

# ODISHA CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

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### ODISHA CONFERENCE OF YOUTH (OCOY 3.0): EVENT REPORT

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 Youth-led Climate Action and Resilience

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## Background:

The Odisha Conference of Youth (OCOY) is the flagship summit of the Youth4Water Plus campaign—an innovative platform that sparks climate leadership, civic innovation, and systems thinking among Odisha's youth. Far beyond a conventional gathering, OCOY serves as a catalytic intervention that empowers young changemakers to become climate stewards, policy influencers, and grassroots mobilizers.

Held annually, the summit convenes over 150 youth leaders, climate advocates, policymakers, academics, and institutional stakeholders for a dynamic, multi-format dialogue on sustainability, resilience, and inclusive development. Through plenary sessions, thematic workshops, immersive exhibitions, and grassroots showcases, OCOY fosters cross-sectoral learning and collaborative action. More than an event, OCOY is a youth-led movement that repositions young people from passive policy recipients to active architects of Viksit Bharat@2047. It champions climate resilience, ethical governance, and inclusive development—anchored in intergenerational equity and local relevance.

A defining feature of OCOY 3.0 is the launch of Mission 30 by 30—an ambitious, youth-driven initiative to mobilize climate action across all 30 districts of Odisha by 2030, ensuring no community is left behind in the journey toward sustainability. Now in its third edition, OCOY 3.0 focuses on equipping youth with life skills, advocacy tools, and institutional platforms to lead climate resilience efforts both within Odisha and beyond.

With strategic backing from UNICEF India and over 50 partner organizations, OCOY bridges lived experience with policy discourse—creating a space where “policy meets people” and youth voices shape the climate narrative from the grassroots to global platforms.

## Inaugural Session



The third edition of the Odisha Conference of Youth (OCOY 3.0) commenced with a vibrant and inspiring inaugural ceremony at ASBM University, setting the tone for three days of youth-led climate dialogue and action. The event brought together students, climate leaders, policymakers, development partners, and international delegates—united by a shared commitment to sustainability, equity, and resilience. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati. The ceremony opened with a soulful Odissi performance by students of Nrityam Kalakshetra, followed by the national anthem—a symbolic tribute to changemakers across India. The opening performance blended tradition with purpose, reminding us that climate action can be rooted in culture and carried forward with pride.

# Opening Addresses



**Blorin Mohanty**

**Blorin Mohanty** – Director, Youth4Water Plus| Mr. Mohanty framed OCOY's evolution as a testament to grassroots power. He spotlighted how decentralized youth leadership—rooted in Odisha's 30 districts can scale into a globally relevant movement. His emphasis on community-rooted climate stewardship set the tone for a summit that values local wisdom as much as global ambition.

**Sujit Mahapatra** – Founder, Bakul Foundation| Mr. Mahapatra's address was a call to action grounded in Odisha's ecological and social vulnerabilities. He challenged youth to become district-level climate ambassadors, reviving indigenous practices and engaging with governance. His message: climate resilience must be built from the ground up, starting in classrooms and panchayats.



**Sujit Mahapatra**



**Prof. Ranjan Kumar Bal**

**Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Kumar Bal** – Vice Chancellor, ASBM University| Prof. (Dr.) Bal offered a strategic lens for climate finance. He argued for models that balance economic viability with social inclusion, positioning Odisha as a hub for green entrepreneurship and youth-led innovation.

**Arun Krishnamurthy** – Founder, Environmental Foundation of India| Krishnamurthy's keynote was a moral appeal. He urged youth to shift from reactive to preventive climate action, emphasizing that climate justice is about protecting all life, not just human survival. His blend of science and ethics resonated deeply with the summit's intergenerational ethos.



**Arun Krishnamurthy**



**Johann Hoschtialek**

**Johann Hoschtialek** – Founder 195 in 365| Mr. Hoschtialek brought a global perspective, drawing from his journey across 195 countries. His three pillars—awareness, education, and rehabilitation offered a roadmap for youth-led transformation. His message: informed, inclusive, and restorative action is the path forward.

# Keynote Addresses



**K.S. Pradeep**

**K. S. Pradeep** – Mr. K.S. Pradeep, IFS, Director (Environment)–cum–Special Secretary, Govt. of Odisha said "Youth are the torchbearers of climate action, and Odisha stands committed to empowering them with the right platforms and policies."

**Prof. Dr. Biswajeet Pattanaik – ASBM University** – Prof. Pattanaik's metaphor "the seeds grown today will be forests tomorrow"—captured the intergenerational mandate of sustainability. He called for youth leadership rooted in ethics, foresight, and systemic accountability, urging institutions to co-create resilient futures.



**Prof. Dr. Biswajeet Pattanaik**



**William Hanlon Jr.**

**William Hanlon Jr.** – UNICEF Odisha's Chief reframed climate change as a public health and equity crisis. He highlighted the disproportionate impact on children and marginalized communities, calling for climate-sensitive infrastructure and inclusive policies. His address positioned youth as co-creators of solutions, not just vulnerable stakeholders.

**Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati** – His Excellency, Governor of Odisha: The Governor's keynote was both philosophical and practical. He urged a shift from "greed to need," advocating for values-based leadership and cultural rootedness. His call to invest in platforms that nurture ethical reasoning and civic responsibility echoed the summit's deeper purpose.



**Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati**



**Stalin Nayak**

**Stalin Nayak** – Mr. Stalin Nayak, Advisory Board Member, Youth4Water Plus & CEO, PANTISS Foundation said "True change begins when young voices move beyond dialogue to action, creating ripples of transformation in every community."



**Each keynote didn't just inform—it inspired. Together, they built a mosaic of climate leadership that is ethical, inclusive, and deeply local.**

**OCOV 3.0** marked a dynamic convergence of youth voices, expert insights, and grassroots narratives. Each session of the event was designed to equip young changemakers with the skills, stories, and strategies needed to lead climate action from the frontlines. From life skills rooted in WASH and sustainability, to creative formats for climate advocacy and lived experiences of resilience, the event marked the power of youth-led transformation. The following table maps out the objectives, highlights, and actionable takeaways from each session, offering a modular snapshot for reflection, replication, and strategic integration across platforms.

