

## **The Power of India's Constituencies:** Building India's Climate Resilience from the Ground Up

With climate risks rising, the solution may lie closer to home, right at the localised level

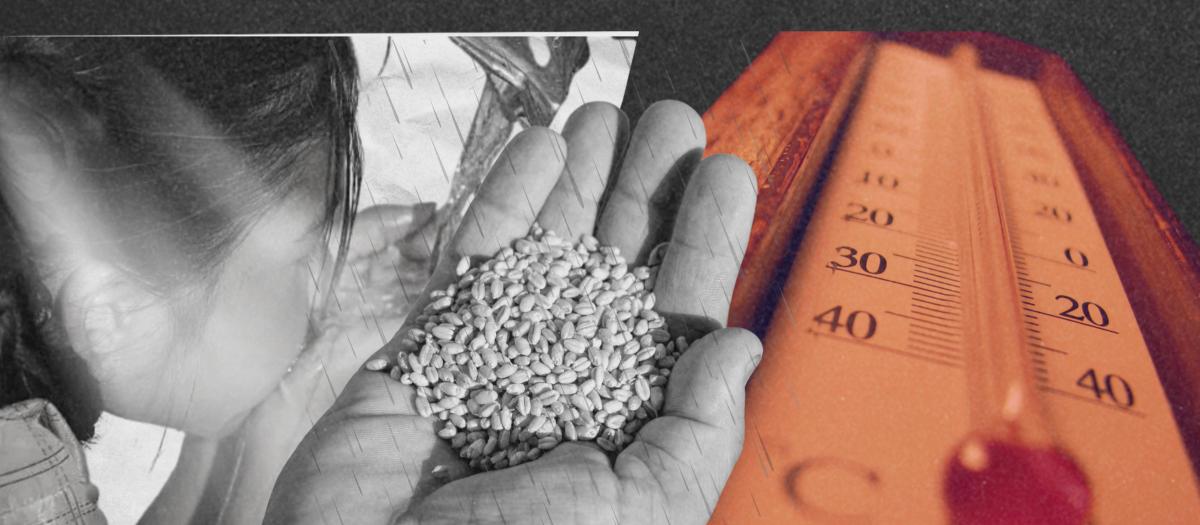




#### **The Rising Pressure**

- In 2024, India lost 700+ lives in a prolonged heatwave
- Crop yields are falling
- Power demand is surging

Climate change is not a distant crisis—it's local, immediate, and personal





## **Climate Action Needs All of Us**

India's climate response must be: **Collective. Converging. Localised.** 

To drive meaningful change, we need action across every layer of society:

- Samaj (Society) Empower citizens, communities & civil society
- Sarkar (Governance) Align national, state & local policies
- Bazaar (Markets) Mobilise green finance & sustainable businesses

Real climate resilience comes from connecting these forces at the grassroots level

Samaj

Sarkar

Bazaar



## Why Constituency-Level Planning Matters

Top-down plans can miss hyperlocal realities But MLAs, MPs & panchayats are best placed to:

• Tailor strategies to local risks

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- Align development with resilience goals
- Build climate capacity within communities

Example: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin's (PMAY-G) integration of climate-conscious housing design



# The Climate Opportunity at the Grassroots

₹169 billion/year is allocated to MPs and MLAs
These funds can be steered toward climate-smart projects—
From climate-resilient crops to early warning systems

Local leaders can be at the forefront of shaping regionspecific solutions across India's diverse geographies



## What's Next?

- Build capacity of local leaders
- Embed climate into constituency development plans
- Build community knowledge and ownership
- Strengthen alignment with national & global climate goals

Resilience begins at the grassroots. Let's build it together.

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