and civil society.

Construction and Demolition Waste Management

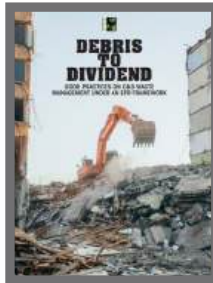
The programme continued to advance circular economy approaches in the construction sector. Through its engagement with MoHUA and CPCB, CSE contributed to key provisions in the Environment (Construction and Demolition) Waste Management Rules, 2025, including mandatory waste estimation, recycling and reuse targets, user-fee linkages and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) provisions for bulk generators.

At the state and city levels, CSE supported the integration of C&D waste and dust management measures into clean air action plans in Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi NCR. The programme also assisted cities in implementing the new regulatory framework through assessments, infrastructure planning, standard operating procedures, regional workshops and stakeholder consultations.

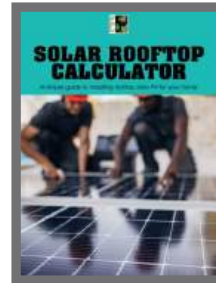
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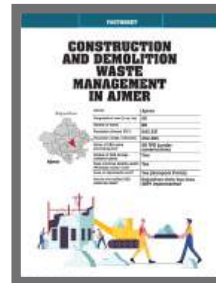
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COOL IT: Cooling our public spaces



Urban cooling framework for Jaipur



How to Become Energy-Efficient A Practical Tip Sheet



SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

The Sustainable Food System division works to build resilient, low-carbon and health-conscious food systems. It advances regenerative agro-ecological practices, climate-resilient agricultural policies, and Global South priorities on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), bridging grassroots action with policy advocacy.

India Programme

Through a national policy advocacy campaign anchored by the launch of the book *Sustainable Food Systems – An Agenda for Climate-Risk Times*, a three-day national conclave, social media outreach, and targeted policy advocacy, the team advanced four critical agendas to strengthen climate resilience and sustainability in Indian agriculture:

Soil Health & Carbon Credits: Scaling organic and bio-inputs and regenerative practices to reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers, while developing farmer-centric carbon markets.

Agro-meteorological Advisory Services: Securing timely and affordable access to accurate hyperlocal weather forecasts and context-specific advisories for farmers.

Crop Insurance Reform: Addressing key bottlenecks in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to reduce farmer dissatisfaction arising from delayed or

inadequate claim settlements and the rising premium burden on state governments. Livestock for Mitigation & Adaptation: Reducing enteric greenhouse gas emissions through feed and breed management, while strengthening state-level backyard poultry systems for nutrition and livelihood resilience.

Following these agendas, the team publicly advocated for specific policy shifts:

1. Integrating biological parameters into national and state soil health monitoring.
2. Assessing and scaling the Yield Estimation System based on Technology (YES-TECH) to replace cumbersome manual crop-cutting experiments (CCEs) for PMFBY claim settlements.
3. Prioritizing farmers' interests by accelerating the Data Information and Sharing Policy to address issues of ownership, monetization and accountability related to public-private weather data under the WINDS (Weather Information and Network Data System) initiative.

Capacity Building

The team hosted two three-day training programmes for civil society partners from across the country to scale up agro-ecological practices and deepen understanding of agriculture-climate linkages. In addition, two training sessions for state-level animal husbandry and fisheries officials focused on preventing disease and minimizing antibiotic use in poultry and freshwater aquaculture. These sessions promoted improved rearing systems, strengthened bio-security and vaccination practices, the use of non-chemical alternatives, and the conservation of indigenous breeds.

GLOBAL PROGRAMME

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Policy Advocacy

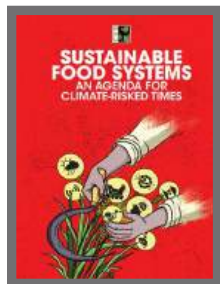
Following a three-day Africa-Asia workshop involving 100 stakeholders, the team successfully integrated Global South priorities—including food-system prevention, smallholder backyard production, cost-effective waste management, and affordable access to vaccines and diagnostics—into discussions informing the revised Global Action Plan (GAP) on AMR, led by the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat (QJS). The team's report influenced the final GAP, which was adopted at the 79th World Health Assembly in May 2026.

The team also championed prevention and Global South priorities at major intergovernmental forums. Notably, through the CSE Director General's membership in the Global Leaders Group (GLG) on AMR, which concluded in November 2025, the team helped shape the Group's positions on key AMR issues.

Public Awareness

CSE marked 10 years of World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) under the theme Global South Action on AMR. The team engaged One Health experts to identify key challenges and solutions, while a two-week social media campaign reached 4.7 million views and generated more than 90,000 engagements.