## Setting the tone for OCOY 3.0

### Address by Tanvee Bhattacharjee, OCOY Committee Member & Youngest Youth Delegate

OCOV 3.0 served as a platform where youth, mentors, policymakers, and changemakers came together with a shared sense of purpose. Over the course of three days, the conclave provided an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced, the resilience demonstrated, and the possibilities that lie ahead in addressing the climate crisis.

Odisha's climate story was presented not only as one of vulnerability but also as a living example of resilience, innovation, and youth-led transformation. The deliberations emphasized collaboration, underscoring that meaningful impact is determined by intent rather than age.

As the discussions transitioned from reflection to action, participants collectively reinforced values of equity, empathy, and excellence—planting the seeds for a sustainable and inclusive climate future. OCOY 3.0 positioned itself not merely as an event, but as a movement, where every participant assumed the role of a steward in shaping this shared vision.



# Take Away Sessions for OCOY 2025

## Take Away Session Summary: Day 1

Objective	Key Highlights	Takeaways
<b>Equip youth with practical life skills aligned with WASH and climate action, fostering leadership and sustainable living.</b>		
<b>Equip youth with practical life skills aligned with WASH and climate action, fostering leadership and sustainable living.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abha Mishra (UNDP Odisha): Urged integration of WASH and climate-responsive life skills into youth frameworks</li> <li>2. Anwesa Dutta (UNICEF Odisha): Led Menti Meter session on Mission LiFE, prompting reflection on eco-conscious living</li> <li>3. Satyabrata Samal: Guided on sustainable habits and personal leadership</li> <li>4. Ankita Mohapatra: Introduced carbon footprint calculation tools.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate action must be internalized as personal and collective responsibility</li> <li>• Mission LiFE and footprint tools can be mainstreamed in youth programs</li> <li>• Life skills for resilience should be embedded in education and community platforms.</li> </ul>

## Climate Education for a Sustainable Future – Turning Awareness into Action

Transform climate literacy into advocacy through creative and	Manas Ranjan Mishra: Positioned climate education as a blend of science, policy, and storytelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth-led content creation is a potent advocacy tool</li> <li>• Creative formats amplify climate messaging</li> </ul>
<b>Accessible formats.</b>	Breakout Tracks: a). Writing: Ghasiram Panda (UNICEF) on narrative advocacy. b). Filmography: Kaushik Nath on visual storytelling. c). Audio: S.K. Md. Niyaz on sound-based climate messaging.	Media and storytelling capacity-building should be prioritized

## Stories That Clap Back


<b>Amplify lived experiences and grassroots narratives of climate resilience.</b>	Moderated by Sanskar: Youth delegates shared personal stories highlighting local challenges and solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storytelling fosters empathy and community action</li> <li>• Youth narratives must be documented and disseminated to influence policy and public discourse</li> </ul>
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## Strategic Reflections

- **Climate action must be localized, inclusive, and youth-led**
- **Skills, stories, and science must converge to build resilient communities**
- **Platforms like OCOY are essential for nurturing informed, empowered, and action-oriented youth leaders**



## Take Away Session Summary: Day 2

Objective	Key Highlights	Takeaways
<b>Equip youth with practical life skills aligned with WASH and climate action, fostering leadership and sustainable living.</b>		
<b>Ground youth in ecological realities and community engagement through experiential learning.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raj Kishore Swain spotlighted bats' role in biodiversity and climate resilience. </li> <li>2. Youth-led plogging activity linked personal responsibility to environmental stewardship.</li> <li>3. Advocacy dialogue led by Sudipta Ku Sahoo, Subhrasima Mohanty, and local leaders emphasized grassroots climate action.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiential learning fosters ecological and civic awareness.</li> <li>• Youth can be effective climate ambassadors.</li> <li>• Plogging and plantation drives are replicable community models.</li> </ul>
<b>• Climate Resilience: Innovation on Water &amp; Nutrition for Community Well-being</b>		
<b>Explore integrated approaches to climate resilience via water security, nutrition, and health.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Madhusmita Soren Murmu (Master Chef &amp; Food Blogger) stressed on indigenous food systems as climate-smart, culturally rooted pathways to sustainable nutrition.</li> <li>2. Shipra Saxena (WASH Specialist, UNICEF) spotlighted WASH as a cross-cutting pillar for health and nutrition, especially in climate-stressed regions.</li> <li>3. Sourav Bhattacharjee (Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF) unpacked climate-health-nutrition linkages, calling for integrated policy and programmatic action.</li> <li>4. Smruti Satapathy (MPH, IIPH Bhubaneswar) flagged rising public health threats from extreme climate events, urging investment in adaptive health systems.</li> <li>5. Dr. Swayam Pragyan Parida, Associate Professor, AIIMS highlighted the importance of NCD and key solutions</li> <li>6. Taasha Mishra (Public Policy, XIM University) stressed climate financing as key to equitable, scalable resilience.</li> <li>7. Aastha Singh Raghuvanshi, Nutrition Consultant from Delhi focused on the importance of healthy diets.</li> </ol>	<p>This session was moderated by Sourav Bhattacharjee (Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Odisha) and Aastha Singh Raghuvanshi (Nutrition Consultant, UNICEF Delhi). Key Takeaways were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate resilience must integrate water, nutrition, and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)</li> <li>• Youth can drive behavior change in food systems</li> <li>• Cross-sectoral collaboration is vital for scaling impact.</li> </ul>
<b>• Green Entrepreneurship &amp; Jobs: Innovating Sustainable Solutions</b>		
<b>Inspire youth toward climate-aligned enterprise and employment pathways.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Founders from Vatsalya Wellness, Ecosaathi, and Urban Hyphae showcased sustainable models</li> <li>2. Delegates engaged in dialogue on entrepreneurship challenges and opportunities.</li> </ol> <p>This session was moderated by Durga Prasad Gouda, CEO, AIC-NITF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth entrepreneurship needs mentorship and ecosystem support</li> <li>• Green jobs are scalable and essential for climate transitions</li> <li>• Innovation must reflect local contexts and needs.</li> </ul>



## • Youth Champ Speaks: Roadmap to LCOY, RCOY & COP30

**Demystify global climate platforms and empower youth for meaningful engagement.**

Pratham Golcha explained pathways to Local Conference of Youth, Regional Conference of Youth, Conference of Parties (COP30) and unpacked Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

- Odisha's youth are ready for global climate dialogues
- Understanding NDCs aligns local action with global goals
- Platforms must be inclusive and accessible.

