

Harmony Fest is an annual event hosted by the Global Education and Leadership Foundation (tGELF). It is a unique school-level international youth fest that brings together teenage students from India and overseas for a m lange of competitions, workshops, events, and lecture series with the objective of searching for social, action-oriented leadership talent. We've been a part of the Youth Leader Competition since 2012, and we've made it to the final six times. The aim of this competition is to identify talent with ethical, altruistic, and action-oriented leadership skills. The themes for the competition have been taken from the Global Goals of Sustainable Development created by the UN. These goals are primarily focused on ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda.

This year, 13 schools from throughout India have qualified for the Finale! One of them was our school's Unmasking Sustainability project.

'Unmasking Sustainability' intends to contribute to SDG: Sustainable Cities and Communities by encouraging the use of cloth masks and responsible mask disposal. Weavers from "Pravah: a skill development center" prepare cloth masks from donated cloth. To help fund the project, various sales of cloth masks were held in school. The disposable masks were collected and handed over to be properly disposed of in order to create environmentally friendly bricks for construction. Many collection initiatives for plastic recycling have been conducted in schools and society. Triotap, a company that turns disposable masks into bricks, was approached by the team from where the team was directed to RePlast, where they were led by Mr. Rajeev Rana.

The Youth Leaders, Shiven Chambial and Yoshee Jain successfully bagged the second runner's up position with trophies and cash awards for the winners!

They led a team of 30 students and worked on the project since May 2021. During the competition, the students collaborated with the RWA in Sector-47 to help carry their initiative forward. Additionally, they were also exposed to various mentorship sessions by volunteers from Johnson & Johnson centered around the idea of social entrepreneurship.

Harmony 2021's Youth Leader was a huge success, and it was made possible by the students' and teachers' efforts and hard work.

