

OCOY YOUTH STATEMENT

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WE

Odisha's youth, join to address urgent climate challenges impacting our planet and future. We propose actions to the government:

Climate Disaster Readiness:

- Enhanced facilities in cyclone shelters
- Youth mental health training for post-disaster support
- Integration of Apada Mitra scheme with NYKS
- Market regulation and cold storage during disasters
- Promoting disaster insurance awareness



Water Security:

- Native species plantation
- Groundwater regulation and policy implementation
- Rainwater harvesting awareness and mandate
- Collaboration with local communities on water conservation
- Check dams and bamboo-based drip irrigation

Biodiversity Conservation:

- Ecosystem restoration through joint forest management
- Scaling nature-based solutions like Casuarina and mangrove cultivation
- Strengthening youth-led plastic reduction initiatives
- Creating green corridors for wildlife
- Promoting local, sustainable and plant-based food systems
- We seek government partnership and platforms to amplify our efforts in fighting the climate crisis.

