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Sustainable Green Initiative

Sustainable Green Initiative(SGI) was founded to distribute, plant, and nurture fruit trees to help those in need while contributing to the country's green cover. SGI maintains these saplings for three years to ensure high survival rates. Their mission has been supported by a variety of partners. The space they require has been provided by community lands, homesteads, orphanages, old-age homes, government schools, and others – who all enjoy the fruits of this work. Since 2012, SGI has overseen the planting of over 50 million trees across 16 states...and this number is only growing!

FUEL (Friends Union for Energizing Lives) has been transforming lives for over 18 years through CSR initiatives in STEM education, scholarships, future skills training, and entrepreneurship. Founded by Ketan Deshpande at 19, an Ashoka Fellow and Champion of Change recognised by the Prime Minister, FUEL is mentored by Santosh Huralikoppi, a serial entrepreneur and Fellow at Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. In the last decade, FUEL has impacted 619,987 individuals across 18 states in India through 97 projects supported by 76 donors. FUEL Business School offers a 100% scholarship programme for BBA and PGDM courses, enabling deserving students across India to access quality education. With plans to launch FUEL International Skill Tech University, FUEL will establish specialised schools in Future Skills, Digital Technology, Management, and Science, empowering India's youth with skills for the future.

"PW Foundation (PWF) is a non-profit organisation established under Section 8 of The Companies Act, 2013. It serves as the social welfare arm of PW, an ed-tech company based in India. Rooted in the belief that quality education is a fundamental right for all, PWF is dedicated to making a positive impact on society by ensuring access to basic education, healthcare facilities, and skills development essential for livelihood sustainability. The PW Foundation board comprises three directors: Mr Prateek Maheshwari, Mrs Rajat Pandey, and Mr Vijay Shukla. Under the leadership of Mr Vijay Shukla, PWF is committed to its mission of social responsibility and sustainable development, striving to create meaningful and lasting improvements in the lives of individuals and communities it serves.

Vision: To empower underprivileged individuals through comprehensive developmental initiatives focusing on educational, social, economic, cultural, and technological aspects.

Mission: PW Foundation aims to empower marginalised individuals by providing them access to quality education, healthcare facilities, and opportunities for skill development, thereby enhancing their livelihood sustainability."

The Godavari Initiative (TGI) has been envisioned as a multi-stakeholder collaborative for promoting sustainable management of the Godavari River Basin in Maharashtra through benefit sharing, stakeholder engagement, and practical learning. The Godavari Initiative aims to create a multi-stakeholder collaborative platform for corporates, government, and civil society to address critical challenges related to river basin health and climate resilience through collective action. TGI envisions a resilient and thriving ecosystem for the Godavari River Basin in Maharashtra that balances community well-being with ecological integrity, ensuring water security for all.

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Dhwani Rural Information Systems Pvt. Ltd

Dhwani Rural Information Systems (ISO Certified) is a Delhi NCR-based social impact organisation with over 9 years of experience in advisory and consulting services. Its team of 150+ ICT4D professionals develops innovative IT applications for NGOs, government functionaries, CSRs, and international funding organisations, enabling seamless project management in India and abroad. Dhwani bridges the gap between technology and social impact, empowering organisations to monitor and evaluate programmes for maximum impact. Dhwani's expertise spans digital transformation, data analytics, technology solutions, capacity building, and research studies, supporting sustainable development and social change initiatives.



Sambhav Foundation

Sambhav Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that envisions a more equitable future where everyone has a chance to prosper. It is committed to changing the lives of women, youth, and the intellectually challenged by empowering them with skills and linking them to sustainable livelihoods. Its goal is to change lives at scale by improving education, building skills, and uplifting through employment and entrepreneurship. Leading women to a life of greater financial and personal independence, and enabling an inclusive and accepting future for the intellectually challenged are key focus areas at the foundation. Sambhav's interventions also cover ensuring health and well-being, extending the last mile reach of healthcare, building infrastructure for quality education and community living, providing environmental stewardship, and enabling access to affordable financial services to members of the community. Working with over 2000 partners, Sambhav conducts programmes that have impacted more than 2.7 Million lives in India, including 13K micro-entrepreneurs incubated to date. The foundation operates a network of 100+ skilling centres countrywide that offer 85+ vocational training courses.



