

CLEAN-India celebrated Earth Day, 22nd April 2008 in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Forests in a grand programme at Dilli Haat, New Delhi. It was the culmination of a series of workshops for teachers and students to understand the causes and effects of Climate Change and mitigation measures.

The theme of the event was **Mitigating Climate Change – Going Carbon Neutral**. Nearly 400 students from 20 schools from across Delhi including special schools for the underprivileged and the differently abled took part in the celebrations.

The students in their red T-shirts that exhorted everyone to “**be the change that you want to see in the world**” formed a human chain, displayed posters on climate change and presented short street plays to spread the message.

Smt. Meena Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India addressed the gathering and released an informative booklet on green tips for saving our planet and a personal **Carbon Calculator** in CD format developed by Development Alternatives. The gathering of students and visitors took a pledge to protect and preserve, respect and cherish the gifts of our Earth for the present and the future. A performance by the music band Ekam Satyam was a fitting finale to a day of reiterating our commitment to protecting the planet.

