



Ecoscape

Sustainability

Summit 2025

CHENNAI X PONDY





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WHY SUSTAINABILITY ?

Sustainability was chosen to align with urgent global priorities and our responsibility as young leaders. It reflects the focus of key global platforms like the UN SDGs, WEF's **climate and equity agenda**, and the COP climate goals. By grounding global commitments in local action, the **summit aimed to inspire practical, community-driven solutions for a more sustainable future.**

The Global Shapers Chennai and Puducherry hubs, though geographically close and culturally aligned, discovered a shared passion for sustainability during the Annual Curators Meeting (ACM) at the World Economic Forum. Both hubs were equally enthusiastic about **driving local impact**, and this common vision laid the foundation for a joint initiative. From this synergy, **Ecoscape—an impact-driven sustainability summit—was born.** With belief and support from Karen (former SA Community Manager), Murchana (South Asia Community Manager) and push from Antara (Community Champion), the idea took shape and evolved into a full-fledged, action-oriented event.



The curators envisioned Ecoscape as a truly inclusive and accessible summit—designed to reach every last Shaper in their hubs. With this in mind, the event was scheduled over a **weekend**, kept **low-cost**, and focused on being **educational** while aligning with the **hubs' shared agenda.**



CHENNAI HUB'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

Meets held in places of impact

From places like- Pagir, which supports marginalized communities, to JC Café, where people with disabilities are meaningfully employed, Out of Box, a creative startup space using upcycled materials, we embraced inclusive, eco-conscious venues—from cafés to parks and beaches that reconnect us with nature.



PAGIR
[link](#)



**JC
CAFE**



To reduce our environmental footprint, we encouraged members to carpool or use public transport, making sustainability a shared responsibility in every gathering.



OUT OF THE BOX

PUBLIC SPACES MEET



We fostered a strong no-waste culture through potluck meals, reusable utensils, and mindful portions—ensuring leftovers were shared or taken home. Sustainability became a shared habit, not just a value.

POT LUCK



EQUAL VOICE & HUB SUSTAINABILITY

Our sustainability ethos went beyond the environment—it shaped how we operated as a team. With no membership fees, we prioritized civic participation over financial contribution, promoting equity, transparency, and shared ownership.

Every member had a voice, and we embraced mindful consumerism, valuing time, effort, and community impact over spending. By choosing abundance and resourcefulness, we empowered unique contributions and supported local events, nurturing both people and planet.

We stay connected with project volunteers, ex-shapers, alumni, and shaper families—nurturing a lasting sense of community, shared purpose, and continuity that keeps the hub spirit alive across roles and generations.



EX-SHAPERS HELPING WITH LOCAL EVENTS



LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATING



SHAPER FAMILIES INVOLVEMENT



ALUMNI, VOLUNTEERS & SHAPER FAMILY



CHENNAI HUB - PROJECTS AROUND SUSTAINABILITY

BAGXCHANGE (பழமையில் புதுமை)

Bags X Change is a grassroots initiative that blends sustainability with women's economic empowerment. Launched in Chindadripet, it trained and empowered 11 homemakers—many with children in tow—to craft over 200 eco-friendly paper bags using recycled newspapers and coir. Held in local community halls, the workshops offered practical skills that created income opportunities without needing new materials. The bags, now used by local vendors and given as return gifts at Ecoscape, replace single-use plastic and promote greener practices. With access to reusable newspaper stock, the women are also equipped to explore long-term eco-livelihoods.



[LINK FOR MORE VIDEOS ON THIS PROJECT](#)

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GSC CHENNAI SPENT DIWALI 2024 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL MAKING THESE PAPER BAGS !



VOLUNTEER GUIDE PROJECT - WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Volunteer Guide project, launched as a zero-waste event, created a one-stop platform categorizing local NGOs by focus areas like healthcare, animal welfare, LGBTQ+ rights, education, and the environment. Even small choices—like using water dispensers and skipping decorations—echoed our commitment to minimal waste.

Global Shapers enhances volunteer guide platform

The Global Shapers Community of Chennai, an international youth-led organisation, launched an upgraded version of its Volunteer Guide platform at IIT Madras Research Park on Nov.16. Originally introduced in May 2023, the enhanced platform provides a comprehensive resource for students, professionals, and residents to discover and engage with volunteering opportunities across Chennai.

