

# STORY WRITING COMPETITION

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**THEME: INVEST IN OUR PLANET**

This Report  
includes  
**Top 3  
Stories**

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**Congratulations to all the winners....**

# STORY: 1



**Saikrit Gulati**

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One summer afternoon, Ashoka was astonished to see huge electricity bill which his father would have to pay. He was utterly disappointed, not because of the huge sum of money but because of the amount of electricity being used by his house.



He was concerned about the environment and searched for ways to save electricity. He found **solar energy** the best way ahead.

When he talked to his father about getting solar panels installed in their entire colony, his father told him that it would be difficult for the society authorities to install solar panels due to their huge initial cost.

He repeatedly tried to change his father's mind but his father refused because it was a challenging task and it would be tough to purchase and install solar panels.



The next day, he talked to a friend whose colony had installed solar panels 2 years ago. His friend told him that every resident had contributed and now, everyone's electricity bill was down to zero. He was inspired by this and along with his group of friends, tried to convince the authorities to get solar panels installed.



He also told them that this can result in income for the authorities because he had read that if excess energy is produced, it can be fed into the grid by net-metering. After a lot of convincing, the authorities implemented this idea and after some years, the entire cost was recovered and they got a source of additional income. Ashoka and his friends were honoured by the local body for their steps towards fulfilling sustainable development goals.

When Earth Day 2022 came, Ashoka got to know that the theme for the year was, 'Invest in Our Planet' and he felt that he had fulfilled it in his own little way.



# STORY: 2



**Chaitali Thali**

Project Officer,  
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Once there was a girl named Richa. She lived in a small village with her parents. For her Higher education she came to city. She lived near to the beach. Once early morning she went for jogging. She saw a **plastic pipe** was moving and got surprised.





She move near to the plastic pipe and saw a octopus inside it and thought if the octopus is stuck inside the pipe she went to help him get out from the pipe. After seeing clearly, there were many eggs inside the pipe. Every day with curiosity she used to see inside the pipe for larvae.

One sudden morning the pipe was broken and the octopus was nearby but the eggs were not present , it was very sad to know that due to sudden waves the eggs were wiped off by inside the beach and the mother octopus was left alone searching for the eggs. For an individual it is very unhappy time to face this situation.



Thereafter Richa decided to start environmental awareness in the community nearby and initiated with cleanliness drive and conservation of marine animals.

Richa initiated activities to control the death of marine animals and make aware to the people nearby to make the city clean and green.

As there were many industries and factories there was a moderate water and air pollution in the city.

The locality people formed a community and by applying all individual ideas took an initiative to clean the beach by using empty boxes and thermocol, collected the trash and plastic so that the beach is clean and the fish doesn't get affected by it.

The people started using cycles and E-vehicles for shorter and longer distance travelling.

For the awareness and small contribution towards fight for climate change the people in the city started reusing the plastic and boxes for tree plantation and trash collection.



The houses in the city has water and seed feeders for the birds and animals. Senior citizens used to sit in the shade of trees and play with their grandchildren's and initiated a compost bin by collecting the leaves and the vegetable waste. The house roof tops were installed with solar Roof tops and green roofs.



They used solar electricity and during the rainy season they collected the water and conserve the water by harvesting it and percolation pit were built to save rain water which reduces urban heat effect. The sewage water through sprinkler irrigation was used for trees and the empty oil cans for plantation of trees.

The paper mills in the locality started using **hemp to make papers** instead of trees. Richa on the other step towards Environment started her own firm and named it **EcoRich** in which she made products like Tooth paste which were made from herbs but instead of using plastic tooth paste covers as they do not decompose easily made glass tooth paste containers and named it **re-earth**. Tap aerators were made to save 90% of household water wastage. The plastic wrappers were recycled by using charkha made hand bags and other useful items out of it. The plastic waste and wrappers were collected and cleaned to avoid generation of methane and inserted inside the plastic bottle and made Eco bricks from it. Further the **Eco bricks** were used to make shelter for stray dogs and used Polyurethane foam inside the shelter to keep it cool and were kept in garden for animals. They started **Seed bank initiative** and collected the seeds of fruits and flowers from wherever possible and made seed balls by using black soil, compost and water. Plastic use was avoided instead used glass material, use of Renewable energy sources and restoration of coral reefs was started. In this way Richa and the community people in the city invested for the city to make it clean and green.

