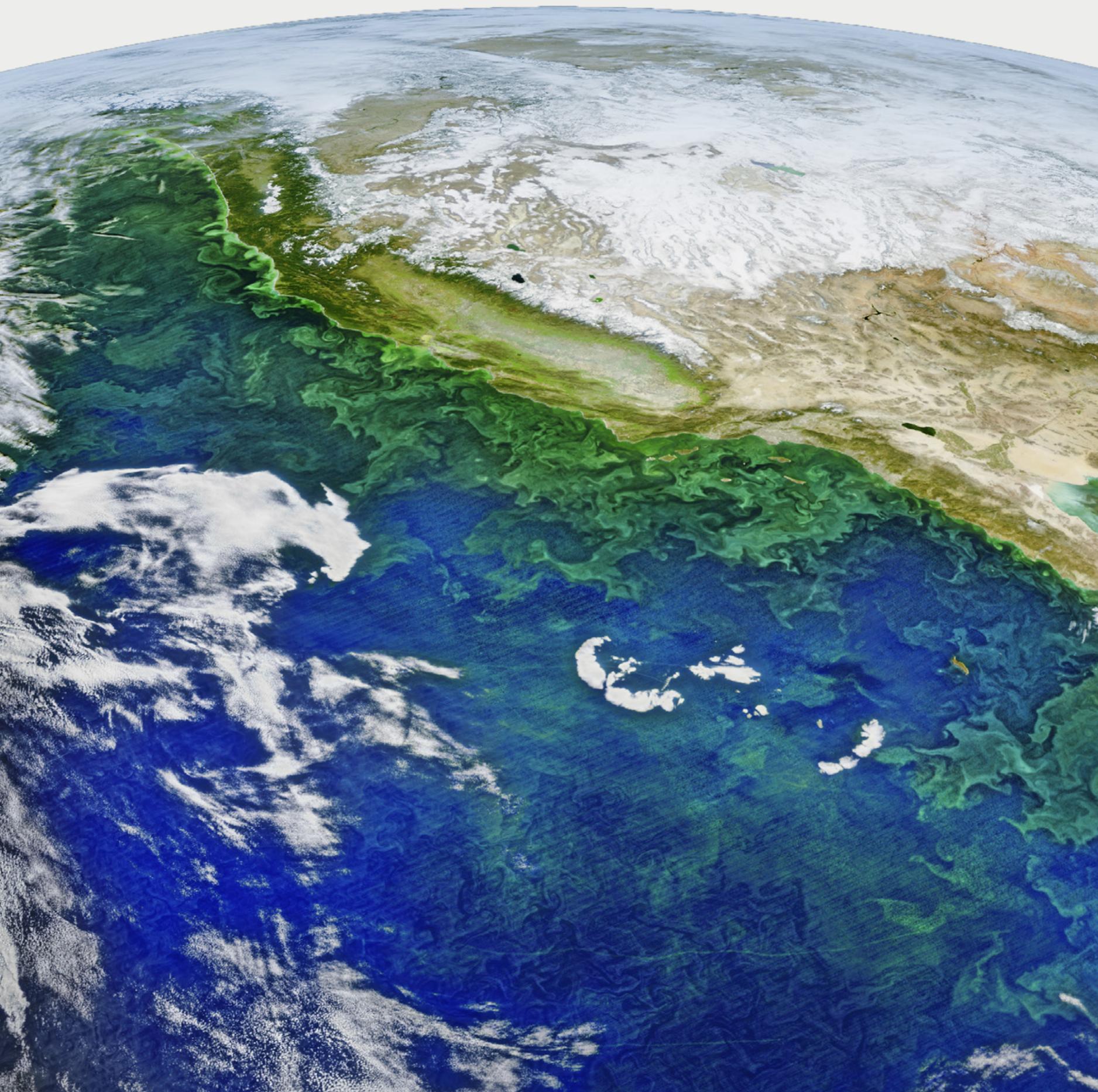




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**Earth Day**

Climate Action



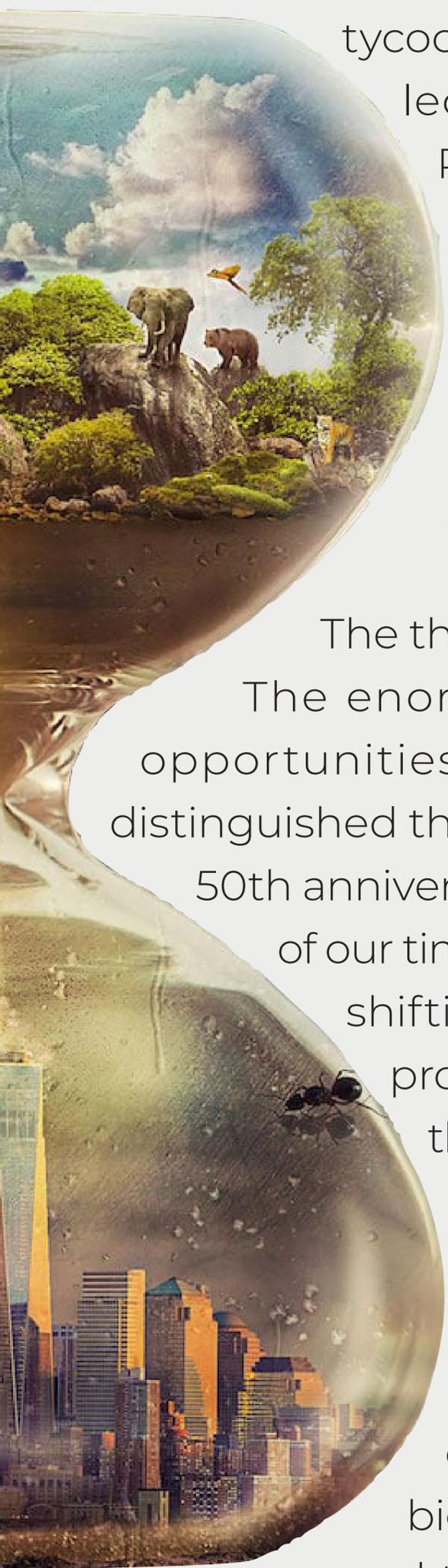
# Imperilled planet earth

Earth, the home for billions of humanity and for all the biodiversity is challenged with unprecedented degradation. And the changes came fast and wide. Its natural systems like water, forests, biodiversity, soils etc, are facing immense threat. Millions of hectares of forests are lost every year, water shortages and pollution has become a glaring reality, soils around the world are washed away or poisoned. The deserts are expanding and new deserts are emerging. Food security, human health, welfare and development are being threatened. Many species of life forms both on the land and in the water are facing imminent threat of extinction. The scenarios and vital signs are all telling the plight of mother earth. There are limits to the carrying capacities and they are reaching to the planetary boundaries. These realities which prompted the modern global conscience on environmental changes.

## Earth Day

April 22 each year marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. It is the largest civic event in the world, celebrated simultaneously around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths and nationalities. Observance of the Day broadens the base of support for environmental programs, rekindles public commitment and builds community activism around the world through a broad range of events and activities. More than billion people





participate in campaigns every year through over 22,000 organizations in 193 countries. First earth day achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labour leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in USA and acts such as Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species. Further, it inspired environmental movement elsewhere in the world.

## Climate Action

The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenges - but also the vast opportunities - of acting on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Climate Change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment. From shifting weather patterns that threaten food production, to rising sea levels that increase the risk of catastrophic flooding, the impacts of climate change are global in scope and unprecedented in scale. Without drastic action today, adapting to these impacts in the future will be more difficult and costly. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.

At the end of 2020, nations will be expected to increase their national commitments to the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. The time is now for citizens to call for greater global ambition to tackle our climate crisis. Unless



every country in the world steps up – and steps up with urgency and ambition - we are consigning current and future generations to a dangerous future.