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Smile Train

Smile Train is the world's largest cleft-focused NGO with a sustainable approach to a single, solvable problem: cleft lip and palate. They empower local medical professionals by providing training, funding, and resources to offer 100% free cleft surgery and comprehensive care within their communities. In India, 35,000 babies are born with clefts every year. Without treatment, they struggle to eat, breathe, hear, and speak. Since 2000, Smile Train has facilitated 700,000+ cleft surgeries across India, leveraging a network of 150+ hospitals in 100+ towns and cities. Their toll-free cleft helpline number (1800 103 8301) guides patients and parents nationwide. They collaborate with various public and private organisations and accredited medical organisations to expedite early detection and treatment. Your support can help Smile Train reach thousands of children and families, providing them with free and quality cleft care. Let us join hands and change India one smile at a time.



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Guvi Geek Network Private Limited

GUVI, India's leading tech-powered vernacular EdTech platform, incubated by IIT-M, IIM-A, and a distinguished member of the HCL group, is at the forefront of tech upskilling in regional and international languages. With a community of over 3 million global learners, GUVI offers cutting-edge solutions in tech education. Through strategic partnerships with industry giants such as 'Google for Education,' AICTE, AWS, Google Cloud, IIT-M Pravartak, UiPath, and NASSCOM, GUVI has revolutionised the global tech education landscape. As one of the Top 10 companies to receive initial licenses from OpenAI, GUVI is a leader in AI-driven learning innovation. Trusted by 1000+ industry-leading companies, GUVI-for-Corporates (GFC) and HyreNet, an AI-powered skill assessment platform and job portal, continue to empower diverse learners to achieve their full potential. GUVI sets the benchmark for tech-driven excellence, creating pathways for learners to excel in the tech industry.



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Art of Living

Founded by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji, Vyakti Vikas Kendra India (VVKI) is a registered public charitable trust dedicated to promoting spiritual, educational, cultural, and social development initiatives. For over 42 years, Art of Living Social Projects has worked to improve the health and well-being of underprivileged and marginalised communities by actively involving local stakeholders. The organisation's projects focus on the social, economic, and environmental transformation of both urban and rural areas. VVKI acts as a bridge between resource providers and communities, fostering transformation through collaboration. Key areas of engagement include River Rejuvenation through Watershed Management, Natural Farming, Afforestation, Education, Skill Development, Women Empowerment, Waste Management, and the support of Gaushalas. The mission of Art of Living Social Projects is centred on revitalising the planet naturally and creating sustainable, long-term change.

Give Grants enables CSR teams within corporations to deliver maximum social impact. It specialises in helping companies design, implement, and manage high-impact social responsibility initiatives. With a deep understanding of the CSR landscape and compliance requirements, Give Grants partners with companies to create tailored strategies that align with both their corporate values and the needs of the communities they serve. It offers end-to-end solutions that include CSR consulting services, CSR project management support, a SaaS platform to support data tracking and reporting, and impact assessment. Give Grants believes in the power of strategic giving to drive meaningful change. Its goal is to help companies make a lasting difference in society while meeting their CSR obligations with efficiency and transparency.



Healthcare Partner

The Hans Foundation

Established in 2009, The Hans Foundation (THF) is a Public Charitable Trust dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all. Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, THF has worked for the benefit of more than 37 million people to date. Today, its programmes work for the well-being of all in over 1,200 villages and 14 cities across 25 states. THF focuses on empowering marginalised and underprivileged communities in India with a key initiatives in health and well-being, education, livelihood, and climate action, with special focus on children, persons with disabilities, and women.

