

Students for Development (SFD) & Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi (PSG)

4th NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT YOUTH PARLIAMENT-2026

“Building young environment leadership”



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

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ABOUT STUDENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT (SFD)

The Students for Development (SFD) is forum of students by the students for the students established in the year 1992, committed working on 5J's (Pancha Mahabhutas) Jal, Jungle, Jamin, Janwar and Jan to inculcate the good governance on environment and development among the youths contributing towards environment and development-related issues for the betterment of the environment and sustainable development with the help of students and society. The organization has been actively involved in various environmental projects and has made significant contributions towards the conservation of nature throughout the nation.

ABOUT PARYAVARAN SANRAKSHAN GATIVIDHI (PSG)

Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi is an all-India group dedicated to protecting, analyzing, and monitoring the environment against misuse by human forces. A few thousand people are part of its organizational structure. The group aims to focus on building an eco-friendly society wherein there is consciousness about planting trees, preserving and respecting the blue gold, i.e., water, and curbing the menace of solid waste generation, especially by plastics.

Globally, India is called the youngest nation because, significant portion of its population is in the youth age group. This demographic advantage not only presents an enormous potential workforce and a source of innovation, creativity, and energy, but also the potential and vitality that its youth bring to the nation. Their collective efforts and contributions play a crucial role in shaping India's present and future trajectory, making them a driving force behind the nation's growth and development. By nurturing leadership qualities among young individuals, India can groom a generation of future leaders who can steer the country towards sustainable growth, global competitiveness, and equitable development. However, in the era of modernization and industrialization, there has been neglect and an indifferent attitude towards the biophysical environment. Keeping this in mind, **Students for Development & Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi (SFD-PSG)** has taken an initiative to bring together all educational institutes in the country to build “*Green young leadership for Tomorrow*” who are sensitive towards *Vasundhara* and can transform society with people who could be applauded as the “*Paryavaran Prahari*”, serving the environment for the betterment of society and nature.

Universities are temples of knowledge from time immemorial. Our Indian legacy of gurukuls and pathshalas always ensured that the knowledge is gained and earned in the very lap of nature, as it ensures co-presence of a peaceful mind and positive energy. It undoubtedly also built a sound never never-ending chemistry about nature within youth. With this thought process, the current activity or gatividhi has been designed to unfurl the warmth of “*Panch Mahabhutas*” at school, college, and at the university campus, across the country.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Background:

India faces diverse environmental challenges, from climate change and pollution to biodiversity loss and resource management. However, India's environmental future relies on the engagement of its youth. Hence, engaging youth is critical because they bring fresh perspectives and innovative solutions. They are passionate advocates for change; however, their actions today shape India's environmental future.

The **National Environment Youth Parliament (NEYP)** is a collaborative initiative organized by the **SFD-PSG** in partnership with various stakeholders. In the backdrop of unprecedented environmental challenges, India's youth stand as an inspiration of hope. The National Environment Youth Parliament is a dynamic platform aimed at nurturing this hope by engaging, empowering, and inspiring the youth of our nation. This initiative seeks to address pressing environmental issues, develop leadership skills, encourage youth participation, and foster solutions for a sustainable future. Further, this platform helps to empower dedicated students who aspire to create positive change and build green leadership within the realm of environmental conservation and sustainable development. The National Environment Youth Parliament is vital for several reasons; it provides an opportunity and platform to build green young leadership, engagement of youths in awareness of environmental issues, building decision-making skills and diplomacy among the youths to support them to lead solutions for sustainable India.

Because the worldwide development of Environment Education is a lengthy process and educational, environmental, and development problems are bound to change during the coming decade, **SFD-PSG** invites students to the National Environment Youth Forum on the theme **“Paryavaran Chetana - Nurturing Green Leadership for a Sustainable Future”** tentatively during. Brilliant young minds will come together for focused discussions on key environmental issues and contribute towards finding meaningful solutions.

Theme:

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Green Youth Leadership for Planetary Resilience and Sustainable Civilisation. Aligned with India's G20 presidency and global SDGs, the theme of the NEYP 2026 emphasizes planetary resilience (addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution), sustainable civilization (integrating ancient wisdom like Panchamahabhuta with modern innovations and green youth leadership (fostering grassroots solutions for Jal, Jungle, Jamin, Janwar and Jan- 5 Js).