## • Cultural Expressions for Climate Advocacy

**Use creative formats to amplify climate messaging.**

Stand-up comedy by Satyabrat Mohapatra and Barsha Mishra spotlighted climate issues

- Art and culture are powerful climate communication tools
- Youth creativity can reshape discourse and inspire action.

### Strategic Reflections

- Holistic, youth-led approaches are essential for sustained climate action
- Strategic partnerships and modular formats can amplify reach and relevance
- Experiential and creative formats enhance youth engagement
- Climate resilience must span ecology, health, livelihoods, and governance
- Youth entrepreneurship and global linkages are critical





## DAY-3 Youth Parliament Session: Reimagining Climate Governance Through Youth Leadership

The final day of OCOY 3.0 culminated in a high-energy Youth Parliament, where young changemakers stepped into the role of policy architects—debating urgent climate and development challenges with conviction and clarity. This vibrant forum enabled youth to present district-level insights, propose actionable solutions, and engage directly with policymakers and institutional leaders.

Moderated by **Stalin Nayak**, CEO of **Pantiss Foundation**, the session was rooted in Odisha's lived climate realities and designed to foster participatory governance and inclusive leadership. Structured deliberations focused on climate resilience, education, and green livelihoods, with Stalin's facilitation emphasizing empathy, equity, and solution-driven discourse.

The event unfolded through a series of District Dialogues, where youth representatives from climate-vulnerable regions spotlighted frontline challenges and shared firsthand experiences. These insights laid the foundation for robust Policy Proposals, including mandates for climate education, youth-led WASH audits, and renewable energy skilling hubs. In Mock Legislation sessions, delegates debated simulated bills such as "Youth Climate Corps," "Green Curriculum Integration," and "Community Resilience Bonds," refining their ideas into actionable frameworks.

Cross-sectoral Panels brought together experts from government, academia, and civil society to engage with youth proposals, offering constructive feedback and identifying pathways for institutional integration. The session culminated in a synthesis of grassroots insights and policy recommendations—many of which were incorporated into the OCOY 3.0 Youth Statement.

With global youth leaders like Pratham Golcha and Johann Hoschtialek joining Odisha's changemakers, the Parliament became a clarion call for urgency, clarity, and accountability in climate action. Delegates underscored Odisha's acute vulnerabilities—from rising temperatures to coastal risks—and demanded that national strategies reflect regional realities. Practical pathways emerged: joining youth platforms like YOUNGO, leveraging storytelling with data, and mobilizing ahead of COP30.

Importantly, the Parliament did not just raise concerns—it offered solutions. From menstrual hygiene innovations and wildlife protection to disaster preparedness and urban development, youth voices shaped a bold, inclusive agenda for resilience.

**The session closed with a resounding message, "Youth are not just leaders of tomorrow—they are architects of today's climate solutions". Their commitment to bridging grassroots realities with global ambition marks a new chapter in climate governance.**

## Thematic Tracks

Youth delegates deliberated across four interconnected themes:

Theme	Focus Areas
Water, Sanitation & Climate Resilience	Localized WASH challenges, flood preparedness, and community-led water governance
Youth for Climate Education & Just Transitions	Climate literacy, curriculum reform, and equitable green job pathways
Green Skills, Nature-Based Solutions & Renewable Energy	Skilling for solar, mangrove restoration, and youth-led eco-enterprises
Climate Adaptation for Health, Nutrition & Environment	Heat-resilient nutrition, mental health in disaster zones, and eco-health linkages

### Key Highlights

- **Youth-led Deliberation:** Participants engaged in structured debate on climate resilience, sustainable development, and ethical governance, reflecting Odisha's lived realities and aspirations.
- **Inclusive Moderation:** Stalin Nayak's facilitation emphasized equity, empathy, and solution-driven discourse, encouraging diverse youth—from tribal communities to urban changemakers—to articulate their visions.
- **Policy Resonance:** The session contributed directly to the OCOY 3.0 Youth Statement, integrating actionable recommendations for local and national climate policy.
- **Collaborative Ethos:** The format fostered intergenerational exchange, with youth proposing innovative frameworks for climate education, green entrepreneurship, and institutional accountability.

### Outcomes

- Strengthened youth ownership of climate narratives
- Elevated proposals for integration into state-level climate planning
- Reinforced the role of platforms like PANTISS Foundation in nurturing civic leadership

## Pradeep Mohapatra, UDYAMA

Mr. Mohapatra in his session deliberated on the recent verdict held in the International Court of Justice on the Hague delivered a landmark advisory opinion, declaring that governments are legally accountable for inaction on climate change. This judgement, though not enforceable, provides a powerful legal basis for holding countries responsible for failing to meet their Paris Agreement commitments. The case was initiated by law students from Pacific island nations, alarmed by rising sea levels threatening their homes and heritage. Under the leadership of Cynthia Houniuh, they formed the Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change and built a global coalition with youth activists. Supported by Vanuatu and backed by 132 governments, the UN referred the matter to the ICJ. The Court stated that failure to adopt ambitious climate measures amounts to a breach of commitments, opening scope for both international and national legal action. This marks a historic step towards global and intergenerational climate justice.



## Voices of Change: Youth Stories from OCOY 3.0

Across Odisha, a vibrant generation is stepping forward, bold in vision, brilliant in action, and unwavering in their commitment to climate justice and social renewal. Voices of Change sheds light on the lived experiences of young leaders who are not just imagining a better tomorrow; they are crafting it with courage, ingenuity, and heart. From grassroots innovations to global platforms, their stories pulse with resilience and a shared urgency to heal our planet and empower their communities. These voices do not merely echo — they ignite. This is a tribute to the changemakers shaping Odisha's climate future through purpose, creativity, and collective action.

