

Climate Cartoon Contest 2020

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As an extension activity, Climate Cartoon Contest-2020 for school children has been conducted by the Atmospheric Science Research Laboratory, Dept of Physics and Nanotechnology & Satellite Meteorology Cell, SRM Institute of Science and Technology.

The primary aim of the Climate Cartoon Contest -2020 is to bring awareness and to motivate the young students towards the understanding of various climate issues such as air pollution, cyclones, monsoons etc.

The climate cartoon contest 2020 witnessed wide publicity among the kids community. The flyer had been posted in facebook, twitter and other social media. It was flashed in some of the you-tube channels and V logs. Also, it was posted in DSSAT scientific community where it reached 16000 climate and agriculture scientists across the world.

We have received a tremendous response to the call. We have received more than 1050 drawings from approximately 160 schools across the world. The drawings are from 14 countries include USA, Brazil, Saudi, UAE, Ghana, Malawi, Kiambu, Pakistan, Hungary, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, The Netherlands and many states of India.

Best drawings are announced and the participation certificates are issued to every kid who contributed drawings to the contest.

Also, we have invited short videos from the kids suggesting the solution for the climate or weather extremes and we have received 75 videos.

An online interaction meeting with the kids has been held on 28th July 2020 on the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day. Around 300 kids along with their parents participated in the online meeting and interacted with the climate experts. The list of climate experts interacted with the kids are given below.,

- Dr. Ana Elisa Bucher, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank
- Dr.S. Balachandran, Deputy Director General of Meteorology, RMC, IMD, Chennai
- Dr. G. Pandithurai, IITM, MoES, Pune
- Prof. Ajit Tyagi, Former DGM, IMD
- Dr. M.S. Narayanan, SAC, ISRO