

## Green Educator Festival Endorsements

Words of Encouragement for Udaipur's Green Ed  
Initiative from the Global Green Community

We stand at a pivotal moment in the history of humanity. The choices we make today will determine the survival of our species. We live together on a precious planet -- a blue green ball that glows with life in the vast darkness of space. But we have pressed the limits of our planet's resilience -- cut down too many of her trees, poured too much pollution into her waters, and spewed too much CO2 into her air. Every country (especially my own!), every village, every school, and every family must rethink how we live and what we teach. I wish you every success in your Green Festival for Educators - an important step on our collective journey to live in tune with nature and bring forward a future in which our children and grandchildren can thrive.

Fran Korten  
Publisher, YES! Magazine.  
[www.yesmagazine.org](http://www.yesmagazine.org)

Schools can set an example by going green themselves. They can make their buildings more energy efficient, they can become green consumers by demanding that the materials they buy are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Even more importantly, schools can and must do what they do best, which is to educate on all levels. Schools can both set and example and teach students about what it means to be a member of a sustainable economy. Educational institutions can also offer career technical curriculum to prepare young people to serve the growing labor market, and provide access to meaningful, career-oriented jobs.

We at Apollo are thrilled that you are working on educating the next generation of green leaders in India. We all need to be part of the solution because we all are contributing to and feeling the effects of the problem. We encourage the Greening India/Greening Indian Education project, and we wish everyone at this first Green Festival for Educators the best of luck in your endeavors. (Read full text here.)

Sincerely,  
Jerome Ringo, President  
APOLLO ALLIANCE  
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Personal video message from Bill McKibben of [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) to the school principals, community educators, grassroots green/social justice activists, environmental experts and NGOs participating in Udaipur's Green Educator initiatives. May it help us all feel part of the global efforts in which local efforts are critical, essential parts that root actions to ground reality and bring about the change we seek.

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Dear Green Educator friends,

If there is one global institution that offers more potential for change and the ultimate realization of a sustainable society, it is the school. Climate change threatens everyone living in our global society; it's only fitting that we should have a global understanding of what about our society must change. Apply "green" methods like energy efficient products or sustainable food options to the already transformative process of learning, and one has done more than just touch the future -- in the words of Henry Adams -- one may have also saved it. (See full message here.)

Sincerely,  
Sean S. Miller, Director of Education  
Earth Day Network {youtube}bQCEMxtJz3g{/youtube}

Dear friends at Big Medicine, and all the organizations bringing together the Green Festival for Educators, Greetings!

I write to you with the sincerest hope of a friend from across the globe. While climate change is a tremendous threat to all of the peoples of the world, the scale of the problem also means that our fates are bound together. We are engaged in the same struggle. A victory for you is a victory for me. And a victory for me is a victory for you. But for all of us to truly not just survive, but thrive, we all need to win, and we must do so quickly.

So it is that I am writing to tell you about some of our victories in the American state of Massachusetts, in the hope that you will soon have some good news of your own to share.

(Read his entire message here.)

In solidarity and hope for a better tomorrow,

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