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A few months into the year, each day brings headlines reminding us of heatwaves, record-breaking temperatures, and water scarcity in various parts of the country.

For small kids, this means less time outdoors to play, the young plants need help to grow to their full potential, and the middle class and richer communities can still buy potable water but the poor, as with most crises, have a tougher challenge. Climate justice is at the heart of climate campaigns, we cannot just depend on technical fixes but need a holistic systemic approach.

The climate crisis has aggravated the extreme weather events - a long-forewarned catastrophe scientists have been alerting us to for decades is at our doorsteps. As a climate campaigning organisation, we recognise the urgency and the world's potential to do better. We cannot despair but act; our small and big individual lifestyle change is important and at the same time governments and big companies across the world need to step up and take bold action.

The year began for Greenpeace with the public launch of its newest regional office; in South Asia South Asia as a region has not been a major historical contributor to emissions but has been at the receiving end of climate events. The richer countries that have historically contributed to greenhouse emissions need to do more. South Asia is home to nearly 32% of the global poor. Significant populations here are dependent on natural weather systems for agriculture and fishing; making the vast

majority vulnerable to extreme weather events and other climate-related changes.



Greenpeace South Asia is here to be a part of the collective voice, action and resilience of climate justice movements.

At the city level, we see legislative changes that promote equitable public transport in Delhi and Bengaluru. In Bengaluru, 1,334 new electric buses will be added to the bus fleet. The Delhi government has also announced free bus travel for the trans community. This is a victory for all marginalised communities who face exclusion in our urban spaces.

As we persist in our campaign for climate justice and sustainable transportation in India, we express deep gratitude to our community of supporters and donors. Your unwavering belief in our mission fuels our journey towards climate justice, enabling us to enact meaningful change.

BENGALURU'S BUS SYSTEM GETS AN UPGRADE

In the latest Budget update from the Karnataka government, Bengaluru will see 1,334 new electric buses added to the bus fleet. This addition will help tackle the endless traffic jams and is a step towards meeting the transportation needs of the bustling city. While this is an achievement, this addition is not enough. The city needs at least 14,000 buses to meet the demands.



WHAT DOES DELHI'S BUDGET HAVE FOR BUS USERS?



Delhi's budget for public transportation is ₹5,702 crore, down ₹200 crore from last year.

By 2025, approximately 2,500 buses will be added to the fleet. This still falls short of the 15,000 buses that the city needs.



₹340 crore is allocated for the pink ticket scheme, benefiting 11 lakh women..

2,080 mohalla buses will be procured, supporting first and last-mile connectivity.



The budget overlooked essential infrastructure like accessible bus shelters, optimal routes, safety measures, and passenger information systems, crucial for sustainable and safe public transport.

VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

In our quest for a green and peaceful future, how we move – plays a pivotal role. In our new Vision for Sustainable Mobility, we set out the 6 key ingredients that should be at the heart of all our transport systems.

AFFORDABLE

Public transportation must be affordable for all, particularly low-income individuals and families.

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ACCESSIBLE

Need for investments in public transportation systems that serve all communities.

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SAFE

Transport operators must protect passengers and workers from violence and harassment.

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CLIMATE-FRIENDLY TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Need to massively expand public transit systems, and promote active transportation options such as walking and cycling.

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CONNECTED

Promoting connectivity by reallocating space to sustainable transport infrastructure rather than to private cars.

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SOCIALLY-JUST

Putting equity first. Prioritising the needs of marginalised communities and addressing systemic inequalities.

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PEOPLE FOR CLIMATE

People For Climate extravaganza took Chennai by storm from February 4 to 6, 2024. This dynamic three-day event unfolded a world of climate awareness by exploring climate change's effects on marginalized communities through stories, objects, installations, photography exhibitions, art, and music. Here are some of the updates from the event:

PHOTO EXHIBITION



Award-winning photographer Palani Kumar and his students from fishing communities captured the resilient spirit of the frontline communities.

AUDIO BOOTH & VR FILM

Inside the event, an audio booth whisked visitors into the echoes of the COVID-19 crisis, underscoring its impact on the widening social and economic disparities.



At the heart of the exhibition was also a groundbreaking VR film, recounting the daily struggles of Badal Das, a local farmer and fisherman from Sunderbans.

The event featured a dynamic roundtable conference attended by renowned figures like Sunder Rajan (Poovulagin Nanbargal), Soumya Dutta (Climate activist), Harjit Singh (Climate expert), Benisha (Chennai Climate Action Group), Sandeep Minhas (Environics Trust) and Smitha TK (Independent Journalist) shared compelling insights, emphasizing the pressing

need for comprehensive climate action within the climate justice movement.



