

Youth of India – 2020 UN Ocean Conference Preparatory Meeting, 4-5 February 2020

Thank you co-facilitators for giving Youth of India Foundation the opportunity to share our various innovative solutions and strengthen our commitments towards curbing marine pollution and ending climate crisis contributing as cross cutting to all the 17 SDGs.

Today, my voice is the voice of the millions and billions of young people who are innovatively taking actions at the grassroots level in advancing SDGs from local to global levels.

Excellencies, the culture that I come from worships oceans and water. An old saying “Jeevanam Jeevinam Jivahaa” water is life to creatures reflects our deep commitment to SDG 14 which is rightly imbibed within our culture. It gives highest accord to oceans, particular emphasis on Sagar Manthan; where churning of oceans created humanity. It makes us worship oceans and Mother Nature as divinity.

Today, Youth of India is not just talking but also using Nature Based Solutions through bi-partisan and with marginalised young women and men.

- Tomato Seeds pen : pens made out of recycled papers and have seeds in it. So you can plant seeds once you've used the pen.

- Coconut Shells water glass: glasses made out of shells of the used coconuts.

- Plantable Conference pads: pads have seeds inside the pads which can be planted after its usage.

- Kulhad: cutleries made out of mud and clay, which gets decomposed back in the earth after its usage.

Thank you so much for letting the YOUth be heard today and before I end, may I quickly request each one of you to take a pledge as the first step in contributing to ending marine pollution leading to Decade of Action.

I, (Your Name) pledge to incrementally reduce single-use plastic and commit to using Nature Based Solutions. Today, we call for September 17 as Global UnPlastic Day and Let's UnPlastic World.

Dhanyawad. Thank You.