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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings from IMI!

This month, IMI has been engaged in a lot of work with legislators. Globally, students and young people are emerging as the warriors fighting climate change. Recognising this, IMI conducted 3 state level townhall meetings where students could meet and interact with their legislators. These proved to be unique spaces where students could voice their concerns and opinions.

IMI is also conducting a photography competition with very attractive prizes. more on this inside.

Do write to us with your comments, views and critique at progcoordinator@inmi.in.

IMI Secretariat

'Towards a climate resilient Manipur' State Legislators' Dialogue in Imphal



14 November / Imphal, Manipur

A State Legislators' Dialogue was organised by Manipur Forum for Sustainable Mountain Development (MFSMD) and Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), supported by Indian Himalayas Climate Adaptation Programme (IHCAP), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India on 14th November in Imphal. It was attended by Lok Sabha MP Dr RK Ranjan, Outer MP Dr Lorho Pfoze, PHE Minister L Dikho, Ukhrul MLA Alfred Kanngam S Arthur, Hill Areas Committee Chairman TT Haokip as well as ADC members. It was also attended by IISC-Bangalore Professor NH Rabindranath, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change Deputy Director Dr T Brajakumar, and IHCAP Science Policy Officer Divya Mohan.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Many staple/indigenous foods of the State have gradually started to vanish along with their native names from the vocabulary of the people as well.
- With the coming of the Loktak project, more than 180 fish species of Manipur have disappeared.
- Illegal logging in the forests which is leading to adverse impact on the environment.
- Around 4 million springs/water bodies along the IHR (including from Manipur) have started to vanish and the water recharging capability of around 50 percent or half of the water bodies, has decreased.
- Manipur has started experiencing extreme climate change, like getting around 52 mm of rainfall in just one hour or rainfall supposed to occur during monsoon season coming much earlier or much later.

Meet your Legislator Climate Change discussions with Students

Townhall meetings were conducted by IMI in collaboration with State Chapters to facilitate student discussions on climate change under the 'Meet your Legislator' initiative on the theme 'Taking Climate Change awareness to the People' in Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram. The sessions included interactive sessions between the students, legislators, and other stakeholders. All across the IHR, students and the youth are the ones spearheading the movement against climate change seeking climate justice. This opportunity allowed students to share their ideas on the impact of climate change in their localities and gave suggestions on how to address some of them. The events were supported by the department of Science and Technology (DST), government of India and IHCAP of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Churachandpur, Manipur November 16

'Climate Change Townhall' was organised in Churachandpur district by IMI in partnership with Centre for Community Initiative and Nest Lamka. It was attended by Pu Ginmuan Ngaihte, MCS, Pu CT Lian, Pu Gouzamang Guite, MDC and students from various schools.





The common concerns of the students which emerged from the session included deforestation, drying streams and springs, menace of single-use plastic, waste management and the need to balance ecology and development.

The students were urged to take practical initiatives at the household and individual level to prepare for climate change adaptation while shared innovative ideas on community partnership to address the growing plastic problem.

Kohima, Nagaland November 25

'IMI collaborated with Young Indians (Yi) Nagaland Chapter to conduct an interactive session with students on climate change under the 'Meet your Legislator'.

It was attended by Shri Mmhonlumo Kikon Hon'ble Advisor IT&C, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Enegy and Mr. Neichute Doulo, CEO, Entrepreneurs Associates and founding member of IMI from Nagaland as the Panel Speakers.



Advisor Shri. Mmhonlumo Kikon highlighted the activities of the Nagaland government to support the climate change movement but stated that climate change is the responsibility of everyone and not just the government. The advisor spoke about the initiatives of the Government in Solid Waste Management, as well as focussing on the initiatives to improve access to LPG and biogas.

These talks were followed by an interactive question-answer session to the panellists. During the hour long session, the students asked a number of questions touching on Deforestation, initiatives that the students can do to promote civic sense, promoting environmental awareness and concerns among the political leaders, roles of NGOs in the state vis-à-vis Climate change initiatives and the short term-long term impacts of the efforts they make today.

There was also a painting competition organized amongst the students on the theme 'Unchecked effects of Climate Change in Nagaland - Year 2030'.



Aizawl, Mizoram November 29

'Climate Change Townhall' was organised in Aizawl by IMI with Mizoram Sustainable Development Foundation (MSDF). It was attended by Prof F. Lalnunmawia, Hon'ble MLA and Vice Chairman, Horticulture Development Board, Govt. of Mizoram, students from various colleges and other stakeholders.

This gave the students a chance to speak about their biggest concerns related to climate change in Mizoram. Mizoram has the highest vulnerability to climate change in all of IHR. Changing rainfall and pattern and rising temperatures are forcing them to move away from traditional farming.



The Himalayan Summit

27-28 November | New Delhi

A Himalayan Summit on Climate Change was held at New Delhi by SDC & DST. IMI, represented by Secretary Fantry Mein Jaswal, spoke on the SDC-IMI's project and its role in Facilitating Climate Change Adaptation in the Himalaya.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF SDC-IMI PROJECT:

- Reached out to over 150 legislators/lawmakers at various levels (MP/MLA/MDC) on multiple platforms to sensitise them on the issue of climate change adaptation.
- Reached out to over 1000 stakeholders including organizations, development professionals, lawmakers, policymakers, senior government officials, researchers, students, farmers, entrepreneurs.
- Raised the importance of streamlining climate change adaptation in the development policies of the states and in regional bodies like North Eastern Council.
- Government of Arunachal Pradesh invited to provide technical support to draft its Water Resource Policy.
- NITI Aayog invited IMI to contribute on the Himalayan states for India's Vision 2035 document.
- Together with IISc and Glocal Water Futures (GWF), IMI to establish Water Solutions Lab for NE India.
- As a measure of climate change adaptation, encouraging agri-entrepreneurship. To set up an Entrepreneurship Incubation Centre for Mountain Youth at IIM Shillong in partnership with transforming Rural India Foundation (TRIF) and Villgro.

UNDP Writing Workshop on Climate Change

25-26 November | New Delhi

A national level workshop with research partners was held with the objective of sharing field insights and listening to summary accounts of voice and experience from each field. IMI was represented by Prerananandita Baisnab from the IMI Secretariat. During the workshop, all participants shared their specific accounts of adaptation from field site, and what people expect the state/institutions to do for them as collective actors in mitigating risk and disaster.

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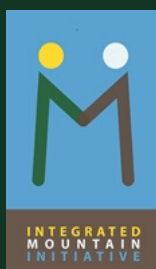
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