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ENVIRONMENT ORGANISATIONS IN INDIAN

Indian Environment Organisations

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Navdanya

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Kheti Virasat Mission (kvm)

Centre for Science and Environment (cse)

Trust for Environment Education, Conservation & Community Development (TREE foundation)

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (BNHS)

Largest non-governmental organizations in India, Founded In 1883,

HQ: Mumbai

Focus:

- * Engaged in conservation and biodiversity research.
- * It supports research efforts through grants.

Known for:

- * Publishes the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society.
- * Partner of Birdlife International from India.
- * In 1911 BNHS organized survey of mammals, it was the first collaborative natural history study in world.
- * Received first Indira Gandhi Parayavarm purashkatr in 1987.
- * BNHS logo is great hornbill.

THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES INSTITUTE (TERI)

Research Institute, Established in 1974.

HQ: New Delhi

Focus:

* Tackling and dealing with Climate change, Energy efficiency, Renewable energy, Biotechnology, and Social transformation.

Known for:

- * TERI has given Solutions to global problems in fields of energy, environment and unsustainable patterns of development.
- * Delhi Sustainable Development Summit annual summit which facilitates exchange of knowledge on diverse aspects of global sustainable development.
- * LaBL (Lighting a Billion Lives) An initiative to provide clean lighting(solar lantern) access to bottom of the pyramid communities. Public-private partnership aimed at rural development. Has been added in Corporate social responsibility (CSR).
- * **Green Olympiad** Conducted in association with MoEF, it is an international environment examination that is annually organized for middle and high-school students.

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- * Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) was conceived by TERI and developed with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, as a national rating system for green buildings in India
- * In 2013, the institute was ranked as the topmost global thinktank by the International Centre for Climate Governance (ICCG).
- * TerraGreen and TERI Energy Data Directory and Yearbook (TEDDY) are the publications of TERI.
- * TERI University started in 1988
- * It relies on entrepreneurial skills to create benefits for society through Intellectual property development and dissemination.

WILDLIFE TRUST OF INDIA

NGO founded in 1998

Focus:

* Conserve Nature, especially endangered species and threatened habitat.

Known for:

- * Partnership with local communities and government
- Even prevention of illegal wildlife trade

HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND CONSERVATION ORGANISATION (HESCO)

Based in Dehradun

Focus:

* Rural community organization that derives inspiration from the villages and devises solutions for their problems, bring consistent development to rural villages of Himalayas.

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Known for:

- Concept of Self Reliance.
- * Rural mountain development.

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NAVDANYA

Non Violent Agriculture, a women centred movement for protection of biological and cultural diversity. Started after 1984.

Started as program of Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology (RFSTE)

After Bhopal tragedy and Punjab violence in 1984 as search for non-violent farming which protects biodiversity, the Earth and our small farmers.

Navdanya means 9 crops that represent India's collective source of food security.

Focus:

- * Navdanya biodiversity conservation programme to support local farmers, rescue and conserve crop and plants that are being pushed to extinction and make them available through direct marketing.
- * Navdanya is actively involved in rejuvenation of Indigenous knowledge and Culture.

Known for:

- It has created awareness on hazards of genetic engineering, defended people's knowledge from Biopiracy and food rights.
- * So far conserved more than 5000 crops.
- * Has setup the largest direct marketing fair trade organic network in the country.

GENE CAMPAIGN

Grassroots-level Non-profit Organisation started in 1993.

Focus:

* Works in the field of Bioresources, Farmers and Community rights, Intellectual Property rights and Indigenous knowledge, Biopiracy, regulations of GMOs, and impact of Climate change on agriculture and food.

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Known for:

 Outspoken critic of Indian government's policies on genetically engineered organisms.



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KHETI VIRASAT MISSION (KVM)

Non-profit, Civil society action group. Founded in 2005, HQ: Faridkot, Punjab

Focus:

 Works in the field of sustainable agriculture, conservation of natural resources, environmental health and eco-sustainable technologies

Known for:

- Conservation and regeneration of Natural Water resources and re-establish traditional wisdom and practices related to water.
- * Promote sustainable ecological agriculture practices.

CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT (CSE)

Public interest research and advocacy Organization. Founded in 1980. HQ: New Delhi

Focus:

* Aim is to reinvent growth module of western world for ourselves without damaging earth.

Known for:

- * As a think tank on environment-development issues in India, poor planning, climate shifts devastating India's Sundarbans.
- Advocates for policy changes and better implementation of the already existing policies.

TRUST FOR ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION, CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (TREE FOUNDATION)

Registered Charitable trust, Started in 2005. HQ: Chennai

Focus:

 Environment education, Sea turtle conservation and Community development.

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* To create a right thinking individual in a community to have multiplier effect.

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