

Climate Dream Prize – Rules and Details 2025

1. Eligibility

The Climate Dream Prize is open to all students aged 11–18 who are enrolled in a school in India. It does not matter which academic board or stream participants belong to—all are welcome.

2. Team Composition

Participants may apply either as individuals or in teams of up to three members. Teams can include students from different age groups, schools, or academic streams.

3. Important Dates

- Aug 15 – Oct 26, 2025 – Application Submission Window
- Nov 15, 2025 – Shortlist Announcement
- Dec 2025 – Jury Pitch & Winner Announcement

4. Participation Fee

Each entry, whether individual or team, must pay a participation fee of ₹50. Full refunds are available only if requested within 24 hours of payment via email.

5. Evaluation Criteria

The Prize seeks ideas that respond to climate challenges in participants' surroundings, and are practical and inclusive, and rooted in personal/local experience. An "idea" refers to a concept or early-stage solution that has not yet been executed or prototyped. Submissions should identify a clear problem, propose a context-appropriate solution, include consideration of the affected communities, and demonstrate awareness of potential risks or challenges.

Entries will be evaluated based on understanding of the problem and community, creativity, practicality, relevance to the theme, inclusion of underserved groups, and overall clarity and thoughtfulness.

Participants are encouraged to engage with their surroundings through observation, conversations, and local exploration. This grounded understanding is an important part of the evaluation process.

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6. Prize Structure

The Climate Dream Prize 2025 has two stages. First, participants submit a short entry describing the climate problem they want to address, why it matters to them, and their initial solution. Second, from these submissions, twenty entries will be shortlisted, who will refine and develop their ideas before presenting them to the jury.

7. Prize & Disbursement

The winning entry will receive ₹1,00,000 to help bring their solution to life. This prize must be used only for implementing or scaling the proposed solution. Payment will be made within one month of receiving the necessary documents in an Indian bank account. If this is not feasible, the India Climate Resilient Foundation will consult with the winner to determine a secure and appropriate alternative method.

8. Intellectual Property

All submissions remain the intellectual property of the participants. No submission will be published, shared, or used without explicit permission.

9. Publicity & Media

By participating, all participants grant India Climate Resilient Foundation the right to use their name, school, city, and any media (photographs, videos, etc.) related to the Prize for the limited purpose of promoting the competition. No additional compensation will be provided for this.

10. Communication & Terms

All deadlines refer to 11:59 PM IST on the stated dates. Further terms and conditions will be shared in the full rules document. For queries, please reach out to info@climatedreamprize.org.

11. Certificate of Participation

All valid entries will receive participation certificates. In the case of team applications, each member will receive one.

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12. Location & Format

The entire competition is conducted virtually. However, participants are strongly encouraged to engage directly with their communities and environment as part of their research and idea development.

13. Final Authority & Liability

All decisions made by the jury and the India Climate Resilient Foundation are final. The Foundation is committed to fairness and transparency at every stage. However, it will not be liable for unforeseen issues that may affect participation or the outcome.

Nonetheless, any legal disputes arising from the Prize will fall under the jurisdiction of Delhi, India.

14. Additional Provisions

In case of ambiguity or if a specific rule or condition has not been disclosed, the India Climate Resilient Foundation reserves the right to make the final determination. All such decisions will be taken in the spirit of fairness and in alignment with the goals of the Prize and the Foundation.