***“We are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and the last generation who can do something about it.”***

***- Barack Obama***

## **10 years of CGR**

Council for Green Revolution (CGR) was founded on 22 April 2010 on the Earth Day to work for environmental protection and sustainable development. CGRs milestones for the last 10 years are : facilitated planting 33,65,940 saplings, involving 10, 53,514 school children from 3,634 schools in Telangana and AP. Organized 3 regional and 2 national conferences on Eastern Ghats and published Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook in 2019. CGR facilitated sustainable development of Silarpalli; Unleashed a campaign of Earth Leadership, CGRs mission was incorporated in 5th class science text book in the year 2012 by SCERT Andhra Pradesh. Received Harithamitra Award for 2016 & 17 from Govt. of Telangana, and Justice Kuldeep Singh National Award from Capital Foundation Society. Received Visista Seva Puraskaram from Dr MCR Foundation in 2019. Since the stepping of CGR into its second decade synchronises with the 50th Earth Day. CGR for the last 10 years observing the Earth Day. Now entering into the new decade it renews its commitments, set forth new goals and move ahead with more energy, enthusiasm, positive and innovative action. At this juncture, CGR call for positive action from individuals to collective citizenry.

# Be an earth champion- start climate action

This year April 22 will be far more than a day. It must be a historic moment when citizens of the world rise up in a united call for the creativity, innovation, ambition, and bravery that we need to meet our climate crisis and seize the enormous opportunities of a zero-carbon future.

There's so much you can do to help protect and restore our planet. From small to big commitments there is a huge scope for the positive action. From organising awareness meetings to rallies, pledges, appeals and so on you can be part of the world's largest citizen initiative, to hosting an event in your own community!

## What can you do

You can organise art and cultural programmes, eco-spiritual talks, social media campaigns, film screening, take commitments or planting trees and protecting the local biodiversity, rally, teach-in and other programme. Individuals and groups can spell out their commitments.



***“The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children. So we have to hand over to them at least as it was handed over to us”***

***- Mahatma Gandhi***

## Pledge

“I always care and respect mother Earth. It’s my solemn duty to conserve nature. Its my responsibility to preserve the integrity and health of our planet for generations to come. I shall contribute to the best of my ability for mitigation of climate change saving biodiversity, and strive for sustainable development.

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