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Bill and Melinda Gates

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Mark Suzman, under the direction of Chair Bill Gates and the board of trustees.



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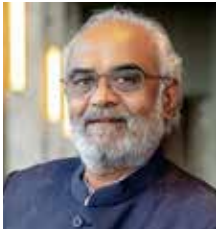
India Climate Collaborative

The India Climate Collaborative (ICC), founded in 2020 by philanthropists and industry leaders, is a first-of-its-kind collaborative committed to the climate ecosystem in India. It unlocks individual and corporate philanthropic capital, identifies catalytic climate priorities, and creates a connective infrastructure for impactful funding.

Welcome Address & Context Setting Launch of The India ESG Outlook Report 2024

Doing Good For Bharat Awards Ceremony 2024:

Special Guests:



Hon'ble Padma Shri Savji Dholakia Ji

Founder and Chairman,
Hare Krishna Exports &
Dholakia Foundation

Shri Savji Dholakia Ji, Founder and Chairman of Hari Krishna Exports Pvt. Ltd. (HKEPL), is a renowned philanthropist and business leader from Surat. Celebrated for his humility and generosity, Dholakia's mission extends beyond business to impactful social and environmental work. He is the driving force behind "Mission River" and "Mission 102030," initiatives dedicated to water conservation and afforestation. His exemplary efforts include planting over 2.4 million saplings and constructing 75 lakes in Gujarat, earning him the Padma Shri award in 2022. Under his leadership, the Dholakia Foundation has gained international recognition, including special accreditation at the 2023 U.N. Water Conference. With HKEPL's significant global presence, Savji Dholakia's commitment to improving lives and protecting the environment reflects a profound dedication to societal progress. His visionary approach continues to inspire and drive meaningful change.



Hon'ble Shri Asim Arun Ji

Minister of State
(Independent Charge),
Social Welfare, SC/ST Welfare |
MLA, Kannauj Sadar,
Government of Uttar Pradesh

Shri Asim Arun Ji is the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Social Welfare and SC/ST Welfare in the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Originally from Uttar Pradesh, he comes from a family committed to public service and joined the Indian Police Service in 1994. With a distinguished three-decade career, Asim has served in various roles, including district police superintendent in multiple regions and Commissioner of Police in Kanpur Nagar. He was the first IPS officer to complete Black Cat Commando training with the National Security Guard and was part of the Close Protection Team for former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. His tenure as chief of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in Uttar Pradesh included leading the successful operation against ISIS terrorist Saifullah in 2017, for which he received the President's Gallantry Medal. Asim also modernised the Police Control Room in Uttar Pradesh, launching the Sewa 100 system and establishing modern facilities in major cities. He led the UP-112 emergency service from 2019 to 2021, significantly contributing to COVID-19 response efforts.



Hon'ble Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao Ji

Hon'ble Health Minister,
Government of Karnataka

Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao Ji is the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare in the Government of India. He has a rich background in public service, having served in various capacities within the government. Prior to his current role, he was the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs in the Government of Karnataka, where he implemented significant reforms to enhance food security and consumer rights. Shri Rao Ji has also been an influential member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, representing the Bengaluru Rural constituency. With a keen interest in public health, he has actively participated in various health campaigns and programmes aimed at addressing issues such as maternal and child health, nutrition, and disease prevention. Shri Rao Ji is committed to leveraging technology and innovation in healthcare, striving to create a more efficient and effective health system that meets the needs of all citizens. His vision includes improving healthcare infrastructure, enhancing the quality of services, and promoting preventive healthcare measures.



Hon'ble Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh Ji

Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, **Government of India**

Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh Ji is a seasoned politician from Uttar Pradesh and a long-serving Member of Parliament (MP) representing the Gonda constituency. A member of the BJP, he is known for his strong advocacy of environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, and water management.

Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh Ji has contributed to important parliamentary discussions on climate change and rural development, reflecting his focus on grassroots issues. With a legacy of public service, he has been instrumental in bringing attention to the needs of rural India.