Objectives:

The objectives of the 4th National Environment Youth Parliament 2026 are as follows:

- a) Empower youth to lead localized solutions for climate adaptation and mitigation.
- b) Bridge traditional knowledge (e.g., tribal conservation practices) with tech-driven sustainability.
- c) Promote circular economy models for waste, water, and energy.
- d) Strengthen policy advocacy for regional environmental challenges.

- e) Encourage intergenerational dialogue on ethical environmental stewardship.

LEVELS OF THE EVENT, ORGANIZATION, AND NO OF PARTICIPANTS:

The event can be conducted in three levels/stages

1. Prelims (Level I): At University Level (in affiliating colleges)

Registration of the students from affiliated colleges of all universities in India, screen test, and competition will be conducted in the affiliated colleges from **15th August to 30th September 2025** so that the maximum number of participants could be ensured and the best entries could be shortlisted for the University Level event. After the university-level round, *10 best entries* would be forwarded for semi-finals to the Students For Development (**mail2sfd@gmail.com**) by **10th October 2025**.

Note: Prelims may be organized in each participating University, including all the entries received by their affiliated colleges by the nominated University Nodal officer in collaboration with SFD coordinators.

2. Semi Finals (Level II): At Regional cum State Level

Semifinals may be conducted from **15th October to 15th November 2025**. **Twenty (20) best entries** would be forwarded for the Grand Finale to Students For Development (**mail2sfd@gmail.com**) by **30th November 2025**.

Note: Semifinals may be organized by **Regional cum State Host University from each Zone**, i.e, Semifinals may be organized in eleven plus different zones.

- It is an individual or group event in the form of a discussion. Each student can be assessed on their performance. Approximately *140-150 students can generally participate in each Zone*, depending on the number of universities. The **20 best top entries** from each Zone can be nominated irrespective of their Universities for Level III, i.e, Grand Finale.
- Nominations/call for interest from interested Universities may be sought before the start of the event.
- One University from each Zone may be given the responsibility of organizing the event along with partnering Universities.
- Semifinals may be coordinated by the Regional cum State Coordinator & SFD State Convener.

- Regional cum State structure for the **National Environment Youth Parliament 2026** is shown in the table below. However, in the coming years annually at the time of organizing National Level Competition, the regional cum State structure has to be afresh keeping in view the availability of Central Team Members, Regional cum State Coordinators, etc.

2026 Regional cum State structure is shown in the table below:

S.No	Zone
1.	Kerela, Tamil Nadu
2.	Telangana, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh
3.	Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat
4.	Rajasthan, Haryana
5.	Delhi, Punjab
6.	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand
7.	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
8.	North East & Sikkim
9.	Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bengal
10.	Uttar Pradesh

3. Grand Finale (Level III): At National Level

Grand Finale may be conducted tentatively in **January 2026**, followed by the Award Ceremony.

Note: Grand Finale may be organized by a university that can feel the responsibility of hosting the **Grand Finale of National Environment Youth Parliament 2026**, followed by the Award ceremony.

- It is an individual or group event in the form of a debate. Each student can be assessed on their performance. **Approximately 200-220 students** can generally participate in depending on the number of students nominated from

each zone in each zone. Approximately **20 top entries** from each Zone can be nominated irrespective of their Universities for Level III, i.e, Grand Finale.

REGISTRATION AND OTHER DETAILS

The event may be organized on a virtual /offline platform. Language may be bilingual (Hindi / English or both). For university-level, the timings may be flexible as per their convenience and as per their academic calendar. Semi-finals can be conducted in the forenoon in each zone, and the Grand finale from afternoon till evening, followed by the Award Ceremony

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR LEVEL I DURING 4th NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2026.

