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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
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Title of the Manuscript:	Participatory Communication Approach in Environment Conservation: A Case Analysis of Voluntary Initiative by 'Dhauladhar Cleaners' in Himachal Pradesh
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>Positive comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This manuscript is highly valuable for the scientific community as it sheds light on the effectiveness of participatory communication in fostering community engagement for environmental sustainability, a topic that is increasingly critical in light of global climate challenges. 2. By highlighting the behavioral changes and awareness raised within the community, the manuscript contributes to our understanding of how participatory approaches can support sustainable development goals at a local level. <p>Negative Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The research focuses primarily on the work of a single volunteer group, Dhauladhar Cleaners, which may not capture the broader environmental challenges or efforts in Dharamshala or similar regions. 4. The manuscript calls for waste treatment facilities, it lacks a thorough exploration of the logistical, financial, and policy barriers to implementing such infrastructure, which would make the recommendations more actionable and robust for policymakers and stakeholders. 	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title is generally descriptive but could be refined to make it more concise and engaging while still conveying the study's focus.</p> <p>Participatory Communication for Environmental Conservation : A Case Study of 'Dhauladhar Cleaners' in Himachal Pradesh</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefly mentioning any challenges faced by Dhauladhar Cleaners or limitations in the approach would offer a more balanced perspective and help contextualize the effectiveness of participatory communication strategies. 2. While the abstract emphasizes the need for waste treatment facilities, it could briefly address practical recommendations or potential barriers to implementation, such as financial or infrastructural constraints, to make the policy aspect more actionable. 3. The abstract could be slightly shortened by reducing the background information on Dharamshala's environmental issues and focusing more on the study's unique contribution. 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The study lacks a structured presentation of key components essential to establishing a strong foundation for research, including the rationale, objectives, hypothesis, and methodology. 	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness and technical soundness by grounding its analysis in a comprehensive review of relevant literature and citing authoritative sources, 	

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<p>robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>including reports from the IPCC, United Nations, and World Bank.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. It provides detailed evidence of the environmental challenges faced by mountainous regions, particularly the Himalayas, and supports its findings with both global and regional data. 3. The manuscript also effectively links participatory communication and community engagement with sustainable waste management and climate action, showing a solid theoretical basis for its research approach. 4. Additionally, the inclusion of recent statistics and specific case studies, such as the Dhauladhar Cleaners, adds practical relevance and credibility, strengthening the study's argument for community-led environmental conservation efforts. 	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>⋮</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manuscript touches on participatory communication, including more recent studies that explore innovative participatory strategies in environmental conservation would be beneficial. 2. Since the manuscript references IPCC reports, including the IPCC's AR6 Working Group I report for the most recent climate projections could enhance scientific accuracy. 3. The manuscript could also enhance its relevance by incorporating recent statistics or studies specific to India's waste management initiatives. 4. The reference to "Dhauladhar Cleaners (n.d.)" is mentioned as a website but could be cited more formally with a publication year or access date, given that it is an organizational website. 	
<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication, as it conveys complex ideas and concepts clearly and effectively.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manuscript provides a detailed and insightful examination of the participatory communication strategies employed by Dhauladhar Cleaners to promote environmental conservation in Dharamshala. 2. The use of mixed methods, including participant observation and survey research, enhances the richness of the findings, allowing for a comprehensive understanding of community engagement practices. 3. However, the manuscript could benefit from more precise descriptions of the data analysis methods used, as well as a clearer explanation of the statistical approach, if any, applied to the survey results. 4. Additionally, organizing some sections with more concise language would improve readability without losing the depth of the study's findings. 	

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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