The revamped website, www.volunteerguide.in, now features detailed profiles of over 100 NGOs, including their missions, contact details, and volunteering needs. Designed to streamline Chennai's fragmented volunteering ecosystem, the platform has already connected over 3,000 users and garnered 35,000 views.

Plans for expansion to Pondicherry, Coimbatore, and Bangalore are underway, with efforts to connect with NGOs in these cities.

The Global Shapers Chennai Community also showcased initiatives like a paper bag project empowering women from Chintadripet, a peer mentorship program for first-generation female earners, and an envelope-making initiative with the Lions Club supporting individuals with visual impairments.

Additionally, a bilingual Tamil-English picture book developed in partnership with Yein Udaan, aims to enhance financial literacy in underserved communities.

The zero-waste event drew over 100 attendees, including representatives from prominent organisations like Bhumi, Siragu, Ability Foundation, and Goonj. Through projects like the Volunteer Guide and other community-driven efforts, the Global Shapers Community continues to champion volunteerism, education, and empowerment as catalysts for social change.



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ENVISION PROJECT

ENVision, in partnership with Lions Club Chennai, supported 17 visually challenged envelope-makers by helping them access government tenders and launch a digital webpage—strengthening their long-term economic resilience with a focus on self-sufficiency and zero waste.



[New year with the underserved blind](#)

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SEE.BELEIVE.BECOME

Launched a no-waste, peer mentorship program for first-gen female earners, using AI and online sessions to build confidence, reskill, and visualize goals—delivering high impact with minimal resources. Partnered with Penn Collective



FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT

In collaboration with hubs in Gurugram and Lisbon, we piloted a financial literacy project for children and parents, using a localized children's book to teach saving principles. These initiatives highlight our belief that sustainability goes beyond the environment, encompassing economic equity, digital access, and reskilling—key to creating thriving, sustainable communities.



Empowering the ecosystem - parents, teachers & college students along with Yein Udaan & MAD

OLDER PROJECTS & PARTICIPATION IN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMITS / CLEAN UPS



Kabadiwalla Connect Project for Waste Management & beach clean ups for meet ups.
[Toplink](#)



Members in TN climate action summit led by government. CM Stalin participated in this event.
[Link](#)



Global Thrifters Initiative to improve Thrift culture and promotion of minimalism within Chennai.
[Toplink](#)



PONDY HUB'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY



Over the past three years, the Pondicherry Hub has grown into a vibrant force for sustainability, education, and inclusion

UNDP-BACKED MOVERS PROGRAM

Pondy Hub, part of the UNDP-backed MOVERS program, has empowered 1,500+ students to embrace sustainability through sessions on SDGs, climate, and green careers. From school gardens to plastic-free zones, the impact is real. Beyond classrooms, the hub leads beach cleanups and promotes responsible tourism in Puducherry.

CLOTH BAG MOVEMENT

A hallmark of Pondy Hub is its commitment to practicing what it preaches. The team uses glass and eco-friendly bottles and has launched a Cloth Bag Movement to cut down on single-use plastics.

SUSTAINABILITY BINGO

A gamified campaign called Sustainability Bingo inspired other Global Shapers Hubs across India to embrace everyday eco-friendly habits - like using public transport, recycling, and thrifting - showing that sustainability doesn't have to be expensive or complicated

PCOS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

A powerful cross-hub effort was a PCOS awareness campaign uniting 12 hubs across India and beyond. A Pondy Shaper and PCOS advocate shared her story of managing it through sustainable lifestyle changes. The session particularly resonated with women survivors of sex work, supported by Surat Hub, many of whom faced PCOS challenges due to complex life circumstances