- Ethics of Wildlife Tourism- Balancing conservation and livelihoods.
- Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF)- Reviving traditional agroecology.
- Circular Economy in Textiles- Tackling fast fashion waste.
- Renewable Energy Cooperatives- Community-owned solar/wind projects.
- Dharma of Conservation- Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist ecological ethics (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam).
- Gandhian Swaraj- Local self-reliance and minimalism in consumption.
- Islamic Environmentalism- Quranic principles of ‘Khalifa’ (stewardship).
- Sikhism & Nature- ‘Pavan Guru, Paani Pita, Mata Dharat Mahat’ (Air as Teacher, Water as Father, Earth as Mother).
- Tribal Cosmology- Indigenous knowledge on forest and water conservation.
- Vedic Ecology- ‘Prithvi Sukta’ (Earth Hymn) as a sustainability framework.

- Christian Stewardship- Biblical teachings on caring for creation.
- AI for Environmental Monitoring- Leveraging technology for conservation.
- Green Jobs- Youth entrepreneurship in sustainability.
- Climate-Induced Migration- Policy frameworks for displaced communities.
- Eco-Feminism- Gender roles in environmental justice.
- Carbon Colonialism- Global North vs. South responsibilities.
- Urban Heat Islands- Mitigation through green infrastructure.
- Ethics of Animal Conservation- Balancing welfare and biodiversity.
- Renewable Energy Transition- Decentralized solutions for rural India.
- Dharma of Conservation- Hindu/Buddhist ecological ethics.
- Gandhian Swaraj- Local self-reliance and minimalism.
- AI for Climate Resilience- Using machine learning to predict disasters and optimize resource use.
- Green Hydrogen Economy- India's potential in clean energy transition.
- Urban Farming & Rooftop Gardens- Mitigating food insecurity in cities.
- Plastic-Free Himalayas- Strategies to reduce tourism-linked waste.
- Eco-Feminism & Climate Justice- Women-led conservation movements.
- Carbon Colonialism- Global North's responsibility vs. India's developmental needs.

Topics proposed for different Zone/ Regions for Regional cum State level competition for 4th National Environment Youth Forum 2026 are given below.

REGIONS / ZONE AND TOPICS FOR LEVEL II (REGIONAL LEVEL)		
S.No	Regions / Zone	Proposed Topics
1.	Kerela, Tamil Nadu,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Plastic Pollution- Protecting coastal livelihoods. Revival of Traditional Water Harvesting (E.g., Surangams in Kerala). Marine Plastic Crisis- Protecting fisherfolk livelihoods. Revival of Temple Tanks- Ancient water conservation ('Kulam' systems). Kerala's Sacred Groves (Kavu) – Biodiversity through faith-based conservation.
2.	Telangana, Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar Energy Over Farms - Agrivoltaics for drought resilience. AI in Agriculture- Precision farming for soil health. Hyderabad's Urban Heat Island- Green roofs and cool pavements. Western Ghats Biodiversity Crisis**: Balancing development and UNESCO heritage status. Ideological- 'Devarakadu' (Karnataka's Sacred Forests) – Community-led protection. AI for Drought-Resilient Farming- Precision agriculture in arid zones. Telangana's Tribal Bison Horn Murias – Indigenous conservation rituals.
3.	Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mumbai Floods - Urban planning for climate resilience. Tribal Land Rights- Conflict resolution in forest zones. Mumbai's Climate Floods- Restoring mangroves and Mithi River. Goan Cashew Waste to Biofuel- Circular economy solutions. 'Warkari Movement' (Maharashtra) – Eco-spiritualism in river conservation Goan Temple Forests* (Puranic 'Devrais') – Biodiversity linked to Hindu rituals
4.	Rajasthan, Haryana,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desertification- Combating sand dunes' encroachment. Rajasthani Stepwells - Reviving ancient water wisdom. Desertification & Solar Farms- Land-use conflicts in Thar. Reviving Johads- Traditional rainwater harvesting. Ideological- 'Bishnoi Dharma' – Sacrifice for wildlife and trees. Haryana's Sarv Khap Panchayats* – Traditional water-sharing ethics.

