

Dear World Leaders, Child Rights Defenders, Environmentalists, Civil Society Organizations, Educationists, Influencers, Concerned Citizens of this Earth Community,

We seek your organizational and personal endorsements of our charter of demands, we call...

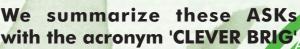


3500 of us young citizens from across 31 states and union territories of India, representing 209 NGOs and varied contexts, causes, vulnerabilities, and challenges have consistently engaged in processes leading to the release of this Charter of Demands, which was adopted and released by the National Inclusive Children's Parliament on the 2nd of October 2022 (the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi).

## Armed with this Charter, we seek to influence the:

- UPR India Geneva Switzerland November, 2022
- COP 27 Sharm El Sheikh Egypt November, 2022
- G20 Summit Bali Indonesia November, 2022
- COP 15.2 Montreal Canada December, 2022
- National Budget New Delhi India February, 2023
- General Comment 26 Geneva Switzerland June, 2023
- Summit of the Future New York USA September, 2023
- National Policy on Children Review New Delhi India -

On the 4th and 5th of November 2022, over 900 students from across India engaged virtually with over 30 COP 27 delegates side-organizers and participants from across the world, to refine their Charter of Demands.



- C Corporate Responsibility
- L Laws and Standards
- E Environmental Education
- V Vulnerable Children First
- E Expression and Participation
- R Risk and Impact Assessment
- **B-Budgets and Policies**
- R Recovery and Complaints I - Information
- G Good Governance

brig is a two-masted warship with a facility to imprison captives in a cell on the boat itself. So our 'CLEVER BRIG' implies that if we do not use the current opportunities. science, information, technologies, budgets and other resources wisely, to sail the stormy seas of this ongoing

climate emergency, we may find

ourselves and future generations

imprisoned in a brig of irreversible

climate disasters!!



## Towards the realization of Ecological Rights of All Children, we the generation NOW recommend that governments must protect and promote...

## **MY GREEN RIGHTS**

## **MY GREEN RECOMMENDATIONS**

To Green **C**orporate Earth Responsibility

- Enforce protective national and local legislations and strengthen environmental laws to honour people's rights, child
- rights, community rights, animal rights and earth rights itself.

  Ensure that <u>earth rights</u> of 'Darthi Maa' (Mother Earth) herself and the ecological rights of young citizens and all other citizens are engrafted in their national constitutions.

The Best Green Standards and Laws

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To a Holistic Green Education

- Embed scientific and adequate (including traditional and hands-on) information on bio-diversity, climate change and an earth spirituality into the formal school curriculum.
- Provide practical experiences and the necessary **skills and training** to students for climate adaptability, for disaster risk preparedness, towards green jobs in the future and to advocate for climate action.

To Protection When **V**ulnerable

- Ensure the genuine participation of young citizens with disabilities and those from local, Adivasi (indigenous), Dalit (excluded castes), Muslim and other vulnerable communities, in <u>decision making</u> over their traditional lands, livelihoods, wisdom, customs, culture and way of life.
- Ensure green affirmative action and follow the **common and differentiated** principle within countries too, to address internal national inequality and to reduce the burden on the vulnerable by addressing climate change.

To Genuine Expression and Participation

- Provide adequate, creative and child-friendly platforms (like federated neighbourhood children's parliaments) for meaningfu participation of young-citizens in **decision making** around environmental issues in all governance structures from local to national, regional and global levels.
- Ensure the safety and protection of environmental defenders (particularly young-citizens) from psychological and verbal abuses and physical attacks and mental well-being of all young citizens in relation to climate anxiety

To **R**edressal and ecovery

- Ensure that all young citizens have safe and easy access to complaint and accountability procedures and green
- Provide immediate relief, remedy, **rehabilitation and compensation** to young citizens, their families and communities impacted by extreme natural disasters, climate change or developmental projects.

**B**udgets and Green Policies

- To be reflected in Green Allocate adequate grants (not loans) to developing countries and adequate public investments in the protection and promotion of the ecological rights of young citizens and the earth itself, while withdrawing funding from unsustainable or
  - Ensure the environmental rights of young citizens are reflected in each country's **national policy on young citizens**.

My Green Right to Green Risk Assessments project. for child safeguarding

- Conduct unbiased, scientific, rights-based and child specific risk assessments before approving any development
- Include young citizens in genuine **public consultation processes** provided under environmental and land laws.

To Adequate Green Information

- Ensure that adequate information and child-specific data on climate change and related documents are made available and accessible to young citizens in their own language and according to their age, maturity and culture, with young citizens themselves effectively serving as data providers.
- Strengthen each country's <u>right to information</u> laws, while providing young citizens with provisions to rights to use the same and to being protected while doing so.

To Good Green **G**overnance

- Ensure that the articles of the **UN CRC** (and all its optional protocols) and the principles of intergenerational equity and the best interest of young citizens and Mother Earth become non-negotiable foundations for local, national and international
- Engage proactively and boldly in the ongoing General Statement 26 process of the UN CRC towards recognizing the ecological rights of young citizens while evolving the same into an 'Optional Protocol 4' of the UN CRC.

On behalf of the child-ministers and members of the National Inclusive Children's Parliament (NICP).

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By 'young citizens' we mean -those young people of our common home, who are below 18 years and who are defined as a 'child' under the UN CRC.

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