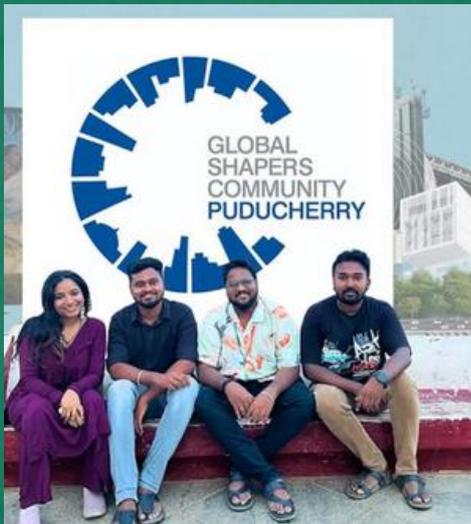
AS A HUB

Whether it's supporting green jobs, promoting eco-conscious behavior, or leading grassroots campaigns, Pondy Hub's approach has always been holistic and people-centric

It believes that real change doesn't happen in silos - it comes from consistent community engagement, honest storytelling, and inspiring others to take that first small step

AS THE HUB LOOKS TO THE FUTURE, ITS MISSION REMAINS CLEAR:

to empower more individuals - especially young people to live sustainably, lead consciously, and leave no one behind



VISION FOR ECOSCAPE

EcoScape, the first-of-its-kind intimate, impact-driven summit by GSC Chennai × Pondy, brought together participants from across India to explore sustainability in action.

Rooted in the vision that less is more and that a small group can make a world of a difference, the event combined hands-on learning, cultural immersion, and mindful living. With low-cost logistics, shared spaces, traditional practices, and zero-waste choices, every detail reflected circular economy principles and intentional simplicity.

Thoughtfully planned over a weekend, it ensured accessibility without disrupting personal or professional commitments—making sustainable living more practical and inclusive

More than just a summit, EcoScape was a collaborative experiment in sustainability, community, and collective action—proving that meaningful change starts small and can be regularly practiced every day. The summit also aimed to bring people to the unexplored regions of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, promoting ecotourism and supporting local vendors, while immersing participants in the beauty and culture of these areas, fostering both environmental awareness and economic growth in local communities.



MAIN OBJECTIVES

The summit's core objective was to bring the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to life by engaging participants with real-world applications of sustainability.

- **Sustainability Awareness:** Immerse participants in practical sustainability concepts, enabling them to contribute to the SDGs.
- **Community Engagement:** Facilitate meaningful exchanges with local farmers and environmental experts. Encourage Ecotourism and mindfulness.
- **Leadership Development:** Inspire Shapers to lead sustainable initiatives in their communities by showcasing real-life examples.
- **Active Environmental Learning:** Engage participants in immersive activities like organic farming, mangrove exploration, and waste management to build real-world sustainability skills.
- **Climate Action Through Regenerative Practices:** Highlight the role of traditional and regenerative farming methods in addressing climate change and promoting ecological balance.



The summit, with an intimate group of just 36 participant (11 hubs) from all around India, fostered deep discussions, personal reflections, and collaborative actions toward a sustainable future.



ECOSCAPE - BRAND STORY



The constant sunshine in Chennai and Pondicherry symbolizes optimism for a better tomorrow—where we grow, improve, and work toward sustainability. Just as our environment thrives under the sun's warmth, so do our efforts to create a brighter future.



The banana leaf symbolizes sustainability in our culture, with every part of the tree used in daily life, from eating to packaging. It reflects our wisdom in living harmoniously with the environment and learning from history to build a sustainable future.



The boat represents our "EcoScape" journey—an ecological escape to nature's thriving places. Made from wood ("Katta Maram" in Tamil), this traditional catamaran connects us to our roots, guiding us to explore and learn about nature conservation using the simplest mode of transport.



The waves, reflecting Chennai and Pondicherry's coastline, symbolize the challenges and progress in sustainability. They remind us that protecting nature involves trade-offs, but with mindfulness, we can navigate them. Every decision impacts the environment, so we must choose wisely for conservation.





Strays, whether as friendly as dogs or as quiet as cats, are often misunderstood and abandoned—much like the sometimes lonely, overlooked journey of conservation. But here, there's a place for everyone. Whether you're as open as a dog or as reserved as a cat, we welcome you with open arms. Together, we can create a more sustainable and compassionate future.

This logo is a celebration of the unique connection between culture, nature, and the collective effort to move toward a more sustainable and harmonious tomorrow



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OUR STAY

Why Auroville ?

