



Environmental Immersion Program

Kodaikanal International School - Center for Environment and Humanity (KIS CEH)

About Us

The KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH) is an environmental education and action center based in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu – a unique high-altitude ecosystem in the Western Ghats, one of the world's most critical biodiversity hotspots.

At CEH, we empower students to become environmental stewards through hands-on, place-based learning experiences. Our programs combine scientific understanding, community knowledge, and active exploration of real-world environmental challenges. We work at the intersection of biodiversity conservation, regenerative agriculture, waste management and climate action.

We welcome school groups from India and around the world to join us for immersive environmental learning experiences that foster critical thinking, teamwork, and a deep connection to the natural world.

Our Core Themes & Sample Activities

Below is a list of hands-on activities organized by thematic area. Each activity is designed to develop specific skills and learning outcomes.

Regenerative Agriculture & Sustainable Food Systems

Students learn how food is grown, the ecological impact of different farming practices, and how sustainable farming supports community and planetary health.

Activities:

- Farm visits across different elevations (lowland to 2000+ meters)
- Mulching, composting, natural fertilizer (e.g., Panchagavya) & pest-repellent preparation
- Soil testing, cover cropping, crop rotation
- Community cooking and farm-to-table meal preparation

Biodiversity, Ecology, and Conservation

Students explore the Sky Islands of the Western Ghats, learning about endemic species and ecosystems, and the urgent need for conservation.

Activities:

- Nature walks in Shola forests, grasslands, and plantations
- Birdwatching and species identification
- Comparative studies of native vs. monoculture forests
- Native nursery management and species propagation



Waste, Circular Economy & Sustainable Lifestyles

Students investigate the impact of waste on ecosystems and explore ways to transition toward circular systems.

Activities:

- Waste audits and systems mapping
- Upcycling art projects
- Composting workshops
- Visit to local recycling center
- Forest/stream cleanup drives

How It Works

Each immersion program is tailored to the age, interests, and learning goals of your students. We offer:

- Flexible durations (from half-day, 1-day to 10-day immersions)
- Multi-theme or single-theme focus
- Opportunities to interact with KIS students and staff
- Interaction with grassroots conservation communities
- Optional overnight stay at our forest campsite in Poondi

Let's Co-Create!

At CEH, we believe environmental learning should be collaborative and relevant. We invite partner schools to co-create the program with us based on your curricular goals, student interests, and desired outcomes. Whether your focus is climate change, sustainability, environmental justice, or just spending time in nature, we can design a meaningful experience together.