Shri Harsh Malhotra Ji

Minister of State, Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs & Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **Government of India**

Shri Harsh Malhotra Ji is the Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, Government of India. A first-time Member of Parliament (MP) representing the East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency for the Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP), he has a robust background in public service spanning over three decades. Prior to his current role, Shri Malhotra Ji served as a councillor from the Welcome ward and was elected Mayor of the East Delhi Municipal Corporation in 2015. He is also one of the three general secretaries of the BJP's Delhi unit. Shri Malhotra Ji brings a wealth of experience and leadership to his position, focusing on key initiatives and policy issues within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. He is dedicated to driving positive change and serving the country through his role in the government.



Moderator

Ms Pooja Jain

Special Correspondent,
Times Influence Group
(Times Network)

Ms Pooja Jain is a Special Correspondent for the Times Influence Group, part of the Times Network. At Times Network, she has anchored and produced several flagship business and lifestyle feature shows, moderated panel discussions with industry leaders, and hosted a wide array of live on-ground events. Notably, she anchored Pathfinders, a feature series that highlights the success journeys of distinctive brands. She also reports for Leaders of Tomorrow, ET Now's daily show profiling entrepreneurs from across India, now in its 12th season. Her work spans diverse sectors including healthcare, education, real estate, financial services, FMCG, and technology. Pooja has conducted interviews with a range of high-profile personalities such as WPP Founder Sir Martin Sorrell, cricketer Gautam Gambhir, Bollywood icons Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, and Katrina Kaif, filmmaker Karan Johar, spiritual leader Sadhguru, race car driver David Coulthard, Prince Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur, influencer Prajakta Koli, and renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj.



Mr Sandip Patel

Managing Director,
IBM India Private Limited

Mr Sandip Patel is the Managing Director for IBM India & South Asia region. He is responsible for all of IBM's sales, marketing, services and delivery operations in the region, including Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In addition, Sandip also plays a key role in enabling capabilities across IBM's global missions in India, including research and innovation labs. Sandip took up this role in 2020 with a mandate to make IBM the number one hybrid cloud, AI, and consulting expertise company in India/South Asia. Most recently, Sandip was the General Manager for the Insurance industry at IBM. In this role, he was responsible for IBM's business across all brands in the Insurance industry, working extensively with Financial Services, Insurance and Healthcare clients in the US and globally. Prior to this, Sandip was the President of Aetna International where he had full P&L responsibility for the internal business at Aetna. Before joining Aetna, he served as the General Manager for IBM's Global Business Services division for India / South Asia and has served as a partner in various leadership roles at IBM, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Coopers & Lybrand in his professional career. Sandip has managed and participated in a variety of multi-disciplinary organisation-wide transformation projects, addressing enterprise strategy, global expansion, operations and technology transformation, and culture change, in different regions around the world.



Ms Hina Nagarajan

Member Diageo Global
Executive Committee,
MD & CEO,
Diageo India

Ms Hina Nagarajan is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Diageo India and a member of Diageo's Global Executive Committee. She is also a Non-Executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee on the board of BP plc. Hina took charge of Diageo India in July 2021 and has been instrumental in reshaping the business strategy for long-term profitable growth and value to all stakeholders. She led Diageo India's premiumisation strategy, brand renovations, and digital transformation as well as investments in new growth engines such as Nao Spirits for craft gin, and the launch of Godawan, the first single malt whisky from Diageo India. There has been significant progress in the Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) journey over the last two years across key areas such as water stewardship, waste management, carbon emissions, sustainable packaging, safety, and corporate governance. Prior to her current role, Hina was the Managing Director, Diageo - Africa Emerging Markets (AEM), where she was instrumental in leading business operations in 37 markets and delivered significant growth, whilst doubling operating margins. Hina has held leadership positions in global companies including Reckitt, Mary Kay India, and Nestlé India. Hina is a strong advocate of creating opportunities for women and contributed extensively to Inclusion & Diversity (I&D) Programmes, her contributions and business achievements have been widely recognised through various awards/listings: EMpower Top 100 Ethnic Minority Role Model Lists (2020, 2019), WeQual I&D Award Winner (2019), Cranfield University Top 50 Women to Watch (2019), 'Businesswoman of the year' by Economic Times in 2023, and ranked among India's '50 Most Powerful Women in Business' by Fortune India in 2023 & 2024. Other awards include Business World's Most Influential Women 2022 & 2023, Business Today's Most Powerful Women in Business 2021, 2022 & 2023, and Woman CEO of the Year 2023 by ET Prime. She has also served on the National Board of AmCham in India.