Auroville was chosen for EcoScape because it embodies the principles of sustainable living, community collaboration, and ecological regeneration. As a globally recognized experimental township dedicated to human unity and environmental stewardship, it offers the perfect environment for a project rooted in the circular economy. With its rich culture of co-living, forest restoration, and mindful living, Auroville provides both the inspiration and infrastructure needed to support a truly immersive, transformative ecotourism experience.



LEBROOKS VILLAGE

Our stay was at Le Brooks Village Ecotourism, a serene and sustainable spot that perfectly matched the spirit of our summit.



Immersion in Sustainable Living: Nestled near the Pitchandikulam Forest along the Coromandel Coast, Le Brooks Village offers a deep dive into ecological harmony and mindful living.

Hosted by Changemakers: Evan, his wife, and their team of students are committed to sustainable ecotourism, blending research with real-world impact.

Eco-Architecture: Wooden homes with thatched roofs and mud houses promote natural airflow and blend seamlessly with the environment, reducing energy consumption and visual impact.



SOLITUDE FARM

Our first educational experience at Solitude Farm, led by Krishna McKenzie, introduced us to natural farming and the deep link between food, culture, and ecology. Inspired by Masanobu Fukuoka's "Do-Nothing Farming" principles, Krishna has spent over two decades nurturing a farm that thrives on biodiversity, seasonal cycles, and traditional Tamil knowledge, without chemicals or monoculture.



Shapers were encouraged to wear sustainable, breathable Indian cotton clothing, perfect for the weather and a way to embrace local culture!



Solitude Farm is a living example of sustainability—where Shapers walked barefoot, tasted freshly plucked native berries, learned to grow food with less water/minimal resources, and saw how even weeds can nourish. They were treated with a meal made from seasonal, native produce grown right on the farm. The meal was light, healthy, home-cooked & surprisingly delicious introducing the shapers to local cuisine.



ECOSCAPE AT PICHAVARAM

Pichavaram stands out as a top eco-scape (ecological escape), offering an unmatched blend of biodiversity, tranquility, sustainability, and raw natural beauty—all in one breathtaking, largely unexplored destination. It also supports local livelihoods, creating jobs for nearby communities through eco-tourism and conservation efforts.



Pichavaram : Why It's Famous

SECOND LARGEST MANGROVE FOREST IN INDIA

Pichavaram hosts one of the world's largest mangrove forests—1,100 hectares of serene, green waterways. With conservation by the Tamil Nadu government and fuel-efficient motor boats, it remains an untouched, eco-friendly escape.



BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

Pichavaram is home to:

- 200+ species of birds, especially migratory ones during winter
- Fish, prawns, crabs, and other aquatic life in the brackish water
- Rare mangrove species, like Avicennia and Rhizophora



NATURAL PROTECTION BARRIER

The mangroves act as a natural shield against tsunamis and coastal erosion

In groups of 8, Shapers navigated Pichavaram's mangroves, gaining awareness of their ecological importance and finding peace in nature.



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS

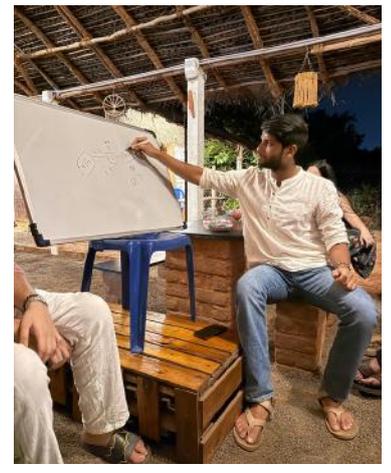
Waste Management Session

Prathik Ethilkandy Sustainability Strategist

Prathik Ethilkandy, Environmental Analyst and Sustainability Strategist, delivered an impactful session at EcoScape 2025—offering deep insights and practical tools for systemic environmental change. He addressed challenges beyond solid waste, touching on water, rural and urban development, employment, mental health, and resilience. His session emphasized:

- Scalable solutions through design thinking
- Systemic sustainability in business and process design
- Empowering changemakers with practical frameworks

The session sparked meaningful dialogue and inspired participants to bring sustainable innovation back to their communities.



