

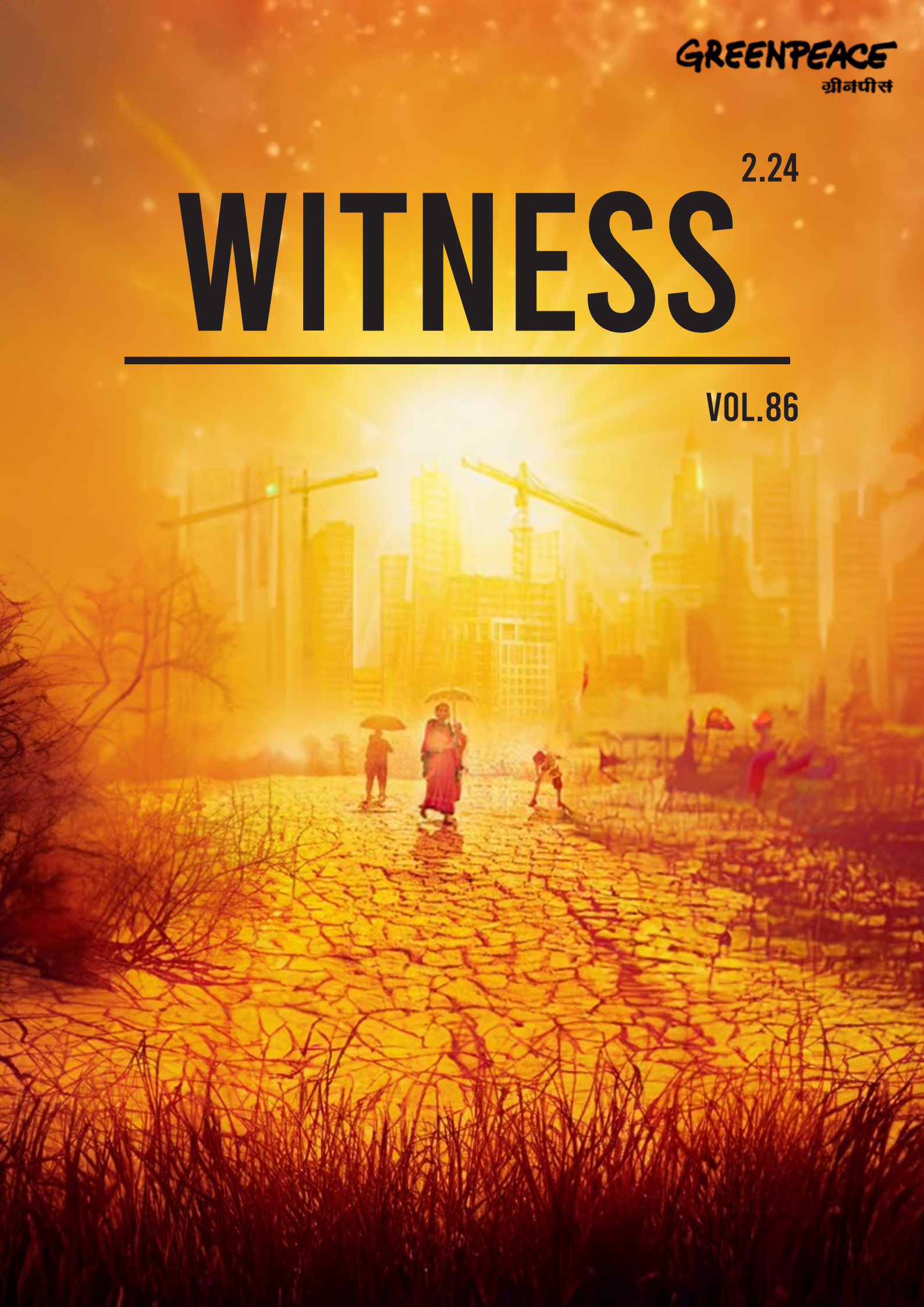
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We live in a world that is so much about instant gratification, we are wired to see results and the impact of work in a short span of time. Not often do we have the patience and perseverance to see the long-term impact of small action, be it about prioritizing our health or investing in civil society.

