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# YOUTH ECO SUMMIT

## 2025 REPORT

MUMBAI | 29 JANUARY 2025

Bal Gandharva Rang Mandir, Bandra West

**35** Cities

**2336** Schools  
Participating

**10026** Students  
Competing

**2000** Students  
Attending

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# INTRODUCTION

Building on Last Year's Success

Following the resounding success of Youth Eco Summit 2024, where over 1,800+ students from 100+ schools gathered to discuss sustainability and climate action, this year's summit took a monumental leap forward. YES 2025 was not just a one-day event but the grand culmination of a six-month-long national campaign that engaged schools, students, and communities across India in meaningful action against e-waste mismanagement. The theme for this year was Future Green Leaders: Powering an E waste revolution.





# 6 MONTH CAMPAIGN

Engaging 10,026 Students from 2,360 Schools Across 35 Cities

In the months leading up to the summit, the Bajaj Foundation, along with its partners, initiated an interactive and educational campaign that engaged 10,026 students from 2,360 schools across 35 cities in competitions and sustainability initiatives, driving a nationwide movement for responsible e-waste management. Through online competitions, workshops, and awareness drives, students were encouraged to rethink their e-waste disposal habits and find innovative ways to tackle the issue.

## Activities included:

**National-Level Online Competitions:** Schools participated in e-waste awareness quizzes, digital poster-making contests, and storytelling challenges focused on circular economy principles

**School-Based Awareness Drives:** Encouraging responsible disposal, students organized e-waste collection points within their schools

**Expert-Led Webinars:** Industry leaders and environmentalists guided students on sustainable tech use and recycling practices

# THE GRAND CULMINATION: YES 2025 IN MUMBAI

On January 29, 2025, the Bal Gandharva Rangmandir in Mumbai transformed into a hub of sustainability action. Over 2,000 students from more than 60 BMC-supported schools, educators, policymakers, and corporate leaders came together to discuss one of India's most pressing environmental challenges: e-waste management.





# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Inaugural Session

- Welcome Address by Bajaj Foundation leadership, highlighting the objectives and impact of YES 2025.



- Keynote Speech by Dr. Sumit Chowdhury (Founder & CEO, GreenEarthX) emphasizing the role of technology in sustainability.





# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Student Panels

(i) Future Green Leaders Panel 1: E- waste problem and solutions

(ii) Future Green Leaders Panel 2: Youth-led Innovations and solutions for sustainability

- A student-led panel discussion where young environmentalists shared experiences on leading e-waste problems, and school-based sustainability programs.
- Discussions on how schools can implement long-term sustainability initiatives





# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Expert Panel Discussion: 'Nurturing Future Green Leaders'

- Aman Bhaiya, Vice President & Head of Strategy, SBI Foundation
- Dr. Ajay Kaushal, Scientist D, CMET, Ministry of Electronics & IT
- Yusuf Kabir, Climate & Environment Specialist, UNICEF India
- Dr. Priyadarshini Karve, National Convener, INECC
- Moderated by: Nidhi Tewari (COP29 Delegate)



**A distinguished panel of experts discussed policy, industry collaboration, and youth-led action**



# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Award Ceremony: Recognizing Changemakers

- Recognizing schools and students for exceptional contributions in e-waste management and environmental innovation.
- Awards presented to:
  - Winners of the Pan-India Online Competitions, which included categories such as Article Writing, Blog Writing, Monologue, Short Film, Waste to Art, and Eco-Entrepreneurship, for students from Class 5th to 12th.





# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Cultural Performance

Cultural performances by top selected students, focusing on themes of circular economy, e-waste management, waste reduction, and sustainability practices through dance, drama, monologues, and musical storytelling.

We welcomed students to express themselves through theme-based choreography, skits, street plays, or mixed-performing arts that focus on e-waste awareness, sustainability, and environmental conservation.

This was a fantastic opportunity to engage the audience and highlight young voices in creative ways. The performances were designed to be educational, thought-provoking, and to inspire action towards a sustainable future





# PROGRAMME FLOW & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## E-Waste E-Book Launch

As part of the summit's educational initiatives, the Bajaj Foundation launched its E-Book, *Navigating the E-Waste Challenge: Handbook for Youth*, an essential resource designed to equip students with knowledge on e-waste sources, environmental risks, policies, and sustainable management practices. The e-book, officially unveiled by actress Ananya Panday, aims to empower young minds to take informed actions toward responsible e-waste disposal and circular economy practices.