Opportunities within GSC & WEF

Aishwarya Srinivasan

Policy & Strategy Lead in Education & Incoming Curator Hyderabad Hub

Aishwarya led a brief session on exploring opportunities within the WEF and Toplink, sharing insights on available perks and how she was selected for the Global Shapers Longevity Economy Taskforce



CULTURAL NIGHT & SHAPER TALENT SHOW

The evening came alive with creative energy and community spirit. Aravinth opened with a heartfelt poem on nature, followed by Nitya's witty stand-up on village life in Switzerland. Cleto got everyone moving with a fun group jive session. Kavya recited a powerful poem on nature conservation by Veerankutty.

Nithya and Aishwarya also co-hosted a sustainability-themed dumb charades and led icebreakers inspired by their work on the women empowerment project.

Sarah, our outgoing IO, brought her signature humor to the mix, organizing games like Spin a Yarn—where teams crafted plot-twisted EcoScape tales set in random years, murukku/indian snack eating without hands (pure chaos and laughs!) and a creative challenge to color using your non-dominant hand on newspaper.

And many fun games conducted among shapers



AISHWARYA

PR, IITM Research Park,
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**Stand Up Comedy by
Nitya- Chennai hub**



**Tamil Poetry by Aravinth -
Coimbatore Hub**



NITYA

Cofounder Mycycle &
Chennai Hub Project co-
lead See.Believe.Become



SARAH

Chennai Hub
Outgoing Impact officer



OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN TAMILNADU GOVERNMENT

As part of EcoScape, we had the privilege of hearing from two inspiring individuals who are actively contributing to sustainable governance in Tamil Nadu.

Sai Shruti Balaji

Consultant at WASH Circular Economy Practices, PwC India & Chennai Shaper

Sai Shruti shared pollution control efforts by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, highlighting a pilot at Marina Beach where vendors received subsidized paper bags to reduce plastic use—promoting scalable, practical solutions and public awareness in high-traffic areas



Glory Gopalsamy

Programme Lead Chief Minister's Green Fellowship & Chennai Shaper

Glory highlighted Tamil Nadu's push to reduce single-use plastics, focusing on the revival of the "Manjappai" (yellow bag) movement.

The initiative encourages citizens to carry traditional cloth bags, with vending machines installed statewide to make them easily accessible—promoting a sustainable, culturally rooted alternative



SAI SHRUTI

Sustainability Consultant
Chennai Hub-PR



ECOSCAPE - RETURN GOODIES

1 - TOTE BAGS

Each tote bag given as a goodie for the Ecoscape event is made from foreign reject materials and textile waste, making every piece completely unique. These bags are crafted from surplus or misprinted fabrics originally intended for export, which means the colors, patterns, and textures vary with each one

In many ways, these bags tell a story of resourcefulness, creativity, and conscious consumption making them a perfect takeaway that aligns with the spirit of Ecoscape

This bag was brought to us by South Street Textiles & Tharini a prominent manufacturer and exporter of eco-friendly cloth bags, based in Pallipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu



THARANI

South Street Textiles CEO & Chennai Hub- ENvision Project Lead

2 - PAPER BAG & SEED BOOKMARK

Goodie 2 features a handcrafted paper bag from the GSC Chennai Bags X Change project—a community-led initiative promoting sustainability and women's empowerment in Chintadripet. The bag is paired with a marigold seed-embedded bookmark by project lead Abhinaya—a simple, symbolic reminder to grow something meaningful.

Together, these goodies celebrate conscious craft, community, and small, sustainable actions.



ABHINAYA

Associate United Way & Chennai Hub -BagXchange Project lead



These goodies were handed directly to Shapers, following our local tradition of personal exchange, rather than through a registration desk.

3 - SS DABBA

We wanted a return goodie that was useful, sustainable, and culturally meaningful. The stainless steel dabba (container) instantly felt right, as it's a cherished item in Tamil Nadu's traditions, often gifted at weddings and family events. It symbolized both practicality and sentiment.

