

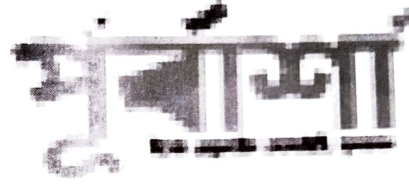
## Summary report— Workshop with Kids and Community of Indian Sundarbans with a special focus on the Mangrove and Climate

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A workshop was organized in a joint collaboration of Estuarine and Coastal Studies Foundation (ECSF) and Purbasha on 'Mangrove and Climate' on 27th and 28th December, 2023 in Indian Sundarbans. The event



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was coordinated by the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Asia network Ocean Literacy focal point from India, Debarati Sengupta and the Founder of Purbasha, Umashankar Mandal. The programme was designed to create awareness among kids and community about coastal ecosystem such as estuaries and man-





grove forests. The workshop was organized in the premises of Purbasha School, a pre-school in Chargheri Village of Sundarbans, founded by Umashankar Mandal with a vision to provide all round educations for the



under privileged girls and boys of the village.

The workshop was scheduled for 3 hours with 49 kids and their mothers. The kids were mostly under 6 years. The organizing team educated them about Mangrove conservation in a very playful manner with some fun activities like games, poetry, art, music, drawing etc.

The students were very enthusiastic and mesmerized with the interactions and photographs. At the end, chocolates and fruits were distributed among the students as a token of love. The workshop ended with the thanks giving ceremony to the founders of the school and all other staff who extended their spontaneous and hearty support for the success of the workshop.

Alongside this school event, another mangrove plantation programme was organized with the women community (also, with the tiger widows who lost their husbands in a tiger attack) by the Mangrove Man, Umashankar Mandal.