### 1. Bibha Rani Patra — Bridging Borders with Purpose

Bibha stood tall as India's sole representative at the Global Youth Leadership Summit in Abu Dhabi (2019), engaging in powerful dialogues on health, education, and climate change with peers from Africa and beyond. Her leadership earned her the Samaj Youth Award from the Vice-President of India and the Bharat Samman from Odisha's Chief Minister. Bibha's journey reflects a rare blend of global vision and grassroots impact.

### 2. Reshma Rani Sahu — Innovating for Dignity and the Planet

A pharmacy student from Nayagarh, Reshma, channels her energy into climate awareness, education, and health campaigns. Her standout innovation: biodegradable menstrual pads crafted from sugarcane peel and cotton cloth — a sustainable solution addressing both environmental harm and menstrual hygiene. Through her volunteer work, she is redefining social service with science and empathy.

### 3. Om Prakash Sahu — Researching the Road to Resilience.

As a Political Science scholar at Sambalpur University, Om Prakash is deeply invested in climate research, especially solar energy and sustainable development. He is preparing to contribute to OCOY 4.0 with a book on climate issues and actively promotes renewable energy awareness. His work bridges academia and activism, turning theory into transformative action.

### 4. Puja Rani Patra — Marching for a Greener Tomorrow

Pursuing her master's in Political Science at Utkal University, Puja is a committed member of the Junior Red Cross and NCC. She participated in plantation drives, environmental camps, and national events like the Republic Day parade. Her outreach in Assam and Odisha reflects a deep-rooted passion for community service and ecological stewardship.

### 5. Sarita Pradhan — Cultivating Hope in Daringibadi

Sarita's work in the tribal region of Daringibadi centers on environmental protection and youth engagement. Through plantation drives and nature education, she inspires children and integrates local communities into climate action. Her efforts sow seeds of awareness and nurture a culture of care for the natural world.

## OCOY 3.0 Youth Statement: A Generation Refuses to Wait

At OCOY 3.0, youth delegates from across Odisha stood united to deliver a bold, uncompromising vision for climate action. This is not a statement—it is a frontline declaration. Rooted in lived experience and driven by urgency, it demands recognition, accountability, and immediate response. Anchored by the rallying cry, “We cannot change the future... in the future,” this release marks a defining moment in youth-led climate advocacy—where grassroots realities meet governance, and ambition becomes action.



# The Youth Statement

## From Vulnerability to Vision: Release of a joint statement by Odisha's youth for Climate Action

### Context & Purpose

OCOY 3.0 convened over 300 youth delegates from across Odisha—tribal regions, coastal belts, urban centers, and academic institutions—united by a shared urgency to address climate change and reimagine climate leadership. Over three days of dialogue, ideation, and action planning, the voices of youth converged into a bold, collective statement: not as observers of crisis, but as architects of resilience.

### Our Climate Reality

Odisha stands at the frontline of climate vulnerability. Rising sea levels, erratic weather, and ecological degradation threaten livelihoods and health. Youth delegates identified compounding risks—plastic pollution, water insecurity, biodiversity loss, and non-communicable diseases—as urgent calls for systemic change. Yet, these challenges are also opportunities. OCOY 3.0 reframed adversity into innovation, proposing youth-led models for climate-smart governance, community resilience, and sustainable development.

### Our Commitments

We pledge to protect and promote indigenous biodiversity & ecology, expand the uptake of green energy, reduce the consumption of high-emission foods, practices & advocate climate-smart lifestyles. This includes:

- Adopting healthy habits and lifestyles for a healthy environment (LIFE) based on the 3-R principle – Recycle, Reuse and Reduce
- Promoting community-driven action by strengthening Climate Collectives through institutional building and its strengthening, development of temple eco-regulations & protocols, reviving indigenous diets and dietary practices, and spotlighting local green entrepreneurship.
- Advocating for policies that promote sustainability by engaging with local self-governance, facilitating climate-smart planning, pushing for climate-smart shifts in agriculture practices, and amplifying youth voices in decision-making and its advocacy, which can create a system where we all can be Climate Change agents.
- Integrating climate resilient community-based infrastructures and building awareness through engagements with relevant stakeholders by storytelling/ media advocacy – because awareness is the first step to action in reaching to the last mile.
- Strengthening community vulnerability and resilience by promoting local based climate-sensitive resilience mitigation/measures, viz., water security and nutrition, and stepping in the prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Advocating for the revival of indigenous practices and ways of living to make indigenous climate-sensitive lifestyles, which can lead to a better tomorrow based on the approach of “ Sustainable is Attainable”

## Our Social Innovations

OCOY 3.0 catalyzed a new generation of climate leaders. Delegates proposed:

- We pledge to envision Green Boot Camps ( Promotion of Innovation/Ideation and its implementation) and Youth Climate Labs to incubate sustainable solutions.
- Building Climate-ready Youths; Creating the Climate Ambassadors, which will lead to “Powering Climate Transformation”.
- We pledge to support 30 by 30—a youth-led mission to mobilize climate action across the country in phase phase-wise manner along with relevant and like-minded stakeholders by 2030.
- Collect and compile all the most significant Change stories and proactively disseminate them to create more awareness and engagement with the communities.

## Our Aspiration

To government, institutions, corporates, funding agencies, academic institutions, multi-lateral agencies and global partners, we convey:

- Recognize and meaningfully engage youths as equal stakeholders in climate governance by creating a Youth Advisory Committee at the State/district level.
- Invest in climate education, climate-smart food systems, promotion of green jobs, and eco-friendly infrastructure.
- Ensure representation of youth in COP platforms.
- We also aspire to contribute to the causes for Youth4Water Plus through creating a Climate Dashboard, which shall give a path forward for the state in Climate mitigation.
- Facilitating the community with relevant climate-friendly schemes and entitlements
- Strengthen national data surveys and data collection metrics to be climate-sensitive and smart.