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Sustainable Food Systems: An Agenda for Climate-risked Times



Implementation of Yield Estimation System Based on Technology YES-TECH in Madhya Pradesh



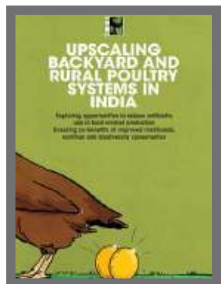
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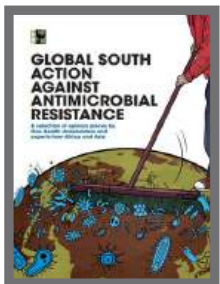
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Key Recommendations from the Perspective of Global South to Update the GAP AMR



Upscaling Backyard and Rural Poultry System in India



Global South Action Against Antimicrobial Resistance

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Solid Waste Management and Circular Economy Programme continued to strengthen waste governance and circular economy practices in India and across the Global South through policy support, capacity building and city-level implementation. The programme worked with urban local bodies, regulators and international partners to improve waste management systems, promote resource recovery and advance circular economy approaches.



Strengthening Urban Waste Management

The Forum of Cities that Segregate continued to support cities in improving waste management performance and implementing circular economy principles. By 2025, more than 12,000 municipal wards were providing good waste management services, benefiting over 33 million people. Among the 452 urban local bodies supported through the programme, 307 improved their Swachh Survekshan rankings between 2021 and 2025, reflecting stronger waste collection, segregation and processing systems.

The programme also supported coastal cities in strengthening plastic waste management and addressing marine litter through technical guidance, capacity building and dissemination of standard operating procedures for identifying pollution hotspots, pathways and sinks.

Developing Model Cities

The programme continued to support Agra and Gurugram as model cities for sustainable waste management. In Agra, source segregation increased from 8 per cent to 82 per cent, waste collection improved from 62 per cent to 98 per cent, and the city's national ranking improved from 24th to 10th in its category. The city also introduced dedicated systems for managing footwear and petha waste streams.

In Gurugram, efforts focused on strengthening systems for bulk waste generators and improving compliance monitoring. The city's national ranking improved from 140th to 41st, supported by stronger institutional systems and enhanced waste management practices.

Circular Economy for Organic and Bulk Waste

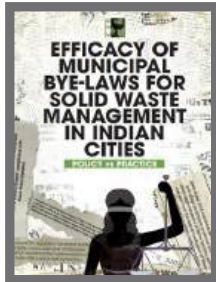
The programme expanded support for biodegradable waste management and bulk waste generators in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Urban local bodies strengthened compliance systems, mapped major waste generators, initiated onboarding of service providers and enhanced capacity among municipal officials and stakeholders. These efforts laid the foundation for reducing landfill-bound waste and improving decentralised waste processing systems.

Global Programme

The programme strengthened its international engagement through the Global Forum of Cities for Circular Economy (GFCCE), which continued to support knowledge exchange and action among member countries. Progress reports were received from 15 of the 18 member countries, demonstrating sustained commitment to circular economy principles.

The programme also expanded its technical support in Africa through the development of Solid Waste Information Management Systems (SWIMS) for Kenya and Uganda and continued capacity building for government agencies. In addition, the GFCCE network expanded with the inclusion of new member countries, strengthening regional collaboration on waste management and circular economy practices.

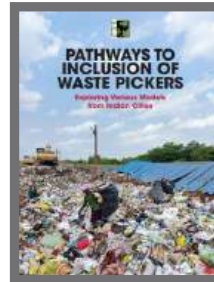
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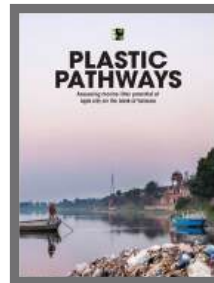
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Policy, Practice and Plastic: Cost of Managing Plastic Waste In Indian Cities

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

The **Environment** Education Programme promotes environmental literacy and climate awareness among schools, colleges and educators across India. Through audits, capacity building, youth engagement and public outreach, it encourages sustainable practices, strengthens climate education and nurtures the next generation of environmental leaders.



Green Schools Programme

In 2025–26, CSE's environment education programme significantly expanded its reach and impact, strengthening school networks and advancing sustainability education across the country. The Green Schools Programme (GSP) Environmental Audit engaged 7,407 schools from 28 states and Union Territories, creating one of the country's largest datasets on environmental practices in schools. The audit generated valuable insights into how schools are addressing challenges related to water, energy, waste, biodiversity, food and air quality, while promoting sustainable resource management.