Mr Sumit Joshi

CEO & MD,
Signify, Greater India

A visionary leader, Mr Sumit Joshi is the CEO and Managing Director of Signify, Greater India with over two decades of experience across industries in business leadership and strategic marketing roles. With over a decade at the company, Sumit has excelled in various leadership roles, demonstrating his expertise in driving strategic initiatives and leading diverse teams of senior professionals. His career journey is marked by his passion for brands, an in-depth understanding of industries, and a collective growth approach for a better tomorrow. He started his professional journey in the FMCG industry with Britannia Industries in sales, followed by a stint at Marico under brand management before moving to the appliance industry with Whirlpool. Sumit joined Signify in 2011, first leading marketing for Philips Lighting India and later taking on the role Global Head of Marketing Excellence based out Netherlands. He further went on to lead Signify South Asia and has been Managing Director of Signify since 2017. His transition from biscuits to IoT lighting has been driven by continuous learning and the opportunity to contribute to an industry that significantly impacts people's lives. At Signify, Sumit is dedicated to unlocking the extraordinary potential of light for brighter lives and a better world. His leadership and collective growth approach have been pivotal in positioning Signify as a leader in the lighting solutions industry in India. His leadership philosophy emphasises that 'passion can do miracles' combined with strong initiative, hard work, teamwork, agility, and steadfast support for his team. An avid orator, he attributes much of his success to mentorship and self-awareness, believing these to be critical elements in personal and professional growth. Sumit is also actively involved with numerous industry forums where he contributes regularly, shaping industry standards and policies. His extensive experience and strategic vision have been instrumental in forming Signify's leadership stance, driving growth, and encouraging talent and innovation in the region.



Ms Sarika Minda

Chairperson,
Spark Minda Foundation

Ms Sarika Minda, the Chairperson of Spark Minda Foundation, is an inspirational leader and a renowned philanthropist, who has dedicated her life to the upliftment of lesser privileged marginalised sections of society. She established Spark Minda Foundation in the year 2014. The main goal of Spark Minda Foundation (SMF) is to support community development by majorly focusing on skilling, livelihood promotion, empowering women, supporting healthcare accessibility, empowering people with disabilities and sustaining the environment. In order to achieve these extremely important goals, the Foundation organises impactful programmes for the local populations of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu states of India. As a chair to Spark Minda Foundation, she has made strides by addressing critical national development goals and developing projects for the betterment of the country. Owing to the efforts of Ms. Sarika Minda and her team, in 2016, Spark Minda Foundation received an award for Top Community Care Companies in Asia at Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES). In 2019, under her leadership, Minda Corporation Limited was bestowed with The National CSR award by the Ministry of Corporate affairs. She was awarded by the former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind and the minister Nirmala Sitharaman. In 2021, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) awarded the 6th National CSR award. In the year 2024, SMF was bestowed upon with the CII ITC Sustainability Awards and has many other accolades under her belt. Ms Minda believes in the principles of equity, empathy and inclusion for every individual in society, always prioritising environmental welfare and making a positive impact through effective action. She believes that collaboration is the mantra or rather the key to success in the development sector, emphasising the importance of learning from one another and replicating impactful initiatives for the greater good. Additionally, Ms Minda holds that it is the responsibility of each of us to ensure the inclusivity of the less privileged sections of Society.