Delhi, Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Stubble Burning & Biochar- Farmers vs. air quality debates. ✚ Yamuna Rejuvenation- Spiritual activism ('Nirmal Yamuna Abhiyan'). ✚ Delhi's E-Waste Crisis**: Informal sector and recycling. ✚ Gurudwara Langar Zero-Waste – Sikh community kitchens as sustainability models.
Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Kashmir's Apple Crisis - Climate-smart horticulture ✚ Buddhist Ice Stupas** – Artificial glaciers as climate adaptation ✚ Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)- Early warning systems. ✚ Apple Belt Crisis- Climate-smart horticulture. ✚ 'Kashmiri Sufi Ecology' – Harmony with 'Dal Lake' ecosystems.
Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Tribal Forest Rights vs. Mining- Sustainable livelihoods. ✚ Bastar's Millet Revival- Climate-resilient crops and food sovereignty. ✚ Chambal River Conservation**: Gharials and riverine ecosystems ✚ Gond Tribal Cosmology – Sacred groves and biodiversity. ✚ Mahakaleshwar Temple's Eco-Rituals* (Ujjain) – Offerings without plastic ✚ Mining Rehabilitation - Eco-restoration of abandoned sites ✚ Tribal Forest Governance - Community-led conservation.
North East and Sikkim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Bamboo Diplomacy- Carbon sequestration and tribal economies. ✚ Himalayan Landslides- Eco-engineering solutions. ✚ Sikkim's Buddhist Eco-Villages – Gross National Happiness & sustainability. ✚ Monastic Solar Power– Tawang's green monasteries.
Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Climate Refugees from Sundarbans- Rehabilitation policies. ✚ Indigenous Seed Banks- Preserving heirloom crops. ✚ Jharkhand's Uranium Mining- Health and environmental justice. ✚ Bengal's Baul Tradition* – Folk songs on nature-human unity.
Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Ganga Microplastics- Pilgrimage waste management. ✚ Green Cremation (Electric/Riverine)- Reducing wood use. ✚ Ayodhya's Ramayana Green Corridor** – Reforesting pilgrimage routes

General list of some of the suggested topics can be used for the competition 4th NEYP 2026

Hyper-Local Climate Solutions; Ward-level sustainability plans.	Lab-Grown Meat; Ethical protein alternatives
Digital Carbon Footprint; E-waste and data centers.	Greenwashing; Holding corporations accountable.
Ecocide Laws; Should destruction of nature be a crime?	Spiritual Ecology; Faith-based conservation movements.
Vedic Ecology; 'Prithvi Sukta' as a sustainability guide.	Panchamahabhutas (5 Elements) & Modern Sustainability – Balancing Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Ether in urban planning.
Ecocide Law- Should destroying nature be a crime?	Right to Clean Air- Legal enforcement of air quality standards
Green GDP- Measuring growth beyond economics.	Sacred Rivers in Peril- Faith-based cleanup movements.
Veganism vs. Ahimsa- Ethical food choices in Indian context.	Neo-Colonialism in Climate Tech- Who owns sustainability patents?
COP30 & India's Climate Commitments- Youth accountability.	Bhagavad Gita's Yoga of Sustainability- 'Lokasamgraha' (universal welfare)

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Prelims (Level I): At University Level

E- Certificate to each participant may be provided, and Memento to winners (the best two entries may be given Memento)

2. Semi-Finals (Level II): At the Regional Level

E- Certificate to each participant may be provided by the Regional Host University. Special Mention/ Appreciation to the best speaker and Memento to the top 20 entries qualifying for the Grand Finale may also be provided.

3. Grand Finale (Level III): At National Level

E- Certificate to each participant to be provided. Environment Youth Icon Award, Special Mention / Appreciation to Best Speaker to be provided.