**Moral of the story- “WELL BEGUN IS HALF DONE”.**

# STORY: 3



**Shruti Gupta**

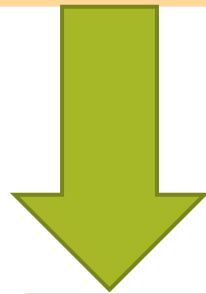
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" A great action today, can restore  
and repair all the damage of the  
past"

~Shruti Gupta



When we talk about damage and repair, the only thing that comes into our mind is humans and situations, but the major justification of this line can be proven by knowing the damages caused by humans to this earth. In place of being thankful for what we got, we always tried our level best to deteriorate our planet, using various methods. But now our planet, our earth is sinking, bleeding, and needs help to stop this damage anymore.



Imagine yourself getting wounded and slashed by a sharp knife or cutter. Imagine your relatives and close ones are doing this to you. Now think about what you are doing to your planet Earth from you were born to now, and if you are unable to, let me show you!



Rise of air pollution through massive removal of toxic gases from the commercial chimneys.

Accumulation of plastic in the drainage leads to its blockage, damaging water, and causing land, and water pollution.





Melting of glaciers due to massive increase in Earth temperature, i.e., **Global Warming**.

### **Barren land, deforestation**



Human actions hence exploited homes of **wild animals** as well.

These few incidents are enough to concern about how much destruction has already been done and how this can affect each and everyone organism living on this earth.



To solve a cause, we must know the roots and reasons behind it, and for this kind of massive exploitation and harm to our planet, I must say that we as a human are the one who deserves to crave for the survival of our lives.





Anthropogenic actions have made survival hard and now after so many years of exploitation, we all can see the resulting changes in the environment.

Dry forests are now in danger as they catch fire even with a small increase in temperature, due to which thousands of animal creatures risk their lives and struggle to survive in the burn.



The increased rate of earthquakes and tsunamis are now affecting people as a result.



Since we all know that we can't change our past, what we can do is change our present and save our future, the earth is our future and we have to make sure that further delays in protecting it can create irreversible chaos for the rest of the lives and generations.

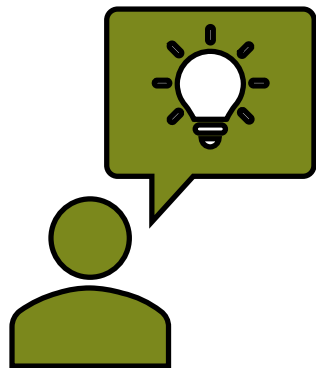
It is not always needed to initiate a project if you want to do something as a savior, but a small step can also help in bringing a huge change together. If you can't plant, make sure you won't even hurt it, if you can't help in generating water then make sure you won't waste it, if you can't save someone then make sure you should not even hurt it, because it takes a lot of time to create something, to nurture something and if you can't raise it then make sure you should not even waste it.

It's just a matter of a promise to yourself, to take prevention and every possible help you can do to save your mother earth. Though we can't forget the amount of loss that we did to it, but what matters today is that you still want to help in repairing that loss that you have made. Ask yourself, you really care about your mother in the same condition that our earth is facing now.



***It's time to protect our earth from all kinds of destruction that we made in the past and start thinking of reviving it.***

ऐसा नहीं है की ये पहल सिर्फ हमारी होगी, हमसे पहले भी न जाने कितने लोग इसमें खुदको झाँक चुके हैं, जिन्होंने ये सच में कर दिखाया जो हमारी आज की युवा पीढ़ी को प्रोत्सहित करे।



Being a cynophile and an animal lover, I always feel that hurting animals is the biggest crime ever, but slowly I developed a new habit of exploring nature. I observed the early fall of leaves from the plants, changes in the climate and the temperature, I saw birds dying because of radiating heat, and so on. This means that we are on the edge of another war, war with the self and for survival. Planet Earth has been the greatest asset to every organism on this Earth but due to the fatal misuse and damage we ruined everything and now Earth is on the verge of losing itself completely.

If it gets blown, everything will be finished, not only animals or birds but this entire beautiful creation that took millions of years.

***It's your time, to make it worth every step in saving our planet earth because you are not only saving a piece of the planet but protecting lives from dying.***

***Sharing my story of how I invested myself in planet earth.***

Since childhood, I was very emotional with so many things around me, I never even tried to kill an ant for fun coz I could feel the immense pain that an ant can even feel. My father always told me to be thankful for what we have today and grateful for having a perfect life, in my teenage phase I realized that people often choose people but never gave a second thought about the pain they gave to someone, from plucking flowers to tearing pages from the notebooks I tried my level best to stop them, and instead I told them about how I spent my time in putting water bowls on my roof to feed every possible animal I could, from observing and realizing the damage now wanting others to understand this too. I have changed myself a lot, though I have never hurt any kind of things around me nor I will do, and all this can never make you popular someday but you know what, when you do something from the core of your heart, you automatically wins so many blessings.

