

"Grace in School" Project Launched to Strengthen Eco-Clubs in Angul District

Angul, Odisha, October 2, 2023 – On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, the District Administration of Angul, in collaboration with JSP Foundation, launched the "Grace in School" project. This project's implementation partner is NITCON Social Foundation.

About the Project

The "Grace in School" project is an extension of the broader GRACE (Governmental Response for Achieving Circular Economy) program and Mission Life (Lifestyle for Environment). It aims to foster environmental stewardship among students by implementing a green curriculum in schools. The project focuses on capacity building for both teachers and club members, aiming to initiate a chain reaction of green and sustainable activities at the community level.

In its pilot phase, 250 schools have been selected out of approximately 1,400 plus total schools in Angul through a baseline survey. The project is based on five broad thematic areas: Environment, Circular Economy, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), Disaster Management, and Climate Change.

Highlights from the Launch

The event was chaired by Additional District Magistrate, Shri Pratap Pritimaya, OAS (S); Shri Prashant Kumar Hota, President & Group Head, CSR & Education, Jindal Steel and Power; Shri Satvinder Singh, Managing Director NITCON; Ms. Swapna Sarangi, Senior Fellow - Foundation for Ecological Security; and Ms. Gayatri Raghava, Education Consultant UNEP.

The launch also commemorated the one-year anniversary of the CYCLOO program, another initiative under GRACE.

ADM(Gen), Angul called on for an institutionalization of best practices in schools for a sustainable tomorrow in communities.

Shri.PK Hota inspired the young students of Angul to be changemakers, emphasizing the need for a circular economy and introducing the concept of the 5 Rs—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair, and Rethink.

Attendees

The event was well-attended by school students, headmasters, teachers, district science supervisors (representing school administration, Angul), prospective members of DMIC (District Implementation & Monitoring Committee), and members from the implementation team.

Localization of UN Sustainable Development Goals

The "Grace in School" project serves as a prime example of the localization of UN Sustainable Development Goals, aligning closely with global initiatives for a more sustainable future.

For More Information

For further details about the "Grace in School" project, please contact [Your Contact Information].

