

Booklet on climate change now in braille

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The booklet is part of the Science Express Climate Action Special



The Braille version of a booklet — Climate Action: We Must Not Delay — dedicated to environmental issues such as carbon footprint, groundwater scarcity and air pollution was recently launched in the capital. The booklet, which was launched by N S Kang, secretary and director general, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is part of the Science Express Climate Action Special.

The Science Express is a custom-built 16-coach AC train for the Department of Science and Technology by the Indian Railways and is currently in its ninth phase making its way across India with a mobile exhibition on the global crisis of climate change.

Dr Vinod B Mathur, director, Wildlife Institute of India said, “With this, we want to initiate a dialogue about climate change and educate students about its impact, adaptation and mitigation solutions as well as policy approaches in a comprehensive manner.”

“We are seeking to create an inclusive model and bring them into the mainstream. We are also working with five National Institute of Design graduates to create audio books for the visually impaired that visit the Science Express. It will also be available on our website. I was encouraged by the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, A N Jha, to approach the material in a way that takes into account our visually impaired students. So, we decided to produce a braille version of the booklet which is now available in 11 languages,” added Mathur.