The programme also demonstrated practical pathways to sustainability through its initiative with 30 government schools in Himachal Pradesh, implemented in collaboration with the state government. These schools transitioned to near zero-electricity-bill campuses through renewable energy and energy-efficiency interventions, showcasing scalable models for reducing institutional carbon footprints and operational costs.

Climate Education and Capacity Building

The programme continued to build a strong cadre of climate educators. More than 150 teachers graduated from its online climate change course designed specifically for school educators and are actively integrating climate education into their classrooms.

The Green Educators' Network (GEN) further expanded its national footprint through capacity-building programmes, resource support and monthly bulletins. Activity-based online learning sessions achieved an average reach of 2,418 participants across platforms, strengthening educator engagement and enhancing environmental learning in schools and colleges.

The Agenda for Survival initiative engaged more than 40 college students, enabling them to critically examine local environmental challenges linked to climate change and contribute evidence-based narratives. The programme culminated in a digital publication featuring selected student articles that explored local environmental issues and proposed practical solutions.

Public Engagement and Outreach

The year also saw heightened public visibility and recognition of environmental leadership in schools. The annual GSP Carnival and Awards Ceremony brought together more than 500 schoolchildren, teachers, principals and government officials, celebrating innovative environmental action and sustainability leadership in educational institutions.

The Carnival and related initiatives generated substantial outreach across digital platforms, reaching over 1.42 million people, generating nearly 12,000 engagements and recording more than 250,000 views. These efforts amplified environmental awareness, showcased best practices and inspired wider participation in sustainability initiatives among schools and young people.

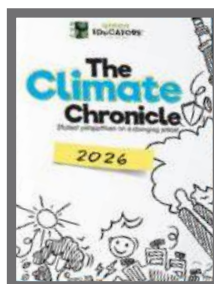
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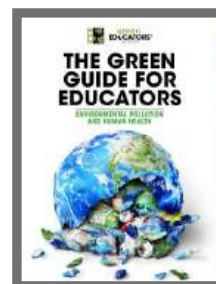
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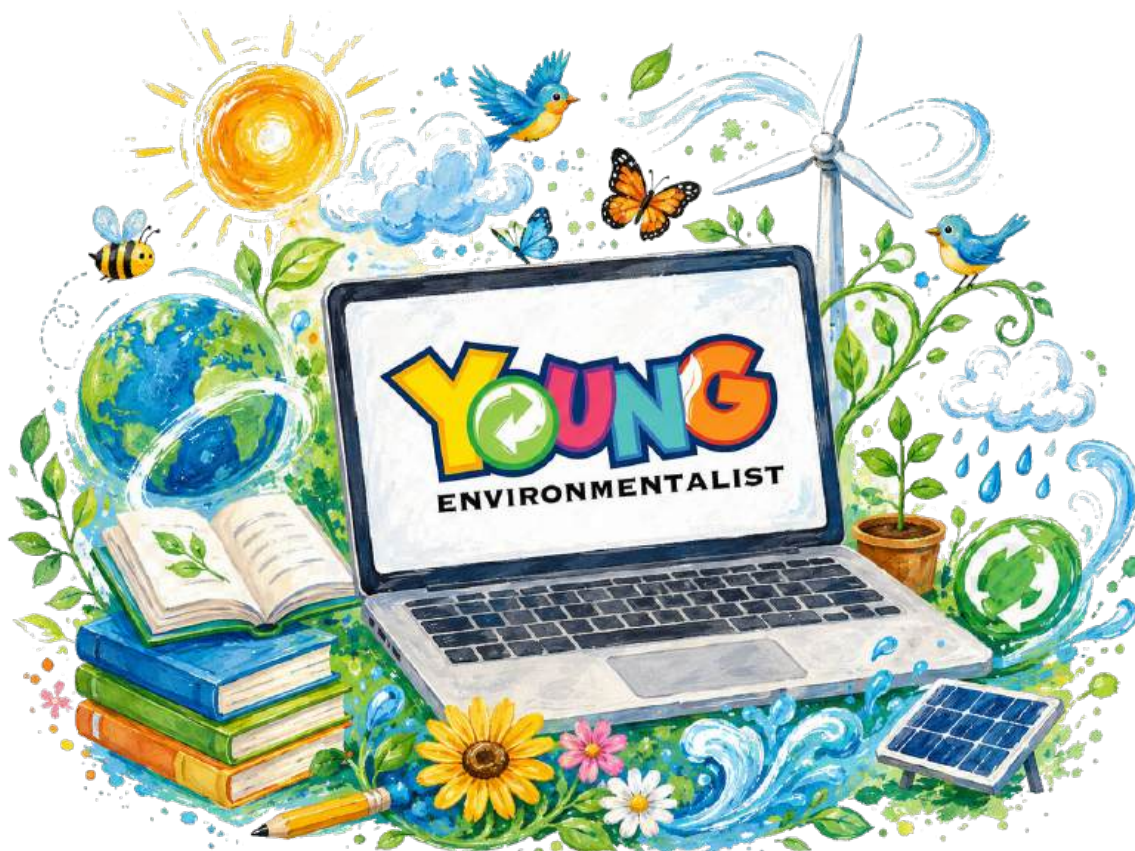
THE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST

NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS

The Young Environmentalist (YE) is a dedicated digital platform for environmental learning and youth engagement. Designed for children, adolescents and young adults, it translates complex environmental and development issues into accessible, engaging and interactive content.

During 2025–26, the platform continued to expand its coverage of critical themes such as climate change, biodiversity, air pollution, waste, water and sustainable lifestyles through stories, explainers, videos, activities, contests and educational resources. YE also provided opportunities for young people to participate in discussions, contribute content and engage with environmental issues through campaigns, webinars and learning programmes.

By combining credible environmental journalism with innovative educational tools, YE helps build climate literacy, critical thinking and environmental awareness among young audiences. The platform complements CSE's broader environmental education initiatives by encouraging informed action and nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards.



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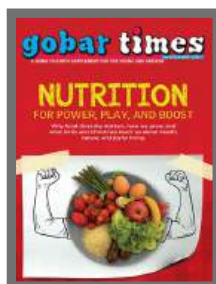
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BIODIVERSITY AND FOOD

The Biodiversity and Food Programme promotes biodiversity-centred food systems through research, policy engagement, public outreach and knowledge dissemination. The programme works to strengthen awareness and understanding of the links between biodiversity, food security and climate resilience.

Research and Knowledge Dissemination

During 2025-26, the programme published four major knowledge products, including a factsheet and three reports, covering biodiversity negotiations, food security, wetland food systems and climate-resilient indigenous seeds. These publications generated over 60,000 download and were supported by webinars and expert discussions that reached thousands of stakeholders through digital platforms.



The programme's work highlighted the importance of community seed banks, traditional food systems and biodiversity conservation in building resilient food systems. It also contributed to greater understanding of international biodiversity negotiations and their implications for food and agriculture.

Public Outreach and Citizen Engagement

The programme expanded public engagement through multimedia and digital platforms. Season 4 of The Green Kitchen, focused on community seed banks and resilient seeds, generated more than 1.7 million views and engagements.

The interactive platform My Food Story encouraged citizens to document and share recipes and stories linked to local and seasonal foods. Through nationwide contests and social media campaigns, the initiative attracted thousands of participants and helped create a growing repository of food heritage and biodiversity knowledge.

Youth Engagement and Communication

The programme continued to engage young people through creative competitions and journalism training initiatives. Activities such as Dialogue Dhamaka and the Cub Reporters Programme encouraged students to explore food, biodiversity and climate issues through storytelling and reporting.

To further mainstream biodiversity concerns, the programme disseminated its research through Down To Earth and other communication platforms, publishing over 60 web stories and several print and magazine articles during the year.

Through research, outreach and citizen engagement, the programme strengthened public understanding of biodiversity-linked food systems and promoted community-centred approaches to conservation and climate resilience.

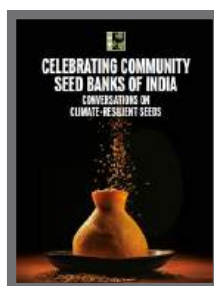
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Celebrating Community Seed Banks of India: Conversations on Climate-Resilient Seeds



Negotiations on Biodiversity: The Story So Far

MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE (MRC)

The Media Resource Centre (MRC) leads CSE's outreach and communication efforts, supporting the dissemination of research, policy analysis and field experiences to journalists, policymakers, practitioners and the wider public. The Centre maintains a database of over 9,500 journalists and manages communication and outreach for CSE's major events, publications, campaigns and institutional initiatives.



KEY OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 2025–26

Strengthening media engagement in India

Organised the Anil Agarwal Dialogue (AAD), CSE's flagship annual conclave of environment-development journalists, bringing together around 100 journalists, researchers and experts at AAETI, Nimli, for the release and discussion of the State of India's Environment report. The event generated extensive coverage across national and regional media.

Conducted media briefings on key environmental issues, including the Yamuna, the National Clean Air Programme and marine litter.

