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A DOWN TO EARTH SUPPLEMENT FOR THE YOUNG AND CURIOUS

## THE ULTIMATE GREEN SCHOOLS FEST



**Green Schools  
Carnival 2026:**  
Celebrating  
sustainability  
champions of the  
Green Schools  
Programme



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# Green Schools Leading the Way

Recognising green schools that are redefining environmental responsibility.

The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) & Green Schools Programme (GSP) hosted their annual Green Schools Carnival & Awards Ceremony at the India Habitat Centre in January 2026. The ceremony celebrated the 'green' achievements of outstanding schools from across the country for their ingenuity and sustainable practices. It brought together schoolchildren, teachers, principals and officials from state education and environment departments.

The GSP awards mark the culmination of the GSP Audit, a comprehensive environmental assessment designed for schools. Through this process, schools evaluate their resource use across six areas: air, energy, food, land, water and waste. The audit enables them to measure their resource consumption, identify gaps and receive tailored feedback

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for improvement. With clear, data-driven indicators and customised feedback, schools are able to understand where they are faring well and which areas of sustainability need improvement.

This year, 7,406 schools from 28 states and Union Territories participated in the audit and submitted detailed reports. Based on their performance, 24 awards across 12 categories were presented to recognise exemplary efforts. The awards were conferred by CSE Director General, a leading environmentalist, **Sunita Narain**.

The ceremony also spotlighted youth leadership beyond school campuses by inviting young conservationists as special guests. Among them were **Brawin Kumar**, a conservation biologist working on the ecology and protection of small mammals, notably the hedgehog; **Tiasa Adhya**, an ecologist and conservation practitioner focused on protecting the endangered fishing cat; and **Apurva Bandal**, Senior Program Officer, Wildlife Crime Control Division, Wildlife Trust of India.

Alongside the awards, the Carnival buzzed with interactive activities, from green innovation pitches to an art contest to a musical challenge inspired by [Gobar Times](#) cover themes. The day was a reminder that sustainability in schools is not an add-on; it is becoming a way of learning, thinking and leading.

# THE GSP AWARDS 2026



## BEST GREEN STATE

### PUNJAB

★ For the highest number of audit report submissions

6,264 schools from the state submitted the report; 237 were rated green. The award was presented to the Joint Director Dr K. S. Bath and other officials from Punjab State Council for Science and Technology.



## BEST DISTRICT

**Hoshiarpur, Punjab**  
947 report submissions

## THE CHANGEMAKER AWARDS

For schools upgrading from yellow to green rating.

**The winner: Primary**  
★ **Satya Bharti School**  
Tungaheri, Ludhiana, Punjab

**The winner: Secondary**  
★ **Vidya Pratishthan's New English Medium School**, Pune, Maharashtra



## THE BEST NEWCOMER

The school that submitted the audit report for the first time and demonstrated great potential in managing their natural resources.

★ **Vidyagyan School**, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh



# Cover Story



**Sterling 10 years**

## THE STERLING SCHOOLS

Schools that have been rated green for ten consecutive years

★ **Bal Bharati Public School Noida**, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Motilal Nehru School of Sports**, Rai, Sonipat, Haryana  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Bal Bharati Public School, IMT** Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Salwan Public School**, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh  
*Network member since 2015*

**Sterling 5 years**

Schools that have been rated green for five consecutive years

★ **St. Edmund's School**, Jaipur, Rajasthan  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Birla Vidya Niketan**, South East Delhi, Delhi  
*Network member since 2018*

★ **Delhi Public School**, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh  
*Network member since 2021*

★ **Christ Academy**, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka  
*Network member since 2021*

★ **Gwalior Glory High School**, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Christ Academy CBSE School**, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka  
*Network member since 2021*

★ **Indraprastha International School** Dwarka, South West Delhi, Delhi  
*Network member since 2017*

★ **Countryside International School**, Surat, Gujarat  
*Network member since 2018*

★ **Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Mangalore**, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka  
*Network member since 2016*



★ **Queen's Valley School**, South West Delhi, Delhi  
*Network member since 2015*

★ **Shivalik Valley School**, Solan, Himachal Pradesh  
*Network member since 2017*