Campaigning on the issue of climate change and biodiversity needs long persistent work along with good planning. Many times we don't get to see immediate change after a specific campaign intervention but we know this planetary challenge needs complex working with multiple systems to make an impact. Nations, corporations, and citizens need to work together and make sacrifices to safeguard this precious planet.

We are already witnessing impacts of climate change around us, be it droughts, excessive rains or the recent heat waves and we need action now, at the same time being mindful that there are a lot of individuals and families in our society who do not have access to health care, housing and education. This requires that our climate actions be mindful of just transition. We need more than just a techno-fix.

In recent months, our country has faced severe heat waves, endangering public health and leading to numerous deaths. Recognising the urgent need for action, Greenpeace India has been working to draw the attention of policymakers and mobilize community members, especially those from marginalized groups disproportionately affected by these extreme weather events.

We are actively advocating for the recognition of heatwaves as a National Disaster. This policy change would ensure a structured, well-funded approach to mitigate the impacts and enhance the resilience of our community. Our efforts are grounded in community engagement, focusing on those most at risk. However, we cannot succeed without your strong support. Without it, the most vulnerable will continue to suffer.

Through a series of engagement interventions across Delhi, Greenpeace India has successfully gathered widespread support for our cause. Our efforts have resonated with a few political figures, gaining the support of influential Parliamentarians. This movement, has the potential to create a powerful synergy, increasing the likelihood of meaningful policy changes.



# MOHALLA BUSES: BRIDGING THE GAP FOR WOMEN IN DELHI'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Women have unique life experiences, sometimes ignored especially as commuters in Delhi Public Buses.

- Buses don't stop for them frequently.
- Public spaces like bus stops and buses can often be unsafe for women.

There is a *clear gender bias for accessing bus transport* despite the introduction of the free bus scheme.

*Free public transport enables women to be active citizens of a city.* This includes accessing education, employment and recreation.

Schemes like Free Buses for Women are helpful but must be complemented with an increased Bus Fleet, safety procedures and last-mile connectivity.

We recently submitted a letter regarding the need for mohalla buses at various places in Delhi to the Delhi transport commissioners - *Shilpa Shinde and Shahzad Alam. Mohalla (mini) buses can help solve last-mile connectivity voes, thereby making public transportation accessible and efficient for all.*



Women communities in Sunder Nagri and Jahangirpur, Delhi joined us in demanding mohalla buses to improve accessibility for marginalised groups in the busy city.

The messages painted on the city's streets demand safe public transport, especially for women, who depend greatly on it for their daily routines. Their active involvement highlights the importance of grassroots engagement to drive positive change within communities.

Messages were painted in different parts of the city to mobilise community members to demand what is rightful theirs - accessible and safe public transportation.

### Mohalla Bus Sabka Haq!



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में मोहल्ला बस



# HEATWAVE CRISIS: A CLOSER LOOK

As temperatures soared to 44°C in Delhi, we created a powerful visual statement by installing a **9-foot-tall ice sculpture**. The melting of ice in the **extreme heat** depicts the devastating impact of heatwaves on society, especially on those most vulnerable. Through the Climate Justice Campaign, we aim to get **heatwaves recognized as a National Disaster**, ensuring better policies and funding to address this crisis.



## MUSEUM OF MEMORIES

We hosted the **second edition of the Museum of Memories**, where we showcased the **untold stories of climate resilience, loss and hope**. The exhibition displayed 40+ unique objects and art installations that highlight the human side of climate change.

**Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor visited the Museum of Memories and our VR booth on the Sundarbans in Delhi.** He explored the exhibits and stressed the need for collective action on climate change and extreme weather events.



# UNEQUAL HEAT: COMMUNITY VOICES ON HEATWAVE

Greenpeace India, in collaboration with the National Hawker Federation, Delhi, released the report '*Heat Havoc: Investigating the Impact on Street Vendors*'. In this report, we explore their lived experiences during heatwaves, uncovering how soaring temperatures affect their work environments, health, finances, and productivity.