Continued Manthan, a dedicated platform for Hindi-language journalists focused on environmental and climate reporting.

Expanded dissemination through the Hindi Feature Service, which syndicates Down To Earth content to leading national and regional media outlets.

Global South engagement

Organised the release of the third edition of the State of Africa's Environment report in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, attended by journalists from across Africa. The report recorded more than 70,000 downloads and received extensive media coverage.

Conducted pre- and post-COP30 briefings and maintained regular engagement with journalists to strengthen Global South perspectives on climate negotiations

Outreach and digital communications

Reached over 280,000 subscribers through CSE's weekly bulletin and expanded engagement across social media platforms.

Achieved over 70 per cent growth in LinkedIn followers, increasing the platform's reach from about 59,000 to more than 101,000.

Organised 18 Live Chat sessions featuring 24 experts on issues ranging from extreme weather and air pollution to artificial intelligence and mobility, generating over 70,000 views.

Campaigns and communication support

Led outreach and communication for major campaigns and initiatives, including AMR Week, COP29, Cool It, Planet Over Plastic, My Food Story and How India Moves, significantly expanding the visibility of CSE's research, advocacy and public awareness efforts.

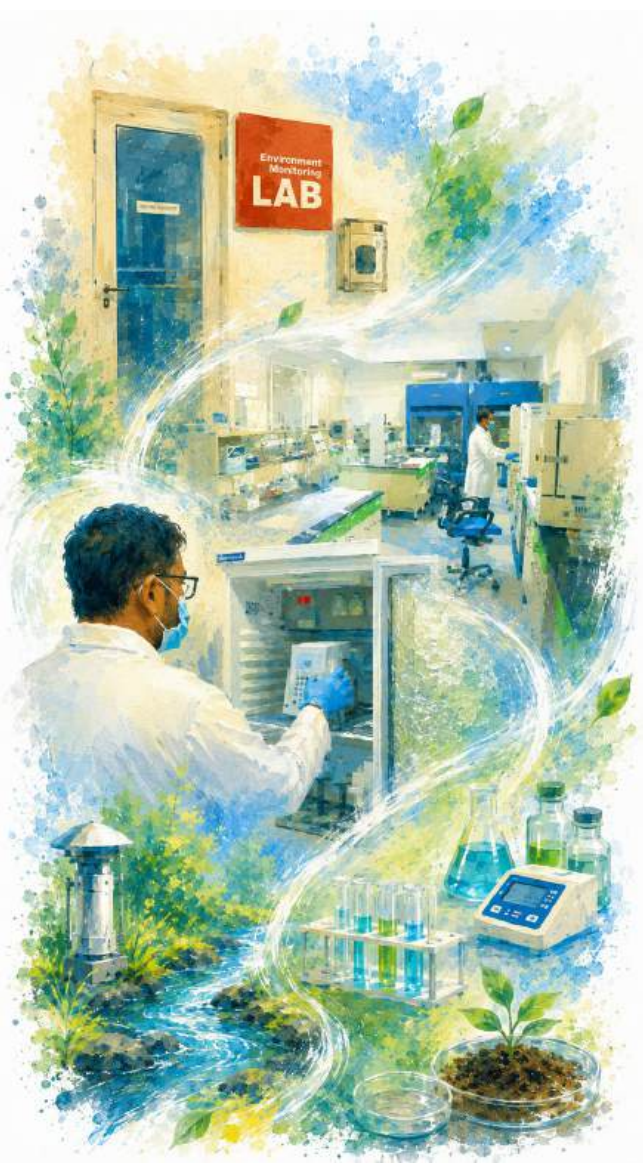
Data Centre: Online Training and Capacity Building (2025–26)

The CSE/Down To Earth Data Centre continued to strengthen data-driven environmental communication through its online training programmes. During 2025–26, it trained **775 working journalists, research scholars, students, and development communicators from 33 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and the Caribbean**. These programmes addressed critical capacity gaps in the use of environmental data, GIS, mapping, artificial intelligence, and sustainability information for research, communication, and reporting.

A total of six online certificate courses were conducted during the year, covering themes such as environmental and sustainability data, GIS and mapping tools, and the application of AI and data for effective research and communication in environment, science, and development.