A big thanks to Glory from the Hub for helping us source these beautiful dabbas, custom-printed with "Chennai x Pondicherry." Each participant left with a sustainable keepsake that celebrated our culture and commitment to mindful living.



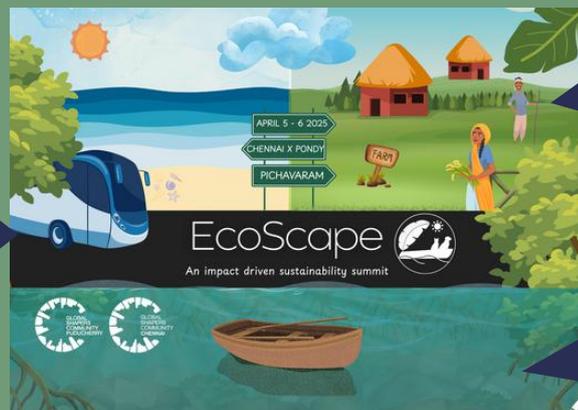
GLORY

Climate fellow & Chennai Hub - Sustainability wing

4 - POST CARD

At the end of the summit, each of us took a personal oath under the theme "I pledge to be sustainable."

Symbolic of the beaches we passed en route, the postcard was a simple reminder of our shared journey—one bus, less carbon, more connection.



Native farming lessons & embracing tamil culture/lifestyle

Pichavaram conservation & importance of having waste management systems in place

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A thoughtfully designed postcard was given as a keepsake—a simple yet powerful reminder to carry that commitment into our everyday lives.



COMMUTE CULTURE

Our event embraced local culture and sustainability from start to finish. The bus ride—a culturally familiar and communal way to travel in India— brought back memories of school trips, complete with music curated by **Chennai hub Treasurer Aravind**, featuring songs from each region.

We played games like Mafia, led by Keerthana , Fardeen, and Sharath (all from Chennai Hub), and danced to high-energy local tracks.



FUN & ENTERTAINMENT



ARAVIND
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Treasurer



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Volunteer Guide



FOOD & SIMPLICITY

Breakfast at A2B

On Day 1, we stopped at A2B, a popular South Indian fast-food joint, for a traditional light, tiffin-style breakfast of idly, dosa, and pongal with chutney. Tiffin-style breakfasts are light, nutritious, and energy-boosting, featuring steamed, balanced meals that support local, plant-based diets.



Lunch in Cuddalore

The event ended in Cuddalore with a local rice-based lunch—sambar and curd dishes suited to the climate—served in a small wedding hall, where we held our closing ceremony and final sessions. Rice-based lunches are common in South India because rice is a staple food, providing slow-releasing energy, and it's well-suited to the region's hot climate, helping to cool the body.



Eating on a banana leaf is a beautiful tradition in India, symbolizing sustainability, culture, and community. It promotes a non-waste, cyclical approach to consumption. For dinner, we provided both veg and non-veg options, aligning with Indian cultural practices of sticking to food groups for sustainability.

Meals on banana leaves are traditionally shared in rows ("pankti"), fostering equality and togetherness. We encouraged eating by hand, maintaining a zero-waste, circular economy. The meal was served outdoors, where any leftovers naturally fed ants or birds, while offering a glimpse of the starry sky.



Meals in Auroville



SHAPER NETWORKING, SHARING & COMFORT

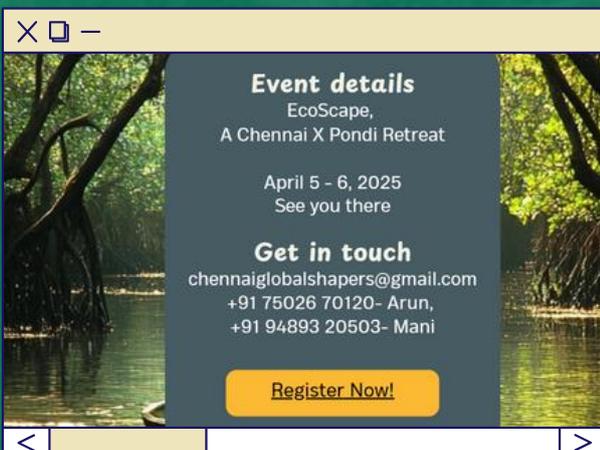
Shaper networking was a priority, and we made it engaging and sustainable. At the event, we also highlighted our ongoing projects, emphasizing our commitment to sustainability and community engagement.

