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Gurgaon Student Among 2020 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Teen Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Aditya Mukharji, a 15 year-old from Gurgaon, India, is one of seventeen young environmental activists from across the globe honored by Action for Nature (AFN) as a 2020 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognizes eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16 for their creative initiatives aimed at tackling critical environmental challenges.

Awarded annually, these outstanding young people from across the globe are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. For the past 17 years, the International Young Eco-Hero Awards have honored global youth in two categories – 8 to 12 years old and 13 to 16 years old – who are taking important steps to solve tough environmental problems. Since 2003, Action for Nature has recognized more than 275 young people from over 30 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Aditya received an honorable mention in the 13-16 year-old age category for his project, Refuse If You Cannot Reuse.

Aditya Mukharji began his campaign against single-use plastics in 2018 with the goal of eliminating 50,000 plastic drinking straws. To date, his organization has worked with over 100 establishments and has spoken about single-use plastics to 10,000 people in cinema halls, market complexes, schools, offices, and industrial plants, resulting in the elimination of over 26 million plastic drinking straws.

“Kids like Aditya have shown that the next generation is refusing to simply stand on the sidelines but instead is turning its passion for helping the planet into projects that have tangible, positive impacts on the environment now,” said Beryl Kay, president of Action for Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments. “Young activists like Aditya are shaping the world around them and inspiring other young people to take



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action to protect our Earth.”

“Through this project I have learned about the harms of single-use plastics, and that the plastics we consume and throw out will outlive us by a few hundred years,” said Aditya Mukharji.

To read more about Aditya’s work, visit
actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#aditya.

To learn more about this year’s International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit
actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards.

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Action for Nature (AFN) is an international non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments.