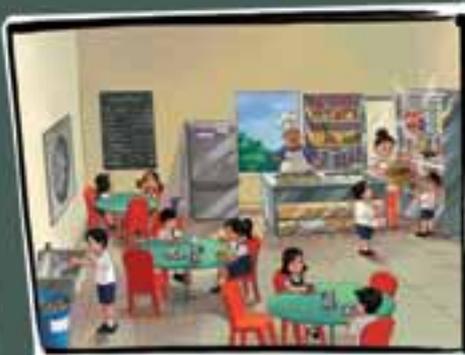




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An illustrated book for future green geniuses

From the Desk of Dr R K Pachauri

India has been growing rapidly in recent years, and even with the current economic downturn, the prospects for healthy economic growth are very bright. At the same time urbanization of the population has been taking place rapidly, with massive migration from rural to urban areas. Today India is also a very young country with the largest number of people below the age of 25 years than any country has experienced historically.

Economic development is associated with improved standards of living, better health facilities, and a brighter future for generations yet to come. But is it just the benefits and advantages, the freedom and rights that we need to focus on or do we also need to look at the responsibilities attached to these assets as well? The answer seems to lie in the words of John D Rockefeller, Jr: "Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

The Green Genius Guide series looks at various lifestyle-borne issues through various habits and activities of two characters, namely, Gopu chacha and his son Popu, who carelessly indulge in wastage and thus harm the environment. But the wise-beyond-his-years Green Genius, with his bunch of squirrels, mice, and birds as friends, tries to undo the harm. What's more, he also teaches us several simple, yet important lessons of life! Set in locations like the home, the neighbourhood, the school, and shopping centre, the series instills in us the mantra of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, and seeks to inspire us to lead a life in harmony with nature.

But we as a society have not only forgotten our long standing tradition of veneration for nature, but have also been derelict in our responsibility towards future generations. A totally materialistic approach towards life has led to massive cutting of trees, pollution of air and water across the length and breadth of the country, the annihilation of animals and birds, and an overuse of resources of various kinds in a cold and insensitive manner. In other words, the footprint of our pattern of so-called development has grown larger than what Mother Earth can absorb.



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AT THE

SCHOOL GATE

Cycle to school if you can.
It saves energy, doesn't
pollute, and keeps you fit



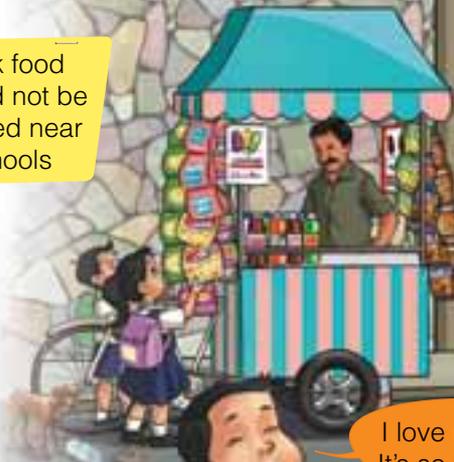
Popu, Gopu Chacha's
son, has come from Singapore!
He will stay with us, what fun!
And go to school,
what's more!



GREEN GARDEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

Don't buy from street
vendors outside
your school. You
may fall sick

Junk food
should not be
allowed near
schools



Cycling is good, but
don't cycle on busy
roads. It is unsafe!

I love it here!
It's so messy!

Spot Popu's
bloopers



Don't litter your school
during lunch. Always
throw in dustbin



What is the use of going to
school and getting educated
if you litter everywhere





NO₂
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CO₂

Vehicles should be well maintained. Exhaust fumes contain harmful chemicals



Vehicles should be kept away from schools to avoid pollution and noise

It is against the law to smoke in public places, especially in and around educational institutions like schools!

Instead of personal cars, use a school bus to travel to school

Smoking in public places is not allowed

Can't smoke peacefully anywhere these days!

Exhaust fumes harm your lungs

Avoid standing behind buses. What if the driver suddenly moves them back?!

Noise pollution harms our ears

POPUS BLOOPERS
• Littering outside the school

IN THE

CANTEEN

Use medicated handwash to wash your hands!



Popu's favourite place is the school canteen!



Fresh and healthy menu!

Water cooler, to be cleaned twice a week, for clean and filtered water!

Use eco-friendly cleaning agents like citric acid and hydrogen peroxide to mop the floor of canteen once a day!

Today's Menu	
Idli Sambhar	10/-
Uppma	10/-
Poha	10/-
Rajma Chilla	10/-
Vegetable	10/-
Sandwich	10/-
Bread Paoora	10/-
Burger	10/-
Hotdog	10/-

Cleaning your own utensils is a good practice!

Soap and water, splash and splash! Our own dishes we must wash!



Stainless steel utensils – reusable easy to clean!

- POPUS BLOOPERS
- Asking for junk food like fries and soda
 - Making fun of a poor student
 - Throwing tantrums



Don't serve food with your hands; use spatula or tongs instead



Don't reuse oil after frying. Not good for health!



Use cloth wipes – as they can be reused – to clean counters



Steaming hot, germ free!

Fruit and vegetables for good health!

Cloth caps to cover hair!

My homemade desserts! Especially good for kids!

Helping elders in their daily chores is a good habit

Spot Popu's bloopers

A poor goat girl in our canteen?

In a great country, everyone has the right to education!

Eat fresh, local dishes!

No sodas? No plastic gloves? No fries? No AC?

Sodas are bad! Plastic creates waste! Fried food is junk! ACs harm the environment!

Chairs from recycled plastic

OUR

GREEN SCHOOL

Turn over contents of a compost bin once a week!



At school, we learn in many ways. And don't just sit with books!

Trees provide a home for birds and small animals. Keep the ecosystem alive!

Every bit you add here is one bit less of waste in the world!

Harvested rain water to water the grounds

Plants and trees keep the atmosphere cool and clean

We love to come here!

Spot Popu's bloopers



GLASS

PAPER

PLASTIC

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