WNO's Communication On Engagement for UNGC 16/11/2019-16/11/21

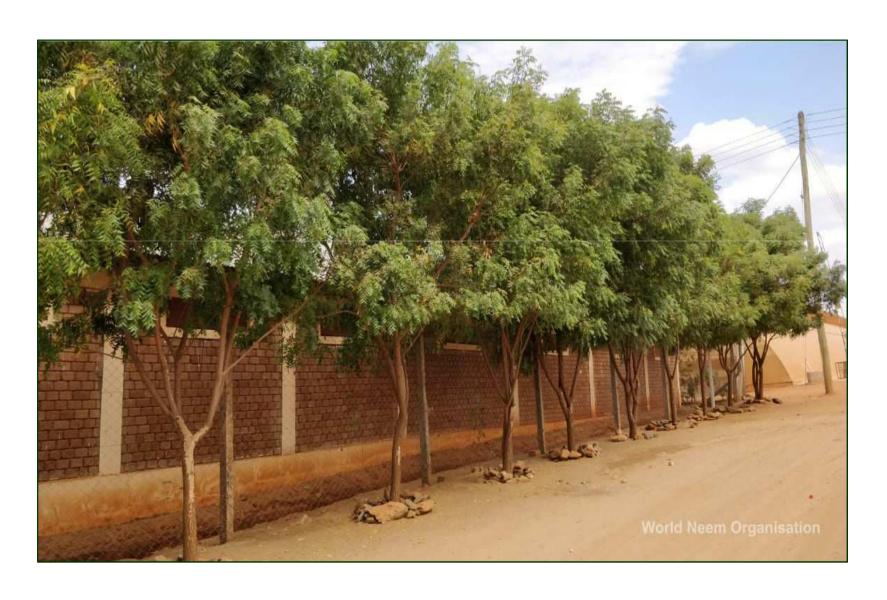
Neem: Azadirachta Indica A.Juss
The Earth's saviour for a Sustainable Future!

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Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations New York, New York 10017, USA

Sub: COE submission

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that World Neem Organisation continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our continued intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and as before we continue to make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public. We continue to hold our pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact and appropriate and feasible participation in Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

Thanking you With NEEM Regards

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii General Secretary



World Neem Organisation (WNO), a Not-for-Profit-Company and a Participant of the United Nations Global Compact, Member United Nations Global Compact India was incorporated under Section 8 Company of India (CIN No U01110MH2017NPL294815) on May 15 2017 as a forum for all neem enthusiasts, investigators, partners, and workers with a view to synergize their expertise, knowledge, and resources to promote neem activities across the globe. Mumbai is the headquarter of the World Neem Organisation (WNO).



WNO Vision & Mission

- Build greater awareness and promote the potential of the Neem tree (Azadirachta Indica A. Juss.) for better Plant health, Human health, Animal health, and environmental health.
- Promote large-scale Neem plantations in tropical and sub-tropical as well as in temperate (south Spain and Portugal) and desert regions. (Saudi Arabia, UAE, etc).
- Promote research on Neem's potential for a better and sustainable world in the coming decades.
- Promote production and commercialization of Neem products worldwide.
- Pursue and persuade policymakers.
- Create a Neem database and Neem mapping to build greater awareness of the potential of Neem.
- Formation/ establishing Neem Co-operative Societies (NSC) for Neem fruit, leaves collectors.



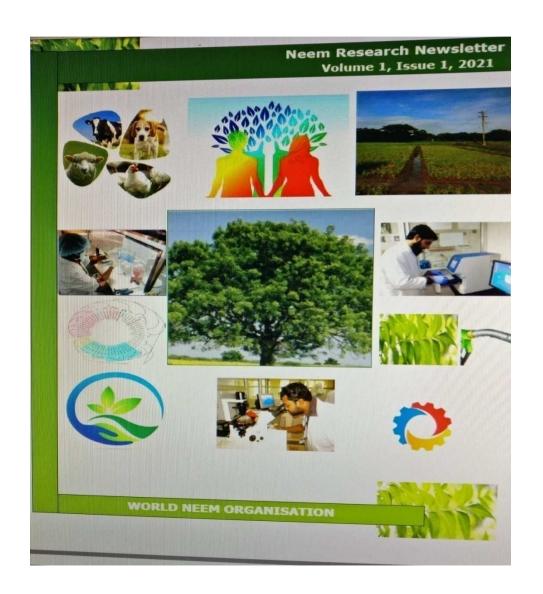
WNO's support to UNGC's Ten Principal as well as SDGs no 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 and 17

- During the last two years in the critical situation of SARS COV 2 (COVID-19), WNO tried its best to work towards UNGC Ten Principal as well as SDGs no 1, 2, 3, 13, 14,15 and 17.
- WNO reached out to the people in need by giving food, food money, travel money and medicines.
- Joined hands with the other NGOs for "Roti/ Bread Bank" for people who were stranded at the railway station in hope of getting seats to reach their hometowns.
- Took care of office staff during the first lockdown by giving them a due salary and later allowed them to work from home till date.
- To promote and create awareness about Neem as "The Earth's Saviour for a Sustainable Future!" seven YouTube videos were produced and uploaded.
- First Neem Research Newsletter was released in the month of August 2021.



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WNO's Founder member, Director & Treasurer, Mr Girish Soman's company Nisarga Healthcare Pvt Ltd did a Double Blind clinical trial using Neem capsules for COVID-19 in collaboration with All Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi,.