## Our Motto

We dream of an Odisha where:

- Every community institution is a Climate-smart infrastructure
- Every village has Climate Collectives.
- Every youth shall be a Climate leader.
- Every village revives its indigenous eco heritage.
- We all shall be functionally strong in various aspects of Climate issues
- We shall work on the preamble “ We cannot change Future.. in Future”

## Valedictory Session:

The Valedictory Session marked the formal conclusion of the three-day Odisha Conference of Youth (OCOY) 3.0, celebrating the collective achievements of youth delegates and institutional partners. It served as a moment of reflection, recognition, and recommitment to the climate and development goals championed throughout the event. The valedictory session was honoured by the presence of distinguished dignitaries and esteemed guests. Their presence elevated the proceedings, as each brought unique insights, encouragement, and a shared commitment to youth-led climate action. Find the summary note of the addresses by the dignitaries and guests.

## Address by Pradeep Ghosal

Pradeep Ghosal opened the valedictory session by highlighting the transformative energy of the three-day Youth State Meet, describing it as a crucial platform for emerging youth practitioners across Odisha. He urged participants to move from dialogue to action, stressing that real change begins with bold, localized pilot initiatives. "Change isn't a distant dream—it begins with bold, localized pilot projects," he affirmed, positioning Odisha as a fertile ground for cultivating youth climate leaders with global impact. He also reflected on the compelling voices from Day 1, notably Manoj Kumar Sahoo of Jajpur and Kumkum Priyadarshini Sahoo of Kalahandi, whose messages motivated youth to shift from passive observation to proactive engagement. "Every individual holds the power to lead," they declared, reinforcing that youth climate leadership must transcend boundaries and become a shared global responsibility.



## Address by Karina Malczewska, WASH–CCES Specialist at UNICEF

Karina Malcwyska, WASH–CCES Specialist at UNICEF, delivered a stirring valedictory address that celebrated youth leadership as a driving force in climate resilience. She spotlighted the integration of youth parliament initiatives into UNICEF’s operational and advocacy platforms—transforming young voices into engines of institutional change. Championing UNICEF’s partnership with the Odisha Government on water recycling innovations, she hailed it as a blueprint for climate-smart collaboration rooted in local realities. Her message to the youth was clear and bold: move beyond conversation, embed your ideas in communities, and turn engagement into enduring impact.



## Address by Dr. Biswajeet Pattanayak, President, ASBM University

Dr. Biswajeet Pattanaik delivered an inspiring closing address, applauding the youth delegates for their vision and conviction, and commending the Youth Statement as a bold blueprint for inclusive climate action. Quoting, “A leader is a climate leader who chooses courage over comfort,” he inspired participants to champion sustainability rooted in equity and justice. He emphasized that true transformation lies in empowering communities—not just to adapt, but to lead environmental stewardship. Only through collective ownership, he affirmed, can climate resilience become lasting and meaningful.



## Address by Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, Minister of State, Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Odisha

Shri Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia hailed OCOY 3.0 as a dynamic platform for youth-led climate leadership, emphasizing that young citizens are not mere stakeholders but co-creators of Odisha's climate-resilient future. He linked their energy and innovation to the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, highlighting the importance of inclusive and sustainable development.



He championed Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) as a guiding principle for everyday environmental stewardship, encouraging citizens to adopt simple actions like water conservation, LED usage, rainwater harvesting, and public transport. To support these behaviours, the Minister highlighted several government schemes, including Ayushman Bharat, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Surya Ghar, and Jal Shakti Abhiyan, among others. In closing, the Minister's message was reinforced by UNICEF India and other dignitaries, calling for integrated action across WASH, nutrition, and climate resilience.

## Address by Akash Das Nayak, MLA Korei

Akash Das Nayak, MLA Korei, praised the youth delegates at OCOY 3.0 for their energy and commitment, calling the platform a catalyst for youth-led climate governance in Odisha. He urged sustained grassroots engagement and deeper collaboration across government, civil society, and youth platforms to advance Viksit Bharat 2047. Confident in the initiative's reach, he emphasized its potential to amplify Odisha's youth voice globally. He also shared a local initiative where his team planted 10 lakh saplings and distributed seedlings in schools and clubs, rewarding students who successfully nurtured plants. He concluded, "Planting alone is not enough—we must spread awareness about reducing plastic use."



**Together**, all the distinguished speakers echoed a resounding call: the future of climate resilience will not be built for youth—it will be built with them. As OCOY 3.0 draws to a close, the message is clear and urgent: youth are not just participants in climate action, they are its architects, its conscience, and its driving force. The commitment to embed their voices into policy and practice is not symbolic—it is strategic, necessary, and non-negotiable. Let this moment mark not an end, but a beginning—a shared pledge to co-create a just, inclusive, and sustainable future, powered by courage, collaboration, and the unwavering spirit of young changemakers.

## Champions of Change: OCOY 3.0 Recognition Awards

The spirit of OCOY 3.0 surged through the unwavering dedication of its volunteers and delegates—visionaries, mobilizers, and quiet changemakers who transformed intent into impact. Their behind-the-scenes brilliance—from orchestrating multi-stakeholder coordination and digital facilitation to driving grassroots mobilization—amplified the summit's reach and deepened its resonance. On-ground dynamism translated ideas into youth-led action, while the logo competition sparked creative storytelling that gave the movement a bold, cohesive identity. In celebration, OCOY 3.0 honoured delegates who energized the summit with presence and purpose, uplifted storytellers whose climate journeys stirred hearts, and recognized trailblazers who led with clarity and conviction. Awards for compelling presentations, quiz mastery, and fearless advocacy reflected the depth and diversity of youth engagement. Each memento and certificate stood not merely as a token but as a powerful affirmation of a generation rising with courage, creativity, and collective resolve to shape a climate-resilient future.