***You know it just takes a bit of courage to start and for inspiration, I always came across various advertisements and crafts.***



*All these things have indeed made me strong and wise myself, I still remember painting a **trash gullak** just for the sake of knowing how things can change with our small efforts and if we want to make that change from our heart.*

*Another step of not wasting paper through my creativity. In this, I used left plastic wrap off the sheet which is a nondegradable waste, and left pieces of paper for decorating my school notebooks.*





Another story that can prove this statement of "caring can heal".

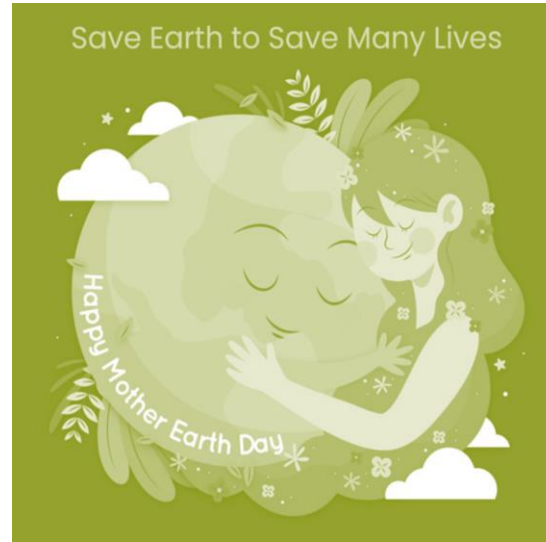
I met an abandoned dog near my house in a deadly condition, he was thrown out by its owners and needed help.

Before meeting him, I was already bitten by 3 dogs in my childhood and hence it was a bit difficult for me to be with him but at the same time my family I knew that, if not now, then there is no tomorrow but a day full of regrets. We never planned to adopt him as a pet, our priority was to save his life and ask his owners to let him back and keep him safe. From the time when we met him to now, he is our family member today and the only thing which healed him was "love, care, and support" that's all everything on this earth requires to survive, to breathe.

Golu was only 3 months old when he was on the verge of dying coz of many injuries and health conditions but today he is 6 years old healthy kid living with a family of 4 as a member of 5, it sounds magical to see the number but again I am saying this that nothing is impossible if you want to do something with your whole heart.

Sharing his story on this theme of Investing in our planet, because I feel that investment comes from our hearts too, determination comes from our hearts, care, emotions all of these essentials come from our hearts and hence one should feel the guilt of the damage we all humans have made and now it's time to make the impossible things come true, and this can be done with a step, a step together towards forever.





**If I can, we can and you can!!!!  
You can be the savior,  
No matter if you were the one who destroy it.**

**Let us now join our hands and make a promise by taking all the possible inspiration from the story, that we won't hurt anything, anyone and yes we protect, we rebuilt it!!**

## EnviroVigyan

" Jaha khwahishein tham jaaye vaha lehre saans nhi le skti,  
Jo zid par ad Jaye unki shiddat Tut nhi skti ,  
Jo hona tha ho Chuka ab badalna bure Kal ko h,  
Jo aane vala h manzar kal ka,  
Usse accha karne ki shuruat Kyu aj se nhi ho skti ?,

Jo dard takleef diii h kisi ko,  
Use mitana ab mumkin nhi h,  
Insaan ke chehre pal bhar mein badalte,  
Ye fitrat h jisko ab badalna nhi h,  
Ab vaqt h sametne ka har zakhm ko marham krne ka,  
Jo khoaya use paya ja nhi skta bhale hi,  
Jo hoga use smjhdari ab galat hone nhi de skti ..

***"Hope has the power to heal "***

# EnviroVigyan's 6E Working Framework



We EDUCATE  
People



We ENGAGE  
Community



We EMPOWER  
Women



We EXPLORE  
Solutions



We conduct  
EXPERIMENT



We ESTABLISH  
Facts

## Working Areas:

Air Quality Assessment and Control (AQAC)  
Water Quality Assessment and Management (WQAM)  
Waste Management and Health (WMH)  
Climate Change and Sustainability (CCS)  
Biodiversity and Conservation (B&C)  
Natural Resource Management (NRM)  
Public Health and Hygiene (PHH)

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