## SECTION TOPPERS

Green-rated schools that have performed outstandingly in a specific audit section:



**AIR ACTION AWARD**  
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya  
Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan



**ENERGY MANAGER AWARD**  
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Narela,  
North West Delhi, Delhi



**LAND MANAGER AWARD**  
The Mann School, North Delhi, Delhi



**WASTE WARRIOR AWARD**  
Bluebells School International,  
New Delhi



**WATER-WISE AWARD**  
San Thome Academy, Dewas,  
Madhya Pradesh

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# Highlights from GSP Carnival 2026

**Bold green ideas, comic creativity, eco-musicals, and joyful activities—students leading the way for a better planet.**



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**The Green Pitch** witnessed an inspiring showcase of innovation, confidence and environmental commitment from young change-makers across the country. Student teams from Grades 6 to 10 presented bold and practical sustainability solutions, earning praise from the jury for their originality, feasibility, and clarity. After an engaging round of pitches and Q&A, the first prize went to Atharva Shakya and Palak Sharma of **Delhi Public School**, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad. The second prize was a tie between Kavya Yadav and Ranveer Singh Aasla of the **Doon Valley Public School**, Nalagarh, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, and Vanshika and Radha Adlakha of the **Queen's Valley School**, New Delhi.

The winning teams were felicitated at the awards ceremony and received GSP goodies, while all participants were awarded certificates of recognition.

**Nature in Frames:** An environmental superhero comic strip contest at the GSP carnival 2026 saw students put on their creative hats to create their own environmental superhero comics. The participants impressed the jury with comic strips that displayed originality, thoughtful storytelling, creative expression, and artistic flair. The top three winners are as follows.

**First Prize:** Ikshit Kumar, Grade 9, **Little Flowers Public Sr. Sec. School**, Shahdara, Delhi.

**Second Prize:** Dia Taorem, Grade 8, **Delhi Public School**, R.N. Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

**Third Prize:** Advik Gupta, Grade 6, **The Manthan School**, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.



**Echoes of Change: A Young Environmentalist Musical Challenge for the Environment** at the GSP Carnival 2026 saw students transform *Gobar Times* covers into powerful musical and storytelling performances. The winning team from **Cambridge School**, Indirapuram—Kabeer Dey, Shobhit Vashisth, Sneha Anand and Vaghisha Bisht—chose *A River's Tale*, presenting a moving skit with personified rivers and mythological figures to highlight the fragile state of our water bodies.

Second place went to **Little Flowers Public Senior Secondary School**, whose team used *Wings of Wonder* to spotlight pollution, deforestation and their impact on bird populations. Together, the performances blended creativity, music and environmental awareness with striking impact.



**Games and activities** featured a range of interactive, engaging, and educational initiatives designed to promote environmental awareness.

#### **Trash to Treasure**

Stalls by students and teachers from **Government High School, Khargat**, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, and **Bluebells School International, New Delhi**, showcased upcycled and repurposed creations made from waste materials. These highlighted practical ideas of sustainability and circular thinking.

#### **Mobile Quiz Patrol**

CSE volunteers moved across the venue, engaging participants with quick climate-related questions, making learning lively and spontaneous.

#### **Bin It to Win It**

Participants sorted waste items shown on printed

cards into clearly marked categories, reinforcing correct waste segregation in a simple, fun way.

#### **Dart 'N' Discover**

A magnetic dartboard featured questions inside colour-coded sections—Yellow, Green, and Purple—representing different difficulty levels and scores, blending fun with environmental knowledge.

#### **Roll, Pick and Win**

Participants rolled a die featuring food categories—legumes, spices, oilseeds, dry fruits, grains, and vegetables—and identified hidden items from a given set. The activity promoted awareness about food diversity through interactive learning.

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# DECEPTION

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, Galgotias University proudly unveiled “Orion” — a ‘homegrown’ AI breakthrough that turned out to be a ready-made robot you could simply buy online. Which raises a bigger question: if innovation can be downloaded, is research now just rebranding? And what does that mean for students trusting such institutions with their futures?

Because tomorrow’s problem-solvers on environment need real labs, real learning, and real ideas — not shiny claims on borrowed machines.