### OCOY 3.0 Volunteer Awards:

- Star Volunteer Award: Biswa Bhusan Jena – for unwavering dedication and leadership across multiple OCOY 3.0 engagements.
- Digital Support Volunteer Award: Smruti Ranjan Samal – for seamless backend coordination and digital facilitation.
- Grassroot Green Leader Award: Rabindra Kumar Gamango – for championing climate action at the community level with authenticity and impact.
- Change Maker in Action Award: Biswajeet Beura – for translating ideas into action and mobilizing youth-led initiatives.
- Best in OCOY 3.0 Logo Competition: Ananya Mangaraj & Sushree Sangeeta Bhol – for creative excellence and visual storytelling that captured the spirit of the movement.
- OCOY 3.0 Delegate Awards:
- Captivating Catalyst Award – for the most engaging and dynamic delegate presence.

- Green Tales Laureate – for the most inspiring climate story shared during the summit.
- Environmental Trailblazer Award – for demonstrating bold leadership as a climate warrior.
- Eco Excellence Presenter Award – for delivering the most compelling presentation during the Youth Parliament.
- Eco Savvy Scholar Award – for achieving the highest score in the Climate Quiz.
- Special Felicitation – All volunteers and youth committee members were honoured with mementoes and certificates of recognition for their invaluable contributions.

## Closing words by Shipra Saxena, WASH Specialist, UNICEF–Odisha:

### From Movement to Momentum: Youth Leading the Climate Charge

At the closing of OCOY 3.0, Shipra Saxena, WASH Specialist at UNICEF–Odisha, delivered a heartfelt commendation to the youth delegates, volunteers, and changemakers who transformed the event into a movement. She celebrated their courage, lived experiences, and leadership in confronting climate realities across Odisha—from coastal villages to tribal belts.



She reflected on how WASH—typically viewed as public health infrastructure—was reimagined by young minds as a tool for dignity, equity, and climate justice. Clean water became a right, and sanitation is a foundation for resilience.

Acknowledging storytellers, parliamentarians, and innovators, she emphasized that climate action is not a distant policy but a daily practice—and that youth are not just the future, but the fierce present.

UNICEF reaffirmed its commitment to co-create platforms where youth leadership is strategic, not symbolic. As the event concluded, Shipra urged participants to carry the momentum forward—to let their conviction ripple through communities, schools, and governance spaces.

The message was clear: the climate doesn't wait, and neither should we. Resilience begins with people—and the most powerful solutions often come from the youngest hearts.



# VOICES OF IMPACT: CATALYSTS WHO SHAPED THE CLIMATE NARRATIVE AT OCOY 3.0

OCOY 3.0 was not merely an event—it was a convergence of visionaries, reformers, and changemakers who brought depth, diversity, and direction to the climate discourse. From grassroots mobilizers and youth innovators to institutional leaders and policy architects, each guest and dignitary contributed a unique lens to the collective climate journey. Their presence underscored the power of collaboration across sectors—where science meets storytelling, governance meets grassroots, and youth voices rise alongside seasoned leadership. Together, they transformed OCOY 3.0 into a living blueprint for inclusive, resilient, and action-oriented climate engagement.

- **Blorin Mohanty: Director, Youth4Water Plus | General Secretary, BGVS** A driving force in youth-led climate advocacy across Odisha, Mohanty has mobilized thousands on water conservation and sustainability. His leadership blends grassroots action with policy engagement, exemplified by his valedictory address at OCOY 2.0.
- **Arun Krishnamurthy: Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI).** Internationally acclaimed for restoring polluted water bodies through community mobilization. Krishnamurthy's work bridges grassroots activism with large-scale ecological restoration, inspiring a generation of environmental stewards.
- **Satyabrata Samal: Founder, Sattvic Soul Foundation.** Known as the "Climate Man of Odisha," Samal transformed local cleanup drives into a nationwide youth movement. His foundation champions sustainability, menstrual hygiene, and education in underserved communities.
- **Johann & Jovana Hoschtialek:** Founders, 195in365. This Grenadian father-daughter duo launched a global climate awareness journey across 195 countries in 365 days. Their mobile learning centres and youth-led storytelling spark global conversations on sustainability.
- **Dr. Lubna Khan & Bazil Makhdoomi:** Social Activist at Support Trust from Kashmir deliberated about her journey with 195in365. Inspiring mother-son duo reaffirmed their commitment to host OCOY in Kashmir, standing united in the fight against climate change.

## Youth Advocates & Social Entrepreneurs:

- **Pratham Golcha: Founder, Cinque | UN Climate Dialogue Delegate** A dynamic communicator blending policy, storytelling, and youth advocacy. Golcha has represented India at global platforms including TEDx, G20, and UN forums, driving climate action through education and media.
- **Ankita Mohapatra: Climate Science Scholar | Mentor, YCLAP 2.0** From engineering to climate entrepreneurship, Ankita's journey spans corporate strategy, academic research, and youth mentorship. Her work with Climate Collective Foundation supports South Asia's green startups.
- **Adhiraj Mohapatra: Founder, Urban Hyphae Bioscience Pvt. Ltd.** Innovator in biomaterials, developing sustainable alternatives to leather. His startup, supported by DBT-ILS Bioincubator, exemplifies Odisha's emerging climate-tech ecosystem.
- **Ajit Kumar Pallai: Founder, Ecosaathi, A Bhubaneswar-based ecopreneur** promoting circular economy and sustainable living. Pallai's journey from Smart City consultant to grassroots mobilizer reflects a deep commitment to collective climate action.

## Public Health & Nutrition Experts:

- **Dr. Swayam Pragyan Parida:** Associate Professor, AIIMS Bhubaneswar. A leading academic in community medicine, Dr. Parida researches climate-linked health outcomes and contributes to public health policy in Odisha.
- **Sourav Bhattacharjee:** Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Odisha. Integrates climate-smart strategies into nutrition programs for vulnerable communities. His emergency response work in Syria showcases global expertise in crisis nutrition planning.
- **Astha Singh Raghuvanshi:** Nutrition Consultant, UNICEF India Specialist in maternal and child nutrition, she bridges climate impacts with food security in national programs and moderated key sessions at OCOY 3.0.