As a heartfelt gesture, we distributed instant photographs to participants, allowing them to take home a tangible memory of the experience. This not only added a personal touch but also served as a keepsake that attendees could cherish.



We also kicked off with a snack exchange, where Shapers brought their favorite local treats for a fun show-and-tell session that sparked conversations and cultural sharing on the bus.

On Day 2, we had a refreshing pitstop with street-style sugarcane juice, served in stainless steel tumblers to avoid single-use plastic. Shapers were also asked to bring their own water bottles to refill throughout the day, minimizing plastic waste.



To facilitate seamless preparation, we provided Shapers with detailed itineraries and curated a dedicated website. This resource included packing lists, event schedules, and sustainability guidelines, ensuring everyone was well-prepared and aligned with our eco-conscious approach.

<https://gscecoscape.site>

Website by Vrithika, Vincent, Agraja & Hamisha



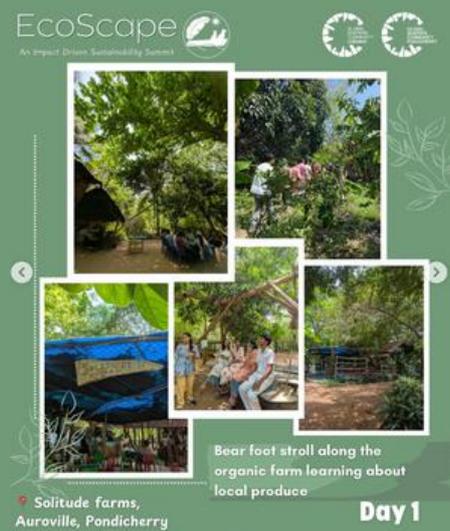
EVENT IN NUMBERS & SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

A total of 36 Shapers from 11 hubs—Hyderabad, Kochi, Trivandrum, Panjim (Goa), Bangalore 1, Coimbatore, Kozhikode, Port Blair, Jaipur, Chennai, and Puducherry—came together for the Sustainability Summit. The gathering provided a platform to learn about and exchange sustainable initiatives being undertaken across the various hubs.

The summit also had a notable impact on social media. Our best-performing reel garnered nearly 3.5K views with a total watch time of 7 hours, 34 minutes, and 29 seconds. Posts featuring our speakers led to a 13.3% increase in their follower count, while collaborative posts with ecotourism and local partners boosted visibility for both parties. Additionally, our page gained the Chennai hub 36 new followers & Pondy hub gained 32 new followers as a result of the event’s outreach.



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Architect & SM incharge



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ECOSCAPE - SHAPER ARMY

The event's success was driven by the Shaper Army—a dedicated team of Shapers who thoughtfully planned, budgeted, and executed the summit. Their passion, precision, and teamwork brought the vision to life and made the experience truly impactful. A shout out to Chennai hub curator Agraja, Pondy hub Curator Hamisha & **Community Champion Antara** for leading this initiative.

SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM



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ARUN

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HAMISHA

Educator & Puducherry Hub - Outgoing Curator Leader/Visionary of Ecoscape



AGRAJA

Docterate in Eng.Tech, Professor & AGM at LSI-MECH Engineers Pvt Ltd, Chennai hub Outgoing Curator

Muskan brought the sustainability vision to life through thoughtful curation, while Mani ensured the budget and logistics stayed on track. Gilber scouted the venue and led on-ground execution. Aravind, as treasurer, supported with planning, logistics, and all the finer details. Vrithika brought the energy—making sure every Shaper felt welcomed and cared for. She and Aravind even added a sweet personal touch with gifts and treats. And Tharini was our steady backbone, keeping everything on course from start to finish.

And most importantly **Agraja** and **Hamisha** our visionary leaders built the retreat from ground up right from Day 1. None of this would be possible without them.

Our team is eternally grateful to their leadership and direction.



HOSPITALITY TEAM



HARISH

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Volunteer guide
Project
member



SHABAZ

Engineer &
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Volunteer guide
Project
member



JEEVAN

Student &
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Sustainability
wing member



PEOPLE WHO MADE THE EVENT

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mallika and Abhuday from the Bengaluru Hub, Kavya from the Thiruvananthapuram Hub, Sachin from the Kochi Hub, Faheema from the Kozhikode Hub, Shyam, Aishwarya, and Thanishi from the Hyderabad Hub, Vasant from Port Blair, Cleto from the Panjim Hub, Aravinth & Ashwath from the Coimbatore Hub, and Pooja from the Jaipur Hub. Your enthusiastic participation brought in so much energy—there was learning, laughter, Shaper love, music, snacks, and plenty of fun to go around! Thank you as well for sharing your stories and the incredible sustainability projects you're leading; they truly inspired us all.

BEHIND THE SCENE SHAPERS

A few Shapers from the Chennai and Pondy hubs couldn't join us—Riya and Alia from the Women Empowerment project, Elza who leads PR/SM for the Volunteer Guide, Jinith, member of our STEM Cells (made it to GSC impact report) and Financial Literacy projects, Jashvanthi from the Sustainability wing, and Prasanth from the Volunteer team. Though they couldn't be there in person, their contributions were key in shaping the vision. A big shoutout as well to our newer shapers, ex-Shapers, shaper families & alumni who played a role in making this possible!





KEY TAKEAWAYS

Sustainability in Everyday Life

Ecoscope provided Shapers with actionable ways to reduce consumption and live more sustainably:

- Reduce water usage by 30–50% through mindful practices.
- Cut plastic waste by 60% using reusable alternatives.
- Minimize food waste through composting and meal planning.
- Save 20% on energy by unplugging devices and using LED lights.

The summit showcased these principles in action:

- Waste segregation systems learnt
- Native farming ideas debated
- Low-impact living through conscious consumption and resource-sharing.

Additionally it embraced simplicity as a path to greater awareness and connection:

- Minimalism encouraged participants to live with less, helping reduce consumption and waste—key principles of the circular economy.
- Time spent listening to nature deepened our connection to the environment, fostering a mindset of sustainability and resource conservation, essential for building a circular, waste-free system.

In conclusion, Ecoscope not only inspired actionable sustainability practices but also reinforced the importance of community, mindful living, and the shift toward a circular economy for a more sustainable future.

Note: Underlined content includes social links—a mix of social media and Toplink pages—where you can connect with individual Shapers or view their initiatives directly. Follow our socials or reach out to the Chennai/Pondy Hub via Toplink to get involved!



TESTIMONIALS & FEEDBACK

On a scale of 1 to 5, How useful were the sessions? *

1 2 3 4 5

Not very useful Super useful

What did you like most about the retreat? *

The social bonding, positive vibes, great energy and friendships. The genuine intentions to make a positive impact and hearing about the amazing social projects of Chennai hub. Loved the attention to detail, the takeaway bags and post bags, the diversity of different sessions.

” Thanks for showing us the beauty of minimalism -Kavya, Incoming Curator Thirvanandapuram hub



” What an incredible couple of days. The event was seriously one of the best experiences I've had. So much laughter, learning and good vibes 😊. Huge thanks to everyone who made it much fun, and especially to the organizing team who put it all together!! 🎉🙏 -Ashwath Coimbatore hub

” Thank you for this beautiful experience and all the heart and hard work you put into creating this space and experience for us all to share <3 This has been my best and favourite Global Shapers experience that I've had so far! :) - Mallika, Bangalore 1 hub

” Thank you, Chennai & Pondy hub, for putting together this event two days full of fun, laughter, and just the right mix of meaningful sessions and “okay wow, that actually made me think” moments. Between the great conversations, the traditional food (so good), and the wildly competitive yet suspiciously addictive games, I genuinely had a great time. 🍷 - Pooja jaipur hub

What would you like to see in future EcoScape summits? *

More keynote speakers who are prominent names in the sustainability space and work related networking sessions, hackathons, ideation sessions. Would have been fun to Collab with other shapers to brainstorm/ build sustainability related ideas and projects or figure avenues for inter hub collaboration post the event



In Retrospect