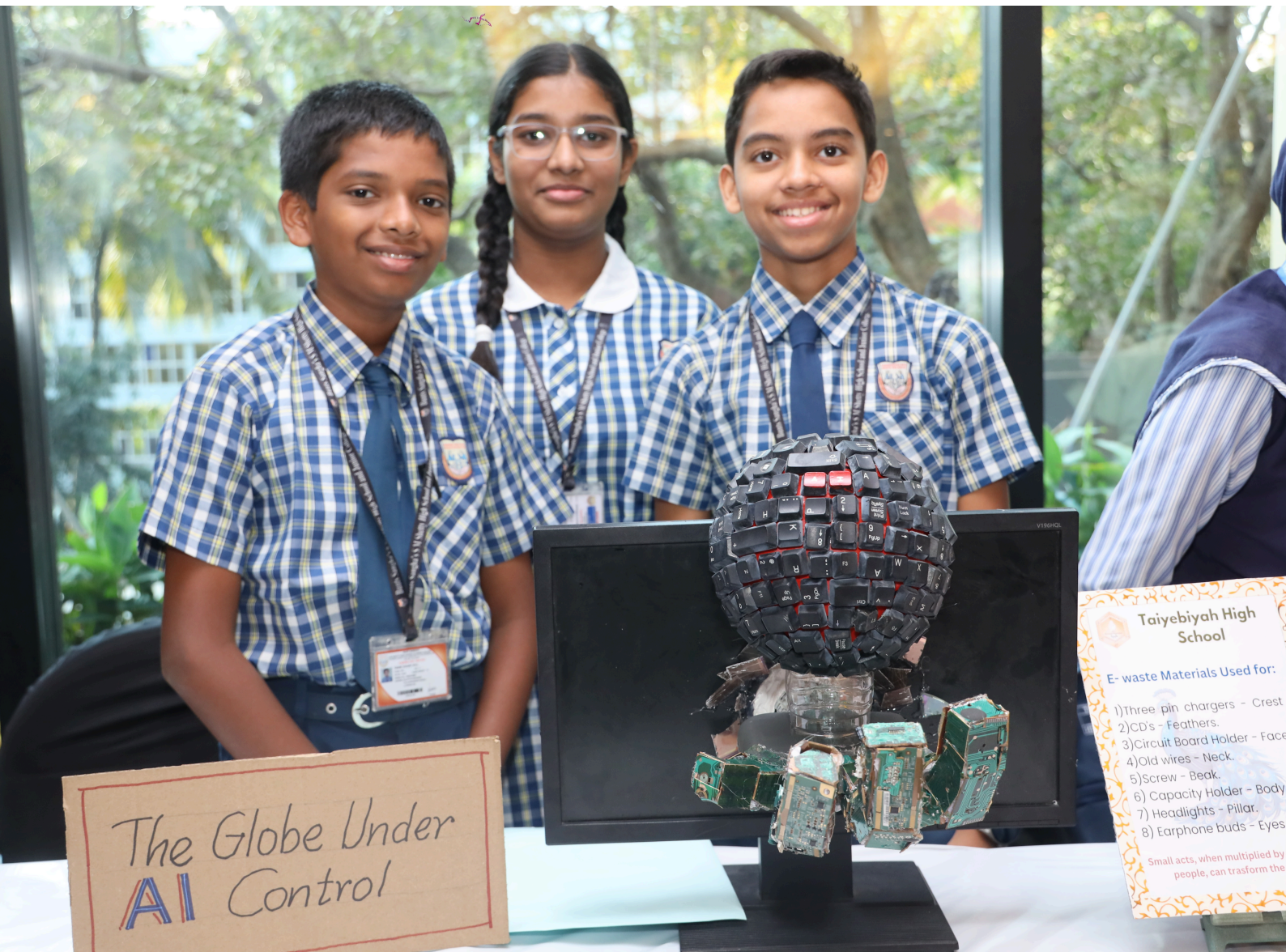




# INTERACTIVE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SPACES

## 1st Floor: Waste to Art Exhibition- “Waste Reimagined”

- Schools presented creative and thought-provoking art installations made entirely from discarded electronics and other waste materials.
- The exhibition highlighted how waste can be repurposed into meaningful artistic expressions, reinforcing the concept of a circular economy.





# INTERACTIVE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SPACES

## 4th Floor: Eco Arena- Sustainability Game Zone

The success of Youth Eco Summit 2025 was made possible through the collaboration of esteemed partners. YuWaah UNICEF and UNEP provided global insights on youth-led environmental education, while Mr. Shombi Sharp (UN Resident Coordinator in India) shared inspiring messages through video bites. Skrap conducted engaging DIY sustainability workshops, and Time NIE & Big FM amplified the event's outreach. WWF set up interactive E-Book stalls to educate students on wildlife conservation, while Techno ITel supported the campaign with engagement activities like lucky draws and digital challenges. These partnerships played a crucial role in driving awareness and fostering a nationwide movement for responsible e-waste management





# INTERACTIVE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SPACES

## Special Fireside Chat: Youth Voices in Sustainability

- Bollywood celebrities Ananya Panday and Chunky Pandey, along with Aparshakti Khurana, Sunil Grover, and Ishita Raj Sharma, engaged with students on the importance of sustainable practices.
- Chess Grandmaster Vidit Gujrathi and Boxing Champion Vijender Singh inspired students by drawing parallels between sports discipline and environmental responsibility.





# OUR REACH AND PARTNERS

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Through these collaborations, YES 2025 successfully reached over 10,026 students from 2,360 schools across 35 cities, fostering a nationwide movement for e-waste reduction and sustainability.



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# FUTURE STEPS AND EXPANSION OF THE E-WASTE INITIATIVE

Building on the impact of YES 2025, the Bajaj Foundation will expand its e-waste project to other cities, collaborating with UNICEF, the Ministry of IT, and other partners. The project aims to cover more schools and colleges, conduct more extensive e-waste collection drives, and strengthen awareness initiatives.





# CONCLUSION: THE FUTURE OF THE E-WASTE REVOLUTION

**YES 2025 was more than just an event—it was a movement. With students leading the charge, industry leaders lending support, and organizations providing resources, the summit showcased a collaborative effort to redefine India's approach to e-waste management.**

**The impact of YES 2025 will continue beyond Mumbai as students return to their schools armed with knowledge, strategies, and action plans to drive sustainable change in their communities. Looking ahead to YES 2026, we are committed to making an even bigger impact by introducing a tree plantation initiative, where a tree will be planted for every participant attending the next summit. This initiative aims to reinforce our commitment to environmental sustainability, ensuring that each participant contributes to a greener future, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.**

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