Neem (Azadirachta Indica A. Juss) Capsules for Prophylaxis of COVID-19 Infection: A Pilot, Double-Blind, Randomized Controlled Trial

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Abstract

Context: SARS-CoV-2 is a global public-health concern. Interventions to prevent infection are urgently needed. The anti-inflammatory and antiviral effects of neem make it a potential agent for COVID-19 prophylaxis.

Objective: The study intended to evaluate the prophylactic effects of neem capsules for persons at high risk of COVID-19 infection due to contact with COVID-19 positive patients.

Design: The research team designed a prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-design study.

Setting: The study was conducted at a single centre in India.

Participants: Participants were 190 healthcare workers at the hospital or relatives of patients with COVID-19 infection.

Intervention: Of the 190 participants, 95 were in the intervention group and 95 in the control group. Participants received 50 mg of a proprietary, patent-pending, neem-leaf extract or a placebo orally in capsules, twice a day for 28 days.

Outcome measures: The number of individuals positive for COVID-19 between baseline and follow-up on day 56 was the primary outcome measure. Secondary measures included an evaluation of Neem's safety and its effects on quality of life (QOL) and changes in biomarkers.

Results: The mean age of participants was 36.97 years, and 68.42% were male. Total 13 subjects tested positive during the study. All were asymptomatic. Of the 154 participants who completed the study per-protocol, 11 tested positive, 3 in the intervention group and 8 in the control group. The probability of COVID-19 infection in participants receiving the intervention was 0.45 times that of participants receiving the placebo, a relative risk of 0.45, with the effectiveness of the intervention being around 55%. Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) in both groups were minimal and were of grade 1 or 2 in severity. Biomarkers and QOL remained stable in both groups.

Conclusions: The study found a reduced risk of COVID-19 infection in participants receiving neem capsules, which demonstrates its potential as a prophylactic treatment for the prevention of COVID-19 infection. The findings warrant further investigation in clinical trials.



2nd WNO AGM

2nd WNO AGM was held on 13th November,2019, at WNO head office, Mumbai, India. Members who could not be present were given the LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Welcome address was given by Dr B N Vyas, Director & President WNO. Minutes of the 1st AGM held at Bengaluru were read by General Secretary and approved.

Accounts for the Financial Year 1.4.18 to 31.3.2019 were ready by the Treasurer. After discussions on few points, were approved & adopted.

Briefing and discussion on YouTube project was done. Presentation by Dr Mahak Gupta on progress of the project was done. She explained what are possible options, took feedback for initial steps and later on took interview of each Member present with list of questionnaire she had prepared with help of Dr Nirrmala Kotharii, Director & General Secretary. WNO. Separate Slide of Sponsors shall be included and also tickers if required on each presentation of 1.5 to 5 mins. Slides, which shall be viewed / available online.

Challenges ahead were mainly related to increasing Membership and spreading Neem Awareness campaign. The Former was discussed as mentioned in Point of improving Financial Condition and later presently YouTube project should take care of Neem Awareness.

M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd @ INR 45000 Millions turnover company were approached for Corporate Memberships & Funding under CSR initiative for establishing Neem plantations for the rural upliftment.



3rd WNO AGM

3rd WNO AGM was held on 31st March,2021 on "Virtual Platform Zoom". Members who could not join were given the LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Welcome address was given by Dr B N Vyas, Director & President WNO. Minutes of the 2nd AGM held at Mumbai were read by General Secretary, Dr Nirrmala Kotharii and approved.

Accounts for the Financial Year 1.4.19 to 31.3.2020 were approved & adopted.

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii, General Secretary briefed about the activities done during the lockdown period.

It was decided that in this situation of SARS-COV-2 WNO will organize a series of webinars titled "Challenges and Opportunities for Neem promotion".

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WNO Webinar Series

"Challenges and Opportunities for Neem promotion"

First webinar was held on 18th September at 5.30 -7.30 PM IST.

Dr. B N Vyas presented "Potential for the usage of Neem in Agriculture"

Dr Venkatesh Devanur presented "Role of Botanical Pesticides in IPM"

Dr. Nirrmala Kotharii presented "Role of Planned Neem plantation"

Mr Girish Soman presented "Potential Use of Neem in prevention and treatment of Covid 19: Science so far,,,"

It was attended by Neem enthusiast from India, Canada, Australia, UK, Kenya and Newzealand.

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WNO's Participation in UNGCI Summit and National Convention

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii & Mr Milan Mehta attended 3rd SDGs Summit, 20 December 2019, ITC Grand Central, Parel, Mumbai

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii joined 20th Anniversary Virtual Leaders Summit of the United National Global Compact Network (UNGC), June 15-16, 2020.

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii attended 15th National Convention: Raising the SDG Ambition-Pathways for Sustainable Recovery and Growth on 4th and 5th Feb 2021.

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii attended Gender Equality Summit 2021 (GES 2021) on 9th – 10th March at 10 AM (IST) on the theme 'COVID and New Gender Equations: Adversity to Opportunity' virtually.

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii joined a special session on the report launch- "Development sector: Adapting to the Ecosystem in the COVID-19 Era" on March 19, 2021, 3:00 PM.

Dr Nirrmala Kotharii attended 17th AGM of UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 1800 Hrs.



WNO is working towards UNGC's (Sustainable Development Goals) no 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 and 17

















WNO Neem Plantation 1st Year





WNO Neem Plantation 2nd Year





WNO Neem Plantation 3RD Year





Thanks & NEEM Regards!

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Let's paint the Globe with Neem!

Let's Live a Neem life!

Let's Embrace Neem!