

Concept Note

eARTh: Our Planet, Our Art, Our Ideas

Over the years, conversations around climate change have evolved from scientific projections to real-life experiences for people across the world. Heatwaves, floods, and wildfires are today's stark reality. The urgency of climate action is no longer a question but a call to all of us. It is not just the priority of scientists or policymakers but all of us.

Art plays an important role in driving climate action, and the Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) launched the [eARTh Initiative](#) in 2023 to bring art to the heart of the climate conversation. The eARTh Event, an integral part of the initiative, is a platform where artists, environmentalists, policymakers, and community change-makers come together to explore how sustainability and climate action can be inspired through art.

The **second edition** of the **eARTh Event** will be held on **20 September 2024** at the **Bangalore International Centre**, Karnataka. At the event, the first batch of the eARTh Climate Fellows will display their artwork, which has been created over a nine-month-long fellowship. CSTEP is also collaborating with Slam Out Loud, an organisation that empowers children through art and expression, to talk about various issues, including climate change. Students from Slam Out Loud will perform at the event, and Slam Out Loud will also guide attendees through a session on creating art.

CSTEP's coffee-table book titled *Arth* will be launched at the event. It will feature nine senior artists from different artistic genres and four budding artists, who were part of the eARTh Climate Fellowship. The profiles of the artists will explore their experiences with climate change, sustainability, and the environment and how these aspects are reflected in their creations. The Vasu Dixit Collective will also perform during the event.

Through eARTh, we invite you to be a part of a collaborative movement. Join us as we continue to reimagine the role of art in shaping the future of our planet. This is not just about climate change but about the change we can create together.

About the eARTh Initiative

The eARTh Event: Artists, environmentalists, policymakers, and community change-makers come together to explore how sustainability and climate action can be inspired through art.

The eARTh Climate Fellowship: The fellowship empowers young artists to engage deeply with climate issues under the mentorship of experienced creators and scientific experts.

The eARTh Artists Collective: The collective is a growing community of climate-conscious creators dedicated to expanding the role of art in driving climate action, with plans to help educate school students in the future.

Who We Are

The Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) is one of India's leading think tanks. The organisation focusses on addressing the key challenges facing the country, such as a Sustainable and Secure Future, India's Green Energy Transition, and Clean Air for All. CSTEP's research incorporates technology-driven solutions to address developmental issues, contributing to policy recommendations for both central and state governments. The organisation actively participates in government committees and



collaborates with national and international research institutions to create a comprehensive understanding of policy challenges and solutions for India's sustainable development.

With Us Are

Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

The eARTh Initiative and the eARTh Event are supported by the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation. They provide knowledge input for various eARTh workshops throughout the fellowship.

Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation serves as an enabler for clean energy and climate solutions. It collaborates with policymakers, civil society, industry, think tanks, and academia to identify and scale energy system interventions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change.

India Climate Collaborative

India Climate Collaborative is the knowledge partner for the eARTh Initiative.

At the India Climate Collaborative, a dedicated team works towards advancing climate action, driven by the belief that philanthropy can play a crucial role in addressing climate change. The organisation is ambitious and passionate about collaboration with a commitment to finding solutions to some of the planet's biggest challenges.

Event Partner

Slam Out Loud

Slam Out Loud, a non-profit organisation founded in 2017, works to transform how arts education and socio-emotional learning are delivered to marginalised children in India. The organisation uses art forms such as poetry, storytelling, theatre, and visual arts to help children from under-resourced communities find their voice through creative expression.