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Mr Dhaval Udani

Founder & CEO,
danamojo

Mr Dhaval Udani, brings nearly 25 years of experience across technology, management consulting, and philanthropy. Having worked with global corporations like Citigroup and A.T. Kearney, Dhaval transitioned to the social sector, serving as a volunteer and later as CEO of GiveIndia. He is now the Founder & CEO of danamojo, a Compliance-First Payment Solutions Platform for NGOs, which has on boarded over 1,250 organisations. Danamojo is supported by Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies and Social Alpha. Dhaval has extensively written on philanthropy for outlets like Forbes India, Times of India, and India Development Review. An Aspen Fellow, he also leads a community of over 1,000 NGO fundraisers.

Welcome & Launch of The India CSR Outlook Report



Mr Bhomik Shah

Founder & CEO,
CSRBOX Group

Bhomik Shah is a CSR & sustainability professional with over thirteen years of experience in CSR and sustainability practice. He set up CSRBOX in 2015 to bring together companies, innovators, and social impact organisations. CSRBOX now serves as the largest impact ecosystem enabler in India, with the annual India CSR Summit and ESG Forum being one of its key platforms. Bhomik works with the leadership teams at state industries' departments and policy-makers in the Parliament of India to create an enabling environment for corporate-government partnerships. He has an MBA in Environment Management and has worked with Zee Media, Enadu Group, WWF India, and Partners in Change before setting up CSRBOX and NGOBOX.

Keynote Address:



Mr S.D Shibulal

Co-Founder, Infosys | Founder,
Shibulal Family Philanthropic
Initiatives

Mr S.D. Shibulal (Shibu), Co-founder and former CEO of Infosys Ltd., played key leadership roles, including Chief Operating Officer and Head of Worldwide Sales. Before Infosys, he worked at Sun Microsystems, leading the team behind its first e-commerce application. Shibu retired from Infosys in 2014. In 2014, he co-founded Axilor Ventures, supporting Indian startups in e-commerce, healthcare, and cleantech through accelerator programmes and funding. His passion for education led to the creation of ShikshaLokam in 2016, a platform empowering over 300,000 K-12 government school leaders across India through open-source technology and partnerships. Shibu is a Trustee of the Infosys Science Foundation, a Board member at Boston University, and chairs both the High Power Digital Advisory Committee of Kerala and the hospitality venture Tamara.



**Smt. Kranti E.
Khobragade Ji (IRS)**

Deputy Secretary, Department of
Public Enterprises, Ministry of
Finance, Government of India

Smt. Kranti E. Khobragade is an IRS (Indian Revenue Service) officer currently serving as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Public Enterprises, Delhi. She was recently appointed to this position on a deputation basis, where she plays a key role in overseeing public sector enterprises in India. With her extensive background in tax administration and public service, Ms. Khobragade contributes to the strategic and policy-oriented initiatives of the Department. Her experience and leadership in governmental roles are critical to her current position in fostering transparency and effective governance within the public sector enterprises.



Shri Manvendra Pratap Singh Ji (IAS)

Managing Director, AIDC Ltd,
ASIDC Ltd. & AIIDC (Government
of Assam Undertakings)

Shri Manvendra Pratap Singh Ji (IAS) is the Managing Director of Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (AIDC), Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. (ASIDC), and Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (AIIDC), all government undertakings of Assam. He has held this position since April 2022. An IAS officer since 2012, Shri Singh has over 12 years of service with the Government of India. Prior to his current role, he served as District Magistrate in Hojai and held significant positions at the Directorate of Survey (Air) and Delhi GDC under the Survey of India, where he was responsible for surveying and supervisory duties from 2004 to 2012.



Shri. Haribhau Bagade Ji

Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan

Shri Haribhau Bagade Ji, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, is a veteran politician with a long and impactful career in public service. A senior leader of the BJP, he has served as the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and represented the Phulambri constituency in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for several terms. With decades of experience, Bagade Ji has been deeply involved in legislative processes and governance, earning respect for his leadership and commitment to rural development.