COURSE TITLE	DATES
Global Online Certificate Course: Environment data, maps and GIS (Geographic Information System) for communication in 21st century	April 30- May 14, 2025 143 pax
Demystifying Environmental and Sustainability Data for Effective Communication in the 21st Century,	June 26- July 10, 2025 118 pax
Global Online Certificate Course: Environment data, maps and GIS (Geographic Information System) for communication in 21st century	August 27 - September 10, 2025 206 pax
Global Online Certificate Course: AI and Data for Effective Research and Communication in Environment, Science and Development	November 12-26, 2025 88 pax
Global Online Certificate Course: Environment data, maps and GIS (Geographic Information System) for communication in 21st century	January 21, 2026- February 4, 2026 115 pax
Global Online Certificate Course: AI and Data for Effective Research and Communication in Environment, Science and Development	March 17-31, 2026 105 pax

ENVIRONMENT MONITORING LABORATORY (EML)



The Environment Monitoring Laboratory (EML) continued to strengthen environmental monitoring, research and capacity building in India and the Global South. Recognised by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and certified under ISO 9001:2015, the laboratory advanced preparations for ISO 17025:2017 accreditation through quality assurance improvements, method validation and staff training.

Strengthening Sanitation Monitoring

EML supported India's faecal sludge and septage management (FSSM) sector by assessing the performance of over 150 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs) across 10 states. The laboratory generated evidence on treatment efficiency and provided recommendations that helped improve plant operations and strengthen sanitation outcomes.

Building Technical Capacity

As part of its national and international engagement, EML conducted laboratory trainings, fellowships and technical workshops on faecal sludge analysis and environmental monitoring. Through collaborations with IHE Delft, EAWAG (Switzerland) and AIT Bangkok, the laboratory contributed to strengthening analytical capacity and knowledge exchange in the region.

Supporting Environmental Governance

EML continued to provide scientific support for studies on water quality, environmental contamination, food safety and emerging pollutants. Its research, technical assessments and publications during 2025–26 informed policy discussions, strengthened regulatory frameworks and reinforced science-based environmental decision-making.

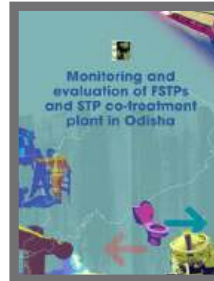
Publications



Performance Assessment of FSTPs of Assam Leading to Safe and Sustainable Sanitation



Evaluation of biochar from FSTPs (Rajasthan): A scoping study



Monitoring and evaluation of FSTPs and STP co-treatment plant in Odisha

ANIL AGARWAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE

AAETI

The Anil Agarwal Environment Training Institute (AAETI), located in Nimli, Rajasthan, is the Centre for Science and Environment's dedicated capacity-building institution and a leading training hub for environmental governance in India and the Global South. Established in memory of CSE founder Anil Agarwal, AAETI strengthens the capacities of policymakers, government officials, urban practitioners, industry representatives, researchers, journalists and civil society organisations to address pressing environmental and development challenges.

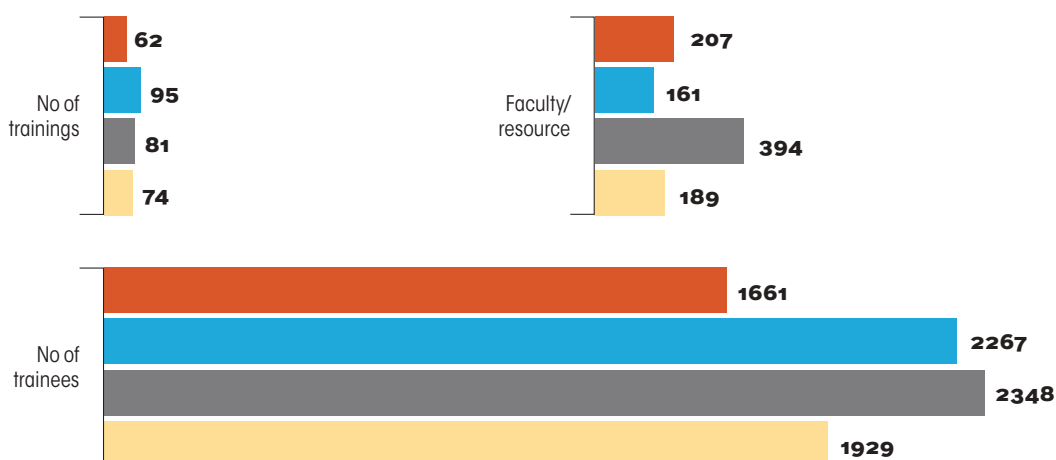


AAETI functions as a unique “living laboratory”, where sustainable solutions are demonstrated, tested and integrated into training programmes. Its environmentally responsible campus showcases water-positive, energy-positive and zero-waste systems, providing hands-on learning opportunities in rainwater harvesting, wastewater treatment, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, solid waste management and green buildings.

