

Report on -
British Council Climate Skills – Seeds for Transition India
Facilitator Training Programme

Venue: Thane Sub-Campus, University of Mumbai

Dates: September 08-12, 2025

Day 1: September 08, 2025

- **Energiser Activity:** The day began with an engaging energiser to help participants get comfortable and energized.
- **Interaction Session:** Participants introduced themselves by sharing their names and what they would offer a guest visiting their home. This encouraged personal sharing and built rapport.
- **Group Formation Based on Hobbies:** Participants grouped themselves according to their hobbies and explained how sharing common interests can be beneficial for collaboration and learning.
- **Fruit/Plant Name Activity:** Each participant chose a fruit or plant that represented their personal characteristics, fostering self-awareness and creative thinking.
- **Nature's Problem and Attitude Exercise:** Participants wrote down a problem faced by nature along with their attitude towards it and then stuck their notes on a tree, symbolically connecting with nature and sharing perspectives.
- **Group Activity Creation:** Groups created participatory activities involving all members, promoting teamwork and collaborative creativity.

Outcome: Day 1 set a positive, inclusive tone for the week, encouraging interpersonal connections and a personal connection to environmental issues.





Day 2: September 09, 2025

Theme: Ground and Grow – Understanding Climate Realities

- **Energiser Activity:** The day started with an energiser to motivate participants.
- **Introduction to Ground and Grow:** The facilitator introduced the concept of "Ground and Grow," emphasizing rootedness in local realities to foster climate action.
- **Two Truths and One Lie:** Participants shared two truths and one lie about themselves; others identified the lie. This fun activity built trust and sharpened observational skills.
- **What is Important to Me:** Participants created drawings with a heart and wrote down things close to their heart and things not close but important, placing these on and away from the heart.
- **Interviews:** Participants conducted interviews with random individuals and shared their information. As a results students had collected the first-hand information.
- **Climate Bingo Game:** A dynamic game were carried out to reinforce knowledge and encourage interaction.
- **Group Division by Locality and Climate Issue Interviews:** Participants formed groups based on locality to interview community members about climate change impacts, collecting real examples and narratives.
- **Chief Guest Sessions:** Distinguished guests, including IFS Rahul Gawai (Deputy Conservator, Thane, Govt. of Maharashtra), IFS Poonam Pate (Director, Maharashtra Gene Bank, Govt. of Maharashtra), and Prof. Dr. Nandkishore Joshi, addressed participants, providing expert insights and inspiration.

Outcome: Participants developed practical skills in community engagement and data gathering, deepening their understanding of local climate challenges.



Day 3: September 10, 2025

Theme: Community Engagement

- **Energiser Activity:** The day began with an energiser to boost energy.
- **Debrief on Community Engagement:** Participants shared insights and reflections from their previous day's interviews and engagement methods.
- **Group Formation by College:** Participants regrouped by their colleges, then subdivided into smaller teams to promote collaboration and diversity of perspectives.
- **Gender Box Game:** An interactive game where participants acted out scenarios, and the audience guessed the act, fostering awareness of gender dynamics.
- **Forum Theatre:** Creative role-play activity that allows participants to put into practice the skills and approaches they have learned so far by observing challenging conversations and considering ways to reduce tension and improve communications.
- **Riddle of the commons:** This activity is about the use of shared natural resources, based on the idea of the Riddle or 'Tragedy of the Commons'. It starts with a short game that gives a model

and experience of this idea before exploring what it means for communities, society, and sustainability.

- **Electricity Wastage Skit:** Groups created and performed skits to raise awareness about electricity wastage, combining creativity with advocacy.
- **Situational Responses:** Facilitators presented real-life environmental scenarios for participants to respond to, honing their practical thinking.
- **Water Audit Activity:** Hands-on water testing and management exercises increased awareness of water conservation and quality.

Outcome: Day 3 enhanced participants' practical skills in community engagement, environmental investigation, and advocacy techniques.



Day 4: September 11, 2025

Theme: Mapping, Technologies, and Climate Advocacy

- **Energiser Activity:** Energiser to start the day actively.
- **Recollection and Recap:** Participants revisited learnings from previous days to consolidate knowledge.
- **Community and Biodiversity Mapping:** Training on mapping local communities and biodiversity to visualize environmental data spatially.
- **Geospatial Technologies:** Introduction to GIS and related tools for climate data collection and analysis i. e. Kobo collect app.
- **Field Visit:** Participants toured the University of Mumbai's Thane Sub-Campus and surrounding areas for practical exposure to biodiversity and environmental conditions.
- **Visualization and Climate Advocacy:** Techniques for visually representing climate data and advocating for change were demonstrated.
- **Activities:**
 - Festival Drawing related to climate for a chosen month.
 - Training on Kobo Collect app for digital data collection.
 - Singing Dumsharas incorporating the word 'air' to link culture and environment.
 - Temperature mapping of Indian states.
 - Campus tour to identify environmental features.
 - Display of Kobo Collect survey results.
 - Climate-related word naming activity (A-Z).

Outcome: Participants gained technical skills in climate data collection and visualization and deepened their understanding through expert interactions and field experience.



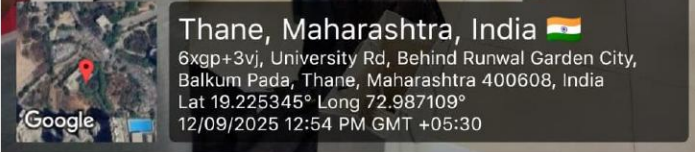


Day 5: September 12, 2025

Theme: Leadership, Small Actions, and Advocacy

- **Energiser Activity:** Started with a creative energiser.
- **Boat Formation and Emergency Management:** Participants formed a “boat” to simulate teamwork and leadership, discussing responses to emergency situations collectively.
- **Learning on Small Steps for Big Impact:** Sessions focused on the significance of individual and collective small actions contributing to broader climate change mitigation.
- **Artform Presentation:** Groups from each college presented creative performances (drama, dance, music, or art) aimed at raising awareness about nature conservation and climate action. Students of VPMs B. N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane performed a group act on mangrove conservation.
- **Valedictory Function:** The Programme concluded successfully with a valedictory function that honored the participants’ learning journey and their dedication to advancing climate action. The event was graced by Marine Biologist Dr. Pradeep Chougule as the chief guest.

Outcome: The final day empowered participants with leadership skills, emphasized the power of small actions, and encouraged creative advocacy for climate change mitigation.



Summary

The British Council Climate Skills – Seeds for Transition India Facilitator Training Programme successfully equipped participants with interpersonal, community engagement, technical, and advocacy skills essential for climate action. The diverse activities balanced theoretical knowledge with practical exercises and field experiences, fostering a holistic understanding of climate realities and empowering participants to become effective facilitators in their communities. The involvement of experts and innovative participatory methods ensured a rich, inspiring learning environment.

Teachers and students participated in training program:

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