
For a Cleaner, Greener Planet: Participating in the Climate Action Project

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Students from VIII-A of S.B. Patil Public School participated in the Climate Action Project, an online event endorsed by Dr. Jane Goodall, President Juan Manuel Santos; and Sir David Attenborough, an English broadcaster, writer, and naturalist noted for his innovative educational television programs, especially the nine-part 'Life' series; along with experts from the WWF, NASA and UN.

Learners attended online meetings, planted saplings at home and participated in the webinars. They also engaged in class discussions on climate change and its impact on the environment and life on Earth.

As a part of the project they partook in the activity on sending messages to space with their solutions to climate change which is still ongoing till January 1st, 2021. These messages will actually be sent in the month of March, 2021

Those who did not get the opportunity to join the project earlier can still do so. Participants are advised to ensure they write about solutions to climate change. Hence, the students from S B Patil School are welcome to send their messages at the following links:

1. <https://www.climate-action.info/node/add/message-to-space>
2. <https://www.messagespace.org>

Students from Std. VIII-A also attended the webinar to listen to world leaders discussing solutions to climate change and its impact on the environment. Ms. Anjali Gugale, TGT Social Science at S.B. Patil, took the initiative to register the school for the event and guided the students for participating in the activities and discussions.

Ms. Gugale has also achieved the certificate as a top 100 finalists for the T4 Solutions Challenge by Take Action Global on www.earthproject.org for UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Twelve students from VIII-A got participation certificates for involving themselves in the activities and discussions. They are: Amey Ajar, Harshita Kakade, Diksha S., Ojasvi Bhavsar, Suryansh Rathi, Pratik Pote. Anant Pagar. Samyak Shaha. Sanket Ibditar, Sanskruti Sapkal, Vedant Nandedkar and Shwet Kinge.

Following is the introduction to the Press Release issued:

PRESS RELEASE

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World leaders and environmental experts join students from over 135 countries to celebrate climate action and global collaboration.

This week on November 5, 2020, global leaders and climate action experts and activists joined more than 30,000 teachers and students from over 135 countries for Climate Action Day, a free, online event. World renowned speakers, including **Dr. Jane Goodall, President Juan Manuel Santos, and Sir David Attenborough** along with experts from WWF, NASA and UN, joined to celebrate learning and solutions offered by over 2.6 million students who participated in the Climate Action Project with Koen Timmers, Co-founder of Take Action Global, a six-week free collaborative project that invited students to examine climate change causes and effects, join in virtual exchanges and mentor presentation sessions, and propose solutions for environmental justice through service, research, advocacy campaigns, and even inventions. Participants joining for Climate Action Day heard student groups from China, Moldova, Argentina, Tanzania, UAE, India, Canada, South Africa, and Ireland, and were invited to participate in real-time actions, sending messages to space and joining world mayors as they signed a Manifesto for Climate Action.

Highlights on the eight hours of sharing and learning:

1. Exclusive interviews with **Dr. Jane Goodall** and **President Santos** accepting questions submitted by students
2. Sam Barratt and Dan Shephard from the **UN**, Matt Larsen-Daw and Fernanda Carvalho from **WWF**, and Dr. Rick Davis from **NASA** sharing insights on different levels from environment to policy to our place in the universe
3. Young activist **Vanessa Nakate** and **Princess Esmeralda** engaged in an inspired conversation on girl education as a solution for climate change
4. **Kumi Naidoo** read his new poem and Sandrine Dixson-Deleve, Coleen Vogel, Celine Cousteau, and Roman Krznaric sharing powerful ideas inviting students to dream big and keep hope

While many webinars are informative, this online event also aimed to bring actual change. During the event there were 2 highlights:

1. Secretary of Education Portugal, First Lady Tammy Murphy of New Jersey, and Victor Negrescu, European Parliament promised to help with **compulsory climate education**. For this our own curriculum, co-authored by WWF will be used. <https://www.climate-action.info/download-curriculum-2020>
2. Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr and Mayor Ion Ceban, mayors of capitals Sierra Leone and Moldova, **made the pledge for the Manifesto for Climate Action:** <http://climate-action.info/pledge>

The Climate Action Project designers--a global team of hundreds of volunteer educators led by Take Action Global education non-profit--are committed to providing students with access to action despite challenges of COVID-19, reliable wireless connection, and inequities in regard to technology and resources. As part of the project, teachers received high-quality professional development offered by world-renowned education leaders, and all classrooms had access to the complete curriculum which is co-authored by WWF and translated in over 15 languages.

Over the course of the six weeks, students worked to develop their own solutions to climate change after building foundational knowledge, considering bias and scientific evidence, establishing trusted sources, and creating personal connections with the work of environmental justice.

Classrooms expanded perspectives of the climate crisis beyond the walls of schools through intergenerational interviews and in class-to-class virtual exchange experiences working with other youth who may look and live differently from them. Students progressed through hands-on learning experiences to gain understandings of causes, effects, and solutions as both global collaborators and also knowledge constructors.

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Related Resources

1. Climate Action Day website: www.climateactionday.net
2. Climate Action Project website: www.climate-action.info
3. [Image library](#)
4. Twitter: [@ClimateActionED](#)

The Climate Action Project is launched by Take Action Global, a non-profit (501c3) based in Belgium and Florida, USA, www.takeactionglobal.org

Video Recordings

1. **Jane Goodall** Interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnMqGXxZBJk>
(Duration: 16 mins.)
2. **President Pendarovski** , North Macedonia:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBcwk82gOlQ> (Duration: 4 mins.)
3. **President Juan Manuel Santos**, Colombia:
<https://youtu.be/ptsooK5YjYc> (Duration: 12min)
4. Interview with **Vanessa Nakate** by HRH **Princess Esmeralda of Belgium**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjmrBRoghcg> (Duration: 20 mins.)
5. **Kumi Naidoo**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPs3Ixl0ac>
6. Interview with **Dr. Shashi Tharoor** (Indian Parliament)
<https://youtu.be/iKLS8VghQ0M> (Duration: 4 mins.)
7. Mayor **Ceban Ion**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyjwc5H5oW0> (Duration: 2 mins.)
8. **Yvonne Sawyer**, Mayor of Freetown
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iY6qkqUjDcg>
9. **Joao Costa**, Secretary Education Portugal:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7V7nR4GL0g>
10. **Bhumi Pednekar**, Bollywood actress
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npp33P3MGVk> (Duration: 2.5min)

11. **Thomas Jones Anthony**, Hollywood actor
<https://youtu.be/Frrdp-q0uw8> (Duration: 2min)