The institute delivers training through ten thematic schools covering sustainable industrialisation, clean air and mobility, sustainable habitat and buildings, water and sanitation, solid waste and circular economy, food systems, climate change, renewable energy, environmental communication and environmental monitoring. Supported by its state-of-the-art Environment Monitoring Laboratory, AAETI combines scientific research, practical demonstrations and policy engagement to build leadership and technical capacity for sustainable development.

TRAININGS STATUS

2022-23 2023-24 2024-25 2025-26



NO. OF TRAININGS



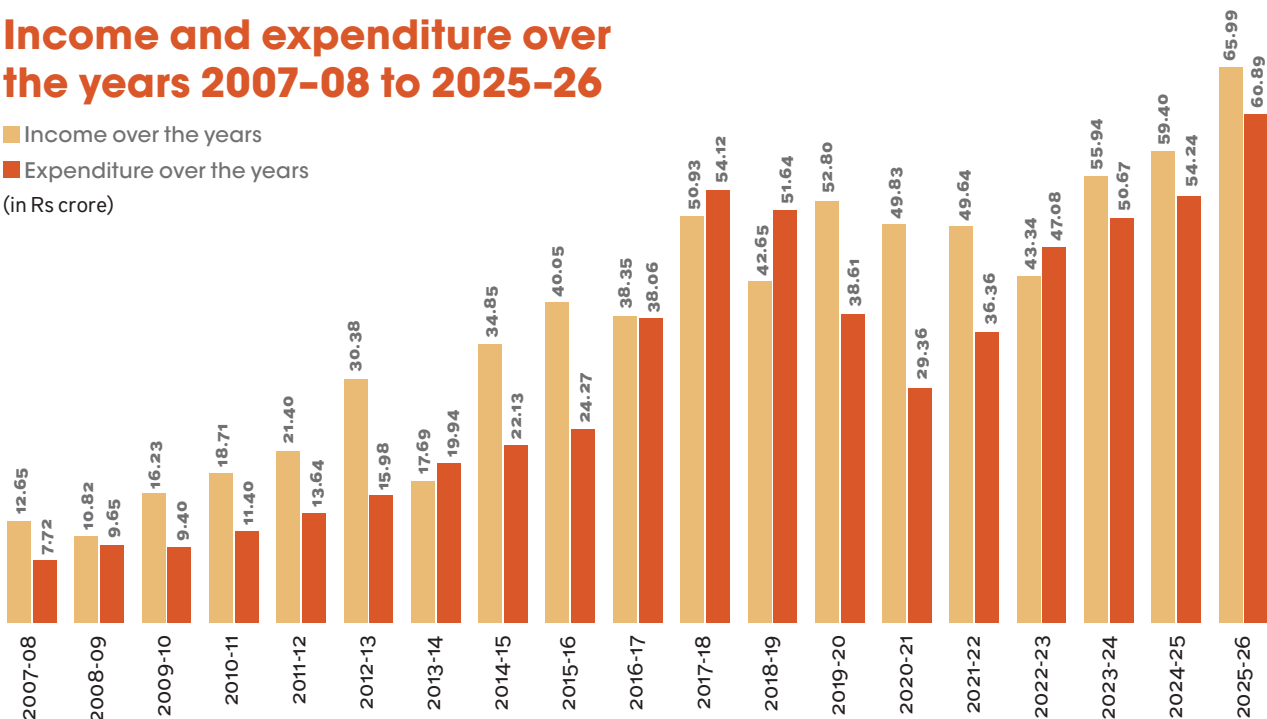
FINANCIAL REPORT (2025-26)

