

Sustainable Living Inspired by Tribal Traditional Practices

**AFS NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION
By
NEW DIGAMBER PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDORE**

Ancient Wisdom, Sustainable Future

**Mode : Virtual
Registration : July 25, 2026 - August 03, 2026
Team composition: 3-4 students per school
Grades : IX - XII**



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This initiative offers students an exceptional platform to immerse themselves in the timeless wisdom of indigenous communities, appreciate their deep-rooted harmony with nature, and adapt traditional practices in innovative ways to address today's pressing environmental challenges.

ELIGIBILITY

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ROUND 1

Roots of Sustainability : Research Dossier

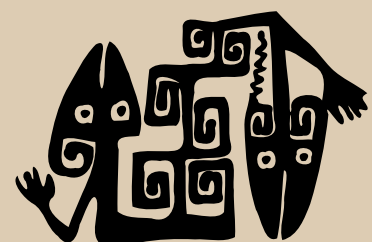
Each team selects one Indian / International tribal community and highlights its traditional practices related to:

- Food systems and agriculture
- Water conservation and natural resources use
- Housing and material culture
- Community sharing and sustainable lifestyles
- Or any other

Submission Requirements:

- 5–7 page illustrated Research Dossier (PDF)
- Proper citations, references, interviews, or field-based insights.
- A reflection explaining why and how the selected practices are sustainable.

Shortlisted teams will qualify for the final round.



ROUND 2 (FINAL)

Tradition to Transformation – Innovation Showcase

- Shortlisted teams will reinterpret one documented tribal practice from Round I .
- Give a practical solution for a modern school, community, or urban context.

Acceptable formats (any one):

- Functional model or prototype, not a decorative display
- Design a blueprint with an implementation plan
- Digital concept (App/System/Campaign)
- Sustainability policy or practice proposal for schools/communities

Final Presentation Includes (4-5 minutes total)

- Explanation of the original tribal practice
- How it inspired the modern solution
- Feasibility, scalability, and impact
- Personal reflection on intercultural learning
- Followed by a jury interaction / Q&A. (1 – 2 min)



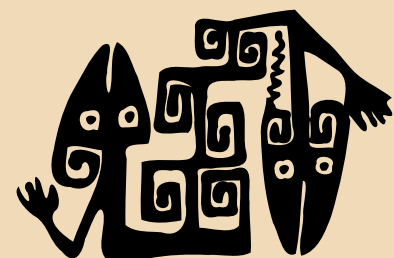
JUDGING CRITERIA

ROUND 1

- Depth of Research
- Understanding of Sustainability
- Authenticity & Respect
- Sources & Evidence
- Reflection & Clarity

ROUND 2

- Connection to Tribal Practices
- Innovation & Creativity
- Feasibility & Practicality
- Sustainability Impact
- Presentation & Reflection



IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Judging is based entirely on the content; aesthetic or decorative elements will not influence the scoring.
- All submissions must be completely authentic and plagiarism-free; copied material results in immediate disqualification.
- Full and appropriate credit must be given for any referenced sources or external materials used.

AFS LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will:

- Recognize indigenous knowledge as global wisdom
- Practice ethical research and cultural sensitivity
- Develop problem-solving skills rooted in sustainability
- Reflect on intercultural learning and responsibility

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EVENT DETAILS

Register Window:

July 25, 2026 to August 3, 2026

Last Date for Round 1 Submission:

August 13, 2026

Round 2 Final Virtual Event:

August 25, 2026

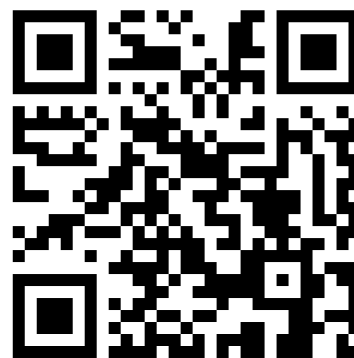
Registration Link

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Submission Link

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