

Annexure 1 – Themes

- **Air Pollution:** The government, police, pollution control boards are suggesting many alternative ways to do things in our day-to-day life that do not pollute the environment. Even strict warnings are given in some cities regarding Air pollution by the concerning Pollution body.
- **Traffic management:** Traffic related challenges are becoming a concern for many localities due to increase in number of private vehicles. Traffic congestions, road accidents, following traffic guidelines, etc are some of the issues of concern under this theme.
- **Waste management:** Waste Management has emerged as a major challenge in many parts of the country. Although most of us know about it we tend to forget about it or do not prioritise it. Some issues under the theme of concern are littering, improper disposal of waste, excessive waste generation, etc.
- **Health Care Services:** Inadequate access to basic healthcare services such as shortage of medical professionals, a lack of quality assurance, insufficient health infrastructure, poor awareness of health-related services and schemes, etc. are some of the areas of concern under this theme.
- **Digital Safety:** Nowadays we see lot of sales schemes and gift vouchers are flashing on various digital platforms, messages to click on link, emails/messages about winning lottery, people reaching out to ask One Time Passwords on pretext of lie like unpaid bill connection, etc. Some of them are digital traps to extract money from people through digital gateways. Some of the issues of concern under this theme are such digital frauds, One Time Passwords sharing risks, click on any links, etc.
- **Roads related issues:** Roads are an important part of the neighbourhood. Adverse conditions of the roads or poor light system on the road may create severe problems for the neighbourhood.
- **Clean Drinking Water:** Communities need clean water to stay physically healthy and prevent diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, typhoid, etc. Some of the issues of concern are insufficient access to purified drinking water, water pollution, scarcity of drinking water, poor infrastructure for water management, etc.
- **Stray Animals:** In some localities, there is an increase in the number of stray animals. These animals search for food, shelter and in their search may lead to unintended harm to people around them. Some of the issues of concern under this theme are irresponsible pet ownership, halting traffic flow which may result in road accidents, biting/causing harm to people, etc.

Note: The group can also select any other topic of their choice with teacher's approval provided it is a local civic issue prevalent in their community.