

## GLOBAL HIMALAYAN EXPEDITIONS IN 2026

### TRAVELING AND PROVIDING CLEAN ENERGY IN INDIA

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The [Global Himalayan Expedition \(GHE\)](#) continues its extraordinary work conducting impact expeditions and providing energy access to remote communities in the Himalayas.

The [Global Himalayan Expedition \(GHE\)](#) was founded in 2013 by electrical engineer Paras Loomba in Ladakh (Indian Himalayas) to expand access to electricity for the remote Himalayan communities by promoting a new model of tourism.

In the Hindu Kush Region, there are more than 16 million people without access to basic energy mainly due to their geographic remoteness. The [Global Himalayan Expedition \(GHE\)](#) is one of the world's first organizations using the force of tourism coupled with technology to bring solar energy to these remote communities, as recognized by the [World Travel and Tourism Council \(WTTC\)](#) and the [United Nations World Tourism Organization UNWTO](#).

[The GHE website presents new expeditions to India scheduled to start in January 2026, to involve potential tourists in their realization.](#)

GHE conducts "Impact Expeditions" to remote Himalayan villages and uses a portion of the expedition fee to fund the capital cost of the hardware, transportation, installation and training of village-scale solar micro-grids. The micro-grid infrastructure set up by GHE is owned and operated by the community. To date, GHE has solar-electrified villages in three regions of India, directly impacting the lives of villagers through its Expeditions. Households are now CO<sub>2</sub>-free as kerosene oil has been replaced with solar energy. Solar capacity has been set up in some of the most remote villages of India, cutting tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from these communities by eliminating the need for kerosene. In addition, there has been a reduction of respiratory problems faced by the villagers.

GHE's model of tourism with an impact is easily replicable because of the simplicity of its approach. The *Global Himalayan Expedition* is moved by the consideration that lack of access to energy is the primary cause of poverty and offers tourists the opportunity to travel to the most remote sites of the Himalayas, while having a tangible, positive impact on the lives of local communities through expanded access to electricity. The expeditions organized by GHE, involving tourists from all over the world, envisage that part of their travel time is dedicated to installing solar panels, organizing micro-electricity grid systems, training children in the use of new communication tools, and





supporting the inhabitants in organizing new accommodation arrangements. The objective of the expeditions is to implement sustainable and scalable solutions leading to an overall development of the community while empowering the local village population.

In particular, GHE organizes the following expeditions:

- [Student Expedition](#). Students embark on a transformative 7-8-day expedition where they collaborate with the local community on impactful development projects. The students gain real-world skills, leadership experience and a deep sense of social responsibility.
- [Corporate Expeditions](#). Corporate leaders embark on impactful expeditions, collaborating on sustainable development projects for remote communities, enhancing leadership skills, fostering team unity, and deepening their commitment to social and environmental responsibility.
- [Women Leaders Expedition](#). Women leaders embark on a transformative all-women expedition, collaborating on impactful projects in remote communities. This journey empowers them to lead with confidence, build strong networks, and champion social change.

Through these expeditions, GHE achieved the following results: 310 corporate leaders engaged; 95 impact projects realized; 15 corporate collaborations established; and 445 students leaders created.

The GHE website presents a wide range of information about the organization's extraordinary work and the results achieved. Their projects focus on sustainable practices that ensure long-term benefits for both people and the environment. The impact results achieved through their work are [summarized on the GHE website](#): 23 Health Centers upgraded with better infrastructure in remote regions; 15,000 Students provided access to digital education; 300,000 tonnes of Carbon mitigated annually through clean cooking solutions; 130 Rural micro enterprises set up from scratch; 199 Villages electrified with DC Micro Grids and 76,000 Households transformed through developmental interventions.

The work of the *Global Himalayan Expedition* [has been recognized by Awards of several leading international organizations](#) for its impact on the travel industry and on the communities. GHE's work of leveraging tourism as a force for development [has received worldwide recognition through articles](#) and videos published in magazines, specialized reviews, tourism organizations and international institutions.

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