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT SHEET

Zone	Name	RESEARCH & CONTENT (facts and figures, organized thoughts)	ORIENTATION & ARTICULATION (Confidence, tone, language, non-verbal + Listening)	DIPLOMACY	DEMEANOUR (Attitude, courtesies, team spirit, leadership abilities)	CLARITY OF THOUGHT (Commitment towards the cause of the environment)	Total	Position
		10	10	10	10	10	50	

EXPECTATIONS FROM PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITY LEVEL / REGIONAL HOST UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL HOST UNIVERSITY

1. University Level:

- Finalization of dates (*15th August to 30th September 2025*) and submit the 10 best entries by 10th October 2025.
- Formation of the Internal Organizing Team (Faculty and Student both)
- Designing of Creative
- Informing all students of the University regarding the event through social media, Emails, and a WhatsApp group
- Seeking maximum participation by students
- Completing e- e-registration process by participating students
- Sharing mails to all participants(registered) regarding the event (link, timings, rules, topics, and other details)
- Finalization of Chief Guest
- Finalization of Judges
- Letters to be forwarded to Chief Guest and Judges
- Coordination with judges for assessment
- Minute to Minute Programme (University Level)
- Creating Meeting Link for organizing the event
- Organizing the event
- Pre and Post media coverage write-up of the event
- Sharing registration details of selected students with regional coordinators for Level II
- Designing of certificates for all participants and mementoes for winners
- Forwarding a thank-you letter of appreciation to all Chief Guests, Guest of Honor, and participating students after the event
- Sharing of event recording after the event to the core team

2. REGIONAL CUM STATE LEVEL – (Semi Finals-Level-II)

- Preparation of creative at the regional cum state levels by the host University. *20 best entries* would be forwarded for the Grand Finale to SFD (mail2sfd@gmail.com) by *30th November 2025.*
- Selection of Chief Guest / Guest of Honor in coordination with the Regional cum State core team
- Selection of Judges
- Invitation letter to Chief Guest and Judges
- Seeking registration details from all participating Universities in level I
- Creating and sharing of meeting link
- Sharing information with participating students (Regional cum State topic, timings, meeting link, rules)
- Identifying the student convener for the event
- Inviting audience
- Coordination with judges for assessment
- Pre and post press release (Print, social media)
- Sharing details of the best three entries for level III through the registration process
- Designing of certificates for all participants and mementoes for winners
- Forwarding a thank-you letter of appreciation to all Chief Guests, Guests of Honor, and participating students after the event
- Sharing of event recording after the event to the core team

3. NATIONAL LEVEL:

- Identification of Partnering Universities:
 - Mail to be forwarded to all VCs, Regional Coordinators,
 - Confirmations to be received
- Designing of Brochure:
- Formation of the Team and duties to be divided
- Preparation of creative content at the National level by the host University
- Selection of Chief Guest / Guest of Honor in coordination with SFD.
- Selection of Judges in coordination with SFD.
- Invitation letter to Chief Guest and Judges.
- Seeking registration details from level II (team-wise registration)
- Inviting audience
- Coordination with judges for assessment
- Pre and post press release (Print, social media)
- Designing of certificates for all participants and mementoes for winners
- Forwarding a thank-you letter of appreciation to all Chief Guests, Guests of Honor, participating students, and winners after the event
- Sending mementoes/citation, trophies, and hard copy of certificates to the winners by courier /post
- Sharing of event recording after the event with the core team.

*Annexure-I***Program schedule and Level-wise Screening activities of 4th NEYP-2026**

Level no.	Level	Event/Activities	Organizers	Duration
Level 1	University Level	Debate	University staff and organizing team members	15th August to 30th September 2025 10 best entries by 10th October 2025
Level 2	Regional cum State level (Semifinal)	Debate	Selected university staff, core team, and local team	15th October to 15th November 2025 20 best entries by 30th November 2025
	Finalization of the region-wise state list of participants for 4th NEYP-2026		Selected university coordinator, NEYP state in charge, SFD state convener	5th December 2025
Level 3	Training	Parliament rules, procedures, manners, and Etiquette	Selected participants and selected university staff, core team, and local team	15th December 2025 to 30th December 2026
	National level	Inauguration	Selected university staff, core team, and local team	January 2026
		Debate/ Vision document, agenda speech for parliament election, and some other activities like Pathanatya, Cultural activities	Selected participants and selected university staff, core team, and local team	
		Valedictory function	Selected university staff, core team, and local team	

Note: At every level the participants have to choose different topics for essay, debate, Policy discussion and advocacy, Panel discussion, and identifying environmental problem (related to the Jal, Jungle, Jamin, Janvar and Jan) of the state, country and problem-solving solutions referring to state and national policy and international commitment.