We also held a panel discussion titled "*Unequal Heat: Community Voices on Heatwave*", focusing on the unequal impact of heatwaves on street vendors and other marginalized groups. **Shri Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha MP**, attended our report launch and took immediate action by urging the government to protect people from heatwaves.



## DELHI'S THERMAL DISCOMFORT

To understand the ground reality of the heatwave red alert in Delhi, our team used a thermal camera to capture temperature readings of a few street markets in Delhi. *The highest reading recorded was 59 °C.*

Heatwaves are becoming more intense and frequent, posing severe health and economic risks, especially among the most marginalised communities. Outdoor workers are being hit the hardest. *It is crucial that heatwaves be notified as a national disaster and that sufficient funding be allocated to implement localized heatwave action plans for our cities.*

## DELHI HEAT MAPPING: TEMP CROSSES 50°C IN HOT SPOTS



# A WORD FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

## **8 IN 10 INDIANS SUPPORT CUTTING PLASTIC PRODUCTION, REVEALS GREENPEACE SURVEY – NEW GREENPEACE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS PUBLIC DEMAND FOR GLOBAL ACTION AHEAD OF INC4 MEETING -**

8 out of 10 Indians support cutting plastic production to save the country's biodiversity and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, revealed a new Greenpeace International report. The survey comes ahead of the fourth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC4) meeting for a Global Plastics Treaty held in Ottawa, Canada in April, indicating that more than 90% of Indians are concerned about the adverse health effects of plastics on their children's health.



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# BASTILLE'S DAN SMITH PERFORMS UNRELEASED SONG IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

Bastille's frontman Dan Smith has recorded a live performance of an unreleased song called Blue Sky & the Painter from onboard a Greenpeace ship in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The area is famous as the home of the Bermuda Triangle – where ships and planes have supposedly disappeared without a trace.

The singer joined a voyage with Greenpeace UK on the Arctic Sunrise ship to learn more about the importance of ocean protection. Dan spent three busy days onboard the Arctic Sunrise taking part in scientific research, helping to spot humpback whales and taking part in a beach clean on Cooper's Island in Bermuda.



# NATIONAL NEWS

## **TOXIC BREATH: AIR POLLUTION SECOND LEADING RISK FACTOR FOR CHILDREN**

Air pollution has continued to scale new heights to become the second largest killer globally after blood pressure, recording a dubious tally of 8.1 million deaths in 2021. Of this, a staggering 2.6 million deaths occurred in South Asia alone. To this is added debilitating chronic diseases and a range of ill health.

*Source: Down to Earth/ State of Global Air (SoGA) Report 2024*



# MOST INDIANS SEEK CLIMATE CHANGE REDRESSAL: REPORT:

In the second edition of the world's biggest standalone public opinion survey on climate change - The Peoples' Climate Vote 2024 - 80% of people globally want their governments to take stronger action to tackle climate change.

In India where heatwaves have devastated crop yields and torrential rains have submerged many areas, the poll found 77% thought their country should strengthen its commitment to addressing climate change

*Source: TOI / The Peoples' Climate Vote 2024*



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**ACT BEFORE WE MELT**

The image shows a large outdoor sculpture made of clear ice blocks, depicting a person melting. The sculpture is placed on a green base. In the background, there are palm trees and a building. The text 'ACT BEFORE WE MELT' is written in bold black letters on a white banner at the bottom of the image.

## Impact Box

### **Shri Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha MP attended the report launch and took immediate action**

Shri Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha MP, attended the report launch on *Heat Havoc: Investigating the Impact on Street Vendors* and took immediate action! He wrote to Central and Delhi Ministries, urging them to set up cooling shelters with fans, chairs, and drinking water for street vendors in all 250 wards. He also pledged funds from his MP fund to support this initiative.



# Donor Diary



“As a physician, deteriorating air and water quality is a matter of grave concern for me. Plastic pollution and soil degradation too are serious issues. Organizations like Greenpeace are needed for advocacy in such issues and for creating awareness amongst the people as well as governments. That is the reason I support Greenpeace.”

**Sharda Bapat,  
Greenpeace Supporter**



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