Income and expenditure over the years 2007-08 to 2025-26

Income over the years

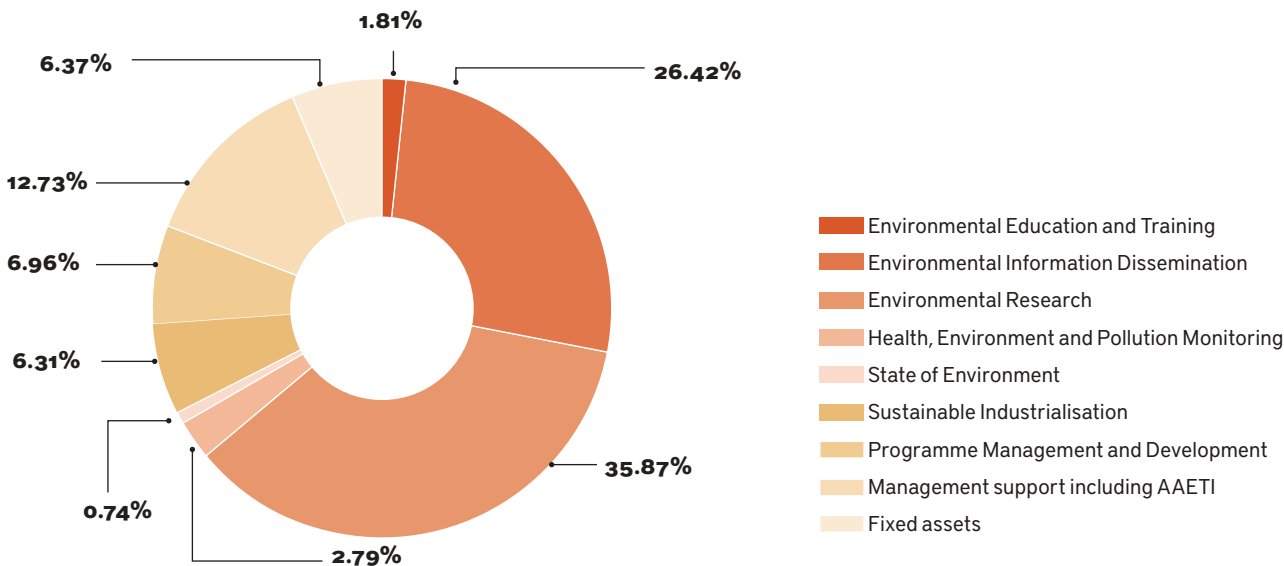
Expenditure over the years

(in Rs crore)



Project-wise expenditures

FY 2025-26 (% of total expenditure)



List of donors 2025-26

Project Funds

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
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Clean Air Fund
Stichting IHE DELFT Institute for Water Education
Myriad USA
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J R D Tata Trust
HT Parekh Foundation
National Mission for Clean Ganga, Govt. of India
Dr. Kamla Chowdhury Endowment

Corpus Grants

Charities Aid Foundation

Donations

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EXECUTIVE BOARD



Raj M.S. Liberhan (Chairperson)

is a management and financial expert, has varied experience, with a significant range of responsibilities at the senior level in government, public sector and NGO environments, building and sustaining organisations, programmes and missions with sector-specific objectives and services. He served as Chief Executive of the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, for 15 years and helped create a unique institutional mechanism.



A.K. Shiva Kumar (Treasurer)

is a development economist and professor. He teaches various courses at Harvard University, Indian School of Business and the Young India Fellowship. He served as the Director of the International Centre for Human Development, New Delhi. In addition to serving as an advisor to UNICEF India, he was a member of India's National Advisory Council. He is a recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship, Mason Fellowship and the Certificate of Excellence in Teaching from Harvard University.



Prof. Ramaswamy Sudarshan (Member)

has had distinguished careers in the domains of research, development programming and governance. He has a Master's degree in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics and a Master's degree in Politics from the University of Oxford. He worked with UNDP from 1991 to 2011. In 2012, he joined the O.P. Jindal Global University as the founding Dean of the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy. He has an impressive track record of publications comprising books, articles and UN policy reports, reflecting his interdisciplinary research, teaching and policy experience in development programmes, human development, law, governance, institutions and policy.



Sunita Narain (Director General)

has been with the Centre for Science and Environment since 1982. In her years at the Centre she has worked both to analyse and study the relationship between environment and development and to create public consciousness about the need for sustainable development. Her research interests range from global democracy, with a special focus on climate change, to the need for local democracy where she has worked on forest-related resource management and water issues. She serves on the boards of different organisations and on governmental committees and has spoken at many forums across the world on issues of her concern and expertise. Sunita Narain has devoted a great deal of her time to develop the management and financial support systems needed to make CSE strong and sustainable. She has greatly contributed to the institution of management systems that ensure that CSE produces quality work consistently.



Jagdeep Gupta (Member)

is currently the Executive Director, Planning and Operation. She brings a rare and befitting mix of a pure science background with a degree in management, indispensable to understanding the nature of work and the ethos behind an organization like CSE. Over the years she has shown her excellence in acquiring the best talents, developing a wholesome system of monitoring the research outcomes, providing the best infrastructural facilities, developing a wide array of important contacts, and widening the outreach of CSE's research publications. Her forte has been her human management skills, which gives her the edge to handle problem situations with a balanced and unbiased approach. Needless to say, it requires a lot of grit and tenacity to manage so many divergent verticals, which she does with immense ease. She stands as a strong pillar with huge institutional memory and has great contributions to the growth of CSE in many different ways.



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