Smt. V Vidyavathi Ji, IAS

Secretary Tourism,
Government of India

Smt. V. Vidyavathi, an IAS officer from the 1991 batch of the Karnataka cadre, currently serves as the Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. She took over this position in June 2023, succeeding Arvind Singh. Before this, she was the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Her appointment comes at a pivotal time, as she has been overseeing preparations for major tourism-related events, such as the G20 meetings. Vidyavathi brings a wealth of experience in administrative roles, and her leadership is expected to play a significant role in shaping India's tourism landscape.

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-  School Students Skilling
-  Entrepreneurship
-  Skilling of Blue-Collar Workers



Arun Prakash M
Founder & CEO of GUVI

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At GUVI, we believe in driving change through innovative education-focused CSR initiatives. Our latest CSR initiative, AI4Schools, empowers school teachers with AI skills, fostering innovation in classrooms and future-proofing education. By embracing vernacular languages and addressing regional needs, we're ensuring that cutting-edge technology reaches the grassroots level, creating lasting social impact, and nurturing the tech leaders of tomorrow.



Apoorv Johari
Business Unit Head - Corporates

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At GUVI, we partner with enterprises to drive impactful CSR programs focused on education. By offering tech-skilling initiatives in Indian vernacular languages, we ensure accessibility for diverse communities. Our collaboration with industry leaders aims to upskill undergrad engineering students in emerging technologies, preparing them for an evolving job market. Together, we're building a skilled workforce and fostering a culture of continuous learning for a brighter future by prioritizing inclusivity and accessibility.



Moderator

Mr Ashish Srivastava

Associate Director, Corporate
Social Responsibility,
EY Foundation

Mr Ashish Srivastava presently serves as the Associate Director of CSR at EY Foundation, where his dynamic career has spanned collaboration with esteemed NGOs, multinational corporations, and consulting roles. His portfolio boasts the management of over 150 community initiatives, spanning a diverse spectrum of vital sectors such as Education, Skills Development, Health, Agriculture, Disaster Response, Environment, Women's Empowerment, and Community Development across more than 15 Indian states. Ashish embodies the essence of a dedicated CSR Practitioner who champions the ethos of 'Creating and offering one fair opportunity' to every marginalised individual through need-based and sustainable CSR projects. In his current capacity, he has established robust standard operating procedures for CSR, artfully crafting time-bound, result-oriented community projects in fields such as Education, Disaster Response, and Environment, with tangible and measurable impact. Ashish's impressive track record extends to his extensive involvement in large-scale development projects encompassing education, skills development, healthcare, livelihoods, agriculture, disaster management, environment conservation, women's empowerment, and holistic community development.



Mr Vijay Shukla

Director,
PW Foundation

Mr Vijay Shukla is a visionary leader with a strong emphasis on education, entrepreneurship, and technology. He currently serves as Director of PW Foundation, a non-profit established by Physics Wallah (PW) to provide educational, social, and financial support to underprivileged communities. Since joining in July 2024, Vijay has spearheaded initiatives to enhance equitable access to education and resources. Additionally, Vijay is Chairman of GirlsFirst Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to advancing educational and career opportunities for girls. Leading the organisation since March 2024, he focuses on programmes that foster gender equality and women's empowerment. Vijay's leadership in these roles underscores his commitment to social change and improving the lives of marginalised communities through education and technology. Based in Gurugram, Haryana, he effectively combines in-person and remote leadership to drive progress across both foundations.



Mr Navdeep Singh Mehram,

Vice President – CSR & Sustainability,
DIAGEO India

Mr Navdeep Singh Mehram, Vice President of CSR & Sustainability at Diageo, is a highly experienced professional with over two decades of expertise across multiple sectors. His specialisation lies in developing and managing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainability portfolios, with a strong emphasis on sustainability strategy, public policy, partnership building, and stakeholder engagement. Navdeep's career encompasses