

# TREE

Teen Require Environmental Education

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## TREE project is specially designed and crafted for school students ageing 14-25 years.

**I**n the year 2007, SAFE launched the project TREE, Teen Require Environmental Education in local schools and colleges. The student's feedback report revealed that they are tired of reading environment books and now they seek an opportunity to make some practical contribution to the environment. This project has successfully created great scope for students to participate in the actual field activities bringing them close to the community. This has initiated learning by doing it in a more recreational way.



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### Program & Events under TREE includes:

- **Field visits:** The student and youth field exposure visits are organized to mainly experience the SAFE's ground-breaking innovations that include, Solar Powered clean drinking water, WASH projects for marginal communities, the Integrated Waste Management projects, titled, Resolve Trash2Cash and Waste2Energy, WE. And the residential field program at the Climate Knowledge Centre of SAFE in Sundarbans, where one can involve with the community to learn about the regenerative float-farming agriculture along with fishery, crab fattening, and honey farming and other significant interventions as initiated by SAFE, as a climate adaptive measure for increased resilience of the local communities in Sundarbans. In the field activity, students can actively engage in the habitat study of wetlands, and mangrove forests under the guidance of experts at SAFE.
- **Brainstorming Workshops:** SAFE conducts brainstorming workshops and helps develop problem-solving skills among youth by





organizing communication games and creating real-life situations, supported by case studies. The confluence workshops are conducted with urban and rural youth, for the exchange of views, and knowledge as the workshop is designed by an expert team to develop technical, social, and organizational aspects of environmental management in the village.



- **Awareness campaign:** SAFE conducts street campaigns, and events in schools, and colleges, and observes significant days like World Wetlands Day, World Environment Day, Earth Day, World Mangrove Restoration Day, Earth Day, and World Water Day in collaboration with multiple stakeholders and creates opportunities for youth to participate with both local and global communities. SAFE campaigns for sustainable lifestyle and education, energy and water conservation, net-zero targets, waste reduction, recycling, Biodiversity species conservation, and climate change impacts in communities.



- **Plantation projects:** SAFE has been an active part of the UNEP billion tree campaign, a global tree planting initiative that was launched by UNEP in November 2006, at the climate change conference held in Nairobi. Its initial goal was to catalyze the pledging and the planting of trees every year as a way of giving public expression to the challenges of climate change and also forest and ecosystem degradation. SAFE over the years has partnered with various organizations and has carried out massive plantation drives both in urban and rural areas of India, with the help of school children and citizens. The overall objectives of the plantation drive are to increase overall awareness of plantation and conservation initiatives and their benefits for the generation next. SAFE promotes the plantation of fruit saplings and local habitat trees, and as a spin-off effect, this helps restore biodiversity and provides food to birds and other species surviving the ecosystem.



- **Eco Art contest:** SAFE with the support of the U.S Consulate, Kolkata organized a national level Environmental Film festival, photography contest, and sit and draw contest, titled, "Eco-Cinema: A Greener World through Art", to create awareness of



environment protection and promote sustainable practices. SAFE promotes such initiatives to utilize digital and creative art forms as vehicles of communication to promote sustainable lifestyle education in the climate milieu. The project focused on using films, photography, and child art as a tool for creating impact for better habitat, sustainable practices, and adaptive change management.”



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