

# Fridays for Future India: Press Release

**On September 25th, Fridays for Future India calls for urgent attention to the climate crisis and the need for climate justice in 2020: The Year of Awakening. The demonstrations and manifestations take place alongside calls for global climate action across the world, led by school strike movement Fridays for Future.**

In the past year, Fridays for Future (FFF) India has carried out a number of campaigns across its 61 local chapters throughout the country. Notable calls for action in the recent past include the "Save Aarey" campaign and the nationwide campaign demanding the withdrawal of the EIA Draft 2020.

FFF India brings attention to the climate crisis and the need for climate justice through research, information, education, webinars, talks and events. Campaigns are designed to raise awareness about important developments posing a threat to the environment, with the aim to educate people enough to demand climate action.

This Friday, the 25th of September will see FFF chapters from across the globe partaking in the 'Global Climate Strike', marking it as the first global climate action day of 2020. At FFF India, we have been referring to this year as "The Year of Awakening", the year we found ourselves amidst a slew of floods, fires and landslides, all the while battling a viral pandemic - putting the world and our collective future in turmoil.

We are becoming more aware than ever of the lack of awareness, lack of preparedness, social injustice and inaction that exists in our systems.

*"This year we've faced so many calamities like the Bihar floods, Assam floods and locust attacks; our policy makers yet choose not to have conversations on climate change. Instead we've let the Baghjan oil well burn for 105+ days, attempted to pass the EIA draft 2020 & rampantly been cutting down our forests. We want to dream of a future where we don't need to struggle for clean air and water. Policy makers ACT NOW!"*

**Tarun M, FFF India volunteer**

*"We've witnessed a lot this year. Be it the pandemic or the numerous floods and cyclones affecting lakhs of people in our country. It has left us all shattered. This is and should be a wake up call for us to act upon what we've inflicted on our planet; and it's high time that India, which falls in the MAPA (most affected people and areas) where the impacts of climate change are felt the heaviest, realises this. It's high time that we hold policy makers accountable for their deeds. It's high time to demand action."*

**Vaishnavi K, FFF India volunteer**

To get out of the current climate crisis we need a national action plan that inculcates social justice, sets Science-Based Targets, focuses on green recovery, promotes adaptive governance and is diligently implemented with transparency and periodic status updates. For our global climate strike this 25th, Fridays for Future India has chalked out a series of digital actions to spread awareness about the need for the same and demand swift action.

FFF India will also use the movement to amplify the voices of the Adivasi community, the farmers and other marginalised groups at the forefront of the climate crisis.

All event details and updates can be found on the FFF India [website](#) and social media pages ([FB](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)).

Join us for the Global Climate Strike – a day when the people of the entire world come together, united in their passionate wish for a just, green, and beautiful world.



**This is the year of awakening. How much more will you wait?**