

Declarations

Theme 1: Water commons and community collective

1. It is resolved that the Vayalagam institutions shall facilitate other thematic federations to promote water collective to enable the larger community for water bodies restoration and environmental protection.
2. It is resolved that, for a more extensive and long-term conservation of water bodies across the country, the traditional water management technique known as “Kudimaramathu” will become more widely used through persistent collaboration between people’s institutions and mainstream organizations, including Corporate Social Responsibility.
3. It is resolved that the Vayalagam institutions shall prioritize promoting water volunteers and community custodians for surface water commons, especially from the youth section, to absorb the inspiring lessons learned by the DHAN Vayalagam Tank Foundation and share them with society at large for holistic ecosystem development.
4. It is resolved that preserving traditional practices shall receive major attention in moving towards a new social order, wherein traditional water management practices like the Neerkatti system, traditional crop varieties, and traditional breeds are to be given primacy everywhere.
5. It is resolved that Vayalagam federations shall expand the social capital in a saturation mode to make their initiatives more pervasive and serve a larger community.
6. It is resolved that a new social order will be established by the exchange of best practices from community-led water conservation programs that are executed at the cascade, watershed, and river basin levels, wherein the community Yatra will take precedence as a crucial tool for collective learning.
7. It is resolved that urban water governance shall be scaled up through an active partnership with multiple stakeholders, including government, CSR, industries, and academia, in safeguarding urban water bodies.