To wrap up our three days of impactful events, we were treated to a mesmerizing music performance by the famous **hip-hop artist Arivu** and his band **Ambassa**. During the concert, titled 'Sounds of Solidarity', the band sang songs on freedom, caste, and other social issues. It was a fitting closing ceremony highlighting the plight of the vulnerable population and reinvigorating the crowd through the power of music.



Cyclones batter coastlines, cities submerge in the relentless heavy rains, homes crumble under the weight of landslides, heat waves scorch the very essence of vitality, droughts leave landscapes thirsting for the last drop of water...



after all these climate disasters that impact people, what is left behind?

In the wake of such calamities, what remains is not just the physical wreckage but poignant stories of resilience, survival, and the indomitable spirit of humanity in the face of nature's wrath. We collected those stories and objects of memory sourced directly from individuals or families affected by extreme weather events. We placed them in our Museum of Memories under our climate justice campaign.

GLOBAL UPDATE

GREENPEACE MARKS LAUNCH OF SOUTH ASIA OFFICE IN SRI LANKA WITH RAINBOW WARRIOR SHIP TOUR

Greenpeace officially launched its South Asia regional office in Colombo, Sri Lanka with the arrival of the iconic ship Rainbow Warrior, marking the beginning of the highly anticipated “People For Climate – Greenpeace Indian Ocean Ship Tour 2024”. The opening ceremony, which was held onboard the Rainbow Warrior yesterday on 13 February, set the stage for an inspiring journey focused on collective action demanding accountability and resilience in the South Asian region. .



PEOPLE FOR CLIMATE – GREENPEACE INDIAN OCEAN SHIP TOUR 2024

After a grand opening ceremony for Greenpeace South Asia, we engaged in meaningful campaign discussions, open boats and various other events to mark the beginning of climate campaigning in South Asia by Greenpeace. The team focused on the pressing issues of ocean conservation and social justice through the lens of Sri Lanka's rich experiences.

Open Boats were also held where discussions aboard Rainbow Warrior Ship fostered a powerful dialogue on Ocean Justice and its critical role in Marine Ecosystem Conservation. Stakeholders representing diverse backgrounds came together to share challenges, concerns, and potential solutions for achieving a more equitable and sustainable ocean future.

A workshop was also organised to deep dive into the wonders beneath the waves of Sri Lanka's shores and the broader Indian Ocean.

With the mission to enlighten and mobilise individuals on the critical importance of marine life and habitats, the team embarked on launching a workshop. Through captivating presentations, immersive storytelling, and interactive sessions, the myriad threats facing our oceans and discussed practical, actionable steps everyone can take to contribute to ocean conservation were explored.

DOVE: STOP POISONING OUR PLANET WITH PLASTICS

Dove tells us they care about women and girls. But they're poisoning our planet with plastic. Dove says it's more than just a soap brand, that it cares but behind its public image is a true story of real harm. The truth is that it's pumping huge volumes of harmful single-use plastic out into the world: fueling a human and environmental crisis. That includes billions of near impossible-to-recycle sachets, devastating countries in the Global South.



More plastic pollution enters the environment than Earth can support, threatening the planet we rely on to survive. Dove has to change. It owes it to the next generation of young girls and women it claims to champion.

NATIONAL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024: HOTTEST MONTH IN RECORD

2024's February was the hottest February ever recorded. It was the same for January for the last seven months in 2023. The world is continuously breaking records and this is just the beginning. The world is heating up and we must act soon.

The temperatures are rising at a faster rate than ever before. The gaps between the record temperatures set in 2023 and 2024 and the old records from previous years which were broken are considerably wide, showing that the temperature rise is rapid.



NEW DELHI RANKED THE MOST POLLUTED CAPITAL CITY IN THE 6TH ANNUAL WORLD AIR QUALITY REPORT

The 6th Annual World Air Quality Report finds New Delhi to be the most polluted capital city in the world, while India ranks as the third most polluted country globally in 2023, closing following neighbouring Bangladesh and Pakistan.

India continues to grapple with drastically poor air quality with PM2.5 concentrations exceeding the WHO annual guideline by more than 10 times. The report released by IQAir has also identified India's Begusarai as the most polluted metropolitan area of 2023 globally.

India is facing a worsening air quality crisis. This spike in pollution levels poses significant health risks to an estimated 1.36 billion people in the country.





Impact Box

Delhi announces free bus transport for trans communities

As the Delhi Government announces free bus transport for trans communities, it is a victory for all marginalised communities who face exclusion in our urban spaces.

Our cities can be sustainable only when public spaces and public transportation are accessible, affordable and safe. While the free buses make it affordable, governments need to bring in measures to make it more accessible and safer too.



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