## WASH & Climate Resilience Specialists:

1. **Shipra Saxena:** WASH-CCES Specialist, UNICEF Odisha. A veteran in water and sanitation programming, Saxena champions youth engagement and ecosystem thinking. She led the Youth4Water Plus chatbot initiative and supports climate-resilient WASH systems.
2. **Karina Malczewska:** WASH-CCES Specialist, UNICEF India Advocates for sanitation as a public health imperative, highlighting its economic and societal returns. Her work aligns with the SDG 6.1 and 6.2 goals.
3. **Anwesa Dutta:** United Nations Volunteer, UNICEF Odisha Works at the intersection of WASH and climate education, training youth leaders to build resilience in vulnerable communities.

## Governance, Policy & Institutional Leaders:

1. **Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati:** Hon'ble Governor of Odisha. A seasoned academic and political leader, Dr. Kambhampati brings national and regional experience to OCOY's climate governance dialogue.
2. **K.S. Pradeep:** Director Environment, Govt. of Odisha | IFS Officer Leads the state's environmental governance and impact assessment authority. His role is pivotal in shaping Odisha's climate policy architecture.
3. **Abha Mishra:** State Head, UNDP Odisha. A development anthropologist with 30+ years of experience in disaster risk reduction and inclusive growth. Mishra guides SDG acceleration and climate resilience policy in Odisha.

## Media, Advocacy & Storytelling Catalysts:

**Kaushik Nath & Sk Md. Niyaz:** Audio-Visual & Radio Media Experts Creators of youth-led storytelling platforms like Radio Bulbul, amplifying voices on WASH and climate change through innovative media formats.



## Educators, Trainers & Institutional Builders:

1. **Prof. Ranjan Kumar Bal:** Management Educator | IIM-A Alumnus Odisha's first Ph.D. in Business Administration, Prof. Bal blends academic excellence with leadership development in climate governance.
2. **Prof. Biswajeet Pattanaik:** Chancellor, ASBM University. A visionary in sustainable education, integrating social responsibility and climate leadership into university curricula.
3. **Manas Ranjan Mishra:** Development Trainer | Former UNDP & ActionAid Expert in rights-based advocacy and forest governance. Mishra supports training and documentation on climate entitlements and constitutional rights.

## Child Rights & Protection Advocates:

1. **William J. Hanlon Jr.:** Chief, UNICEF Field Office, Odisha. Oversees integrated programs on child health, nutrition, and climate resilience. Hanlon's leadership ensures UNICEF's holistic impact across Odisha.
2. **Ghasiram Panda:** Child Protection Consultant, UNICEF leads programs to end child marriage and strengthen welfare mechanisms. His work with UNICEF emphasizes child-centric resilience during crises.

## Food Innovators & Agri-Entrepreneurs:

1. **Madhusmita Soren Murmu:** MasterChef India Finalist | Tribal Food Consultant Promotes indigenous, climate-resilient food traditions. Murmu's culinary storytelling educates audiences on sustainable eating.
2. **Paritosh Anand:** Co-founder, Genie Pads | Peace Ambassador Social entrepreneur advancing sustainable menstrual health through BioSynQ technology. Recognized nationally for innovation and impact.



# Political Leaders & Public Representatives:

1. **Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia:** Minister of State, Forest & Climate Change. A four-time MLA and current minister driving Odisha's climate and labour policies with a focus on tribal and forest communities.
2. **Akash Das Nayak: MLA, Korei |** Actor-Turned-Politician Combines public charisma with legislative commitment. Das Nayak champions accessible governance and youth engagement.
3. **Pradeep Ghosal: CSR Head, Tata Power CODL |** Advisor, Youth4Water Plus Bridges corporate sustainability with youth-led climate action. Ghosal's strategic guidance empowers campaigns on restoration, heatwave awareness, and innovation.



# Pre OCOY 3.0 Mobilizations

1. As Odisha prepares to host OCOY 3.0, a groundswell of youth-led climate action has already begun reshaping the narrative. From tribal heartlands to coastal tourist hubs, young volunteers have mobilized with urgency and imagination—planting seed balls, staging street theatre, and sparking climate dialogues in classrooms, campuses, and community spaces. These decentralized, hyper-local actions are not just precursors to the event—they are its very essence. They reflect a new generation's resolve to lead from the front, bridge local realities with global climate goals, and make resilience a shared responsibility. OCOY 3.0 now stands on the shoulders of this momentum—ready to amplify, converge, and catalyze youth voices into a statewide movement for climate justice and inclusive governance.



## A Summary of Pre-OCOY 3.0 Activities

1. **Seed Ball Initiative:** Sudrukumpa youth in Phulbani crafted indigenous seed balls for Bana Mahotsav 2025.
2. **Kitchen Garden Support:** Distributed seeds to vulnerable tribal families in Tenda and Pungichua villages, Similipal Biosphere (Kaptipada Block).
3. **University Engagement:** Climate sensitization and OCOY registration drive at Berhampur University's Department of Environmental Studies.
4. **Institutional Outreach:** Awareness sessions across educational institutions; 54 students registered online (ongoing till 20 July 2025).
5. **Vana Mahotsav Plantation Drive:** Jointly organized with District Administration and Forest Department at Khalikote on 3 July 2025.
6. **District Youth Consultation:** Seba Jagat convened 120 youth participants in Kalahandi on 20 July.
7. **College-Level Mobilization:** Pre-OCOY program at Anchaliaka Science College, Jagarnathprasad, Ganjam.
8. **School Sensitization:** Youth4Water volunteers led awareness sessions in Nuapada District schools.
9. **Ashram Plantation Drive:** Vivekananda Bal Ashram, S. Uruda, Gajapati (led by Rabindra Ku. Gamango).
10. **Block-Level Workshops:** Nuagan Block, Nayagarh District (facilitated by Sudipta).
11. **Festival Outreach:** OCOY messaging during Puri Rath Yatra (Biswajit and Harish).
12. **Youth Mobilization:** Leaflet and poster distribution across Gajapati blocks (Rabindra Ku. Gamango).
13. **Tourist Engagement:** Climate talks and beach events at Blue Flag Beach, Puri (Sidharth).
14. **Forest Collaboration:** Tree planting at Jirang, Gajapati with Forest Department (Rabindra Ku. Gamango).
15. **Climate Film Screening:** ASMB University (led by Sanskar).
16. **Interactive Campus Events:** Climate Bingo at XIM University (Sanskriti).
17. **School-Based Drives:** Jai Rajguru School, Khordha (Biswajit and Saikrishna).
18. **Campus Mobilization:** Berhampur University plantation activity.
19. **Teacher-Student Engagement:** Ameda High School, Gajapati (Rabindra Ku. Gamango).
20. **Street Theatre:** Nukkad Natak "Saans ki Keemat" at Nexus Esplanade.
21. **Photo Walks:** Climate-themed walks at Anandbana and Barunei (Sanskar and Tanmay).
22. **Sapling Distribution:** Monsoon plantation drive in Jatani, Khordha (Biswajit and Sidharth).

# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

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## Governor urges youth to lead climate action

Odisha Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kumbhampati Sunday called upon young people to play a threefold role in building a climate-resilient future — as educators spreading awareness, as innovators advancing green technologies, and as role models practicing sustainable living. Addressing the inaugural session of the Odisha Conference of Youth (OCYO) 2025, organized in partnership with UNICEF and over 50 organizations, the Governor urged the youth to protect the planet and restore balance between humanity and nature. "Heat waves scorch our cities, floods ravage our villages, and storms disrupt lives and livelihoods," he said. "The most precious resource of any country is not found in its mines or industries, but in the imagination and ideals of its youth. And today, when the world faces the pressing challenge of climate change, it is the energy, creativity, and determination of young people that can light the path toward a climate-resilient future."

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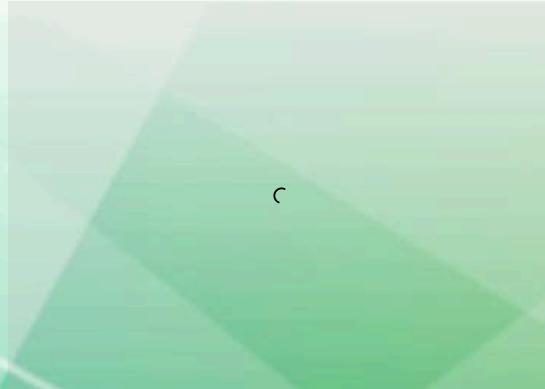
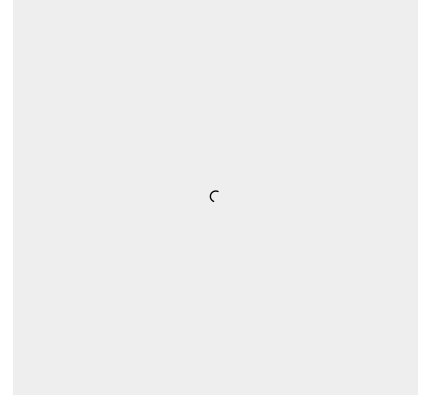
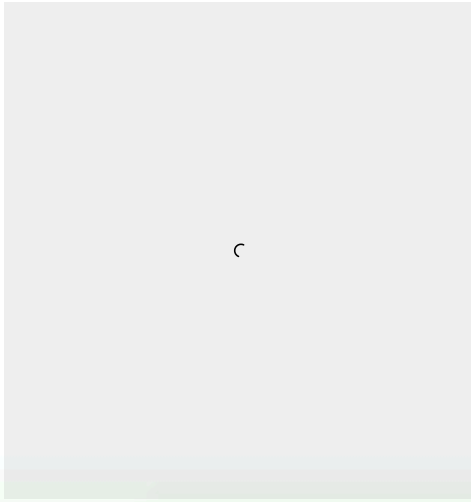
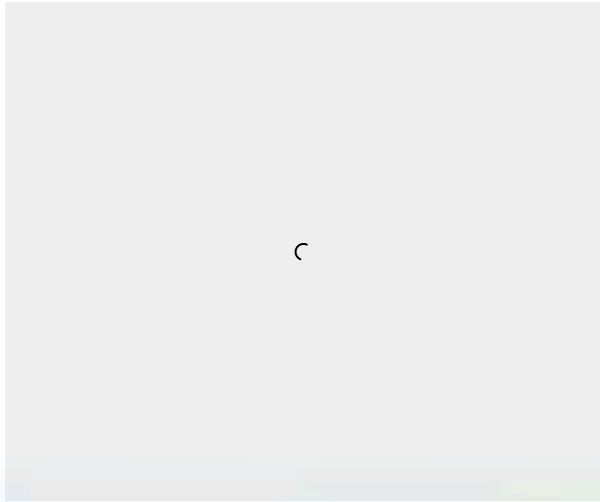
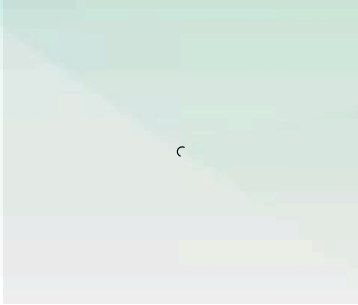
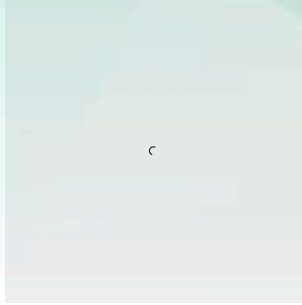
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## Young changemakers are 'architects of climate resilience': Governor Dr. Kumbhampati

William Hanlon Jr., Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Odisha, lauded the youth-driven spirit of the event. "What we witness here today is not just an event — it is the spirit of youth leadership in action. Young people are not passive recipients of change — they are active agents of it," he said. The conference includes a high-energy Youth Parliament and collaborative workshops over the next two days, culminating in a Youth Statement on Climate Action. This declaration will reflect the aspirations and policy recommendations of Odisha's youth and will be shared with national and global stakeholders, including at COP30 in Brazil. Participants from all 30 districts — spanning tribal belts, farming communities, and coastal regions — are taking part, ensuring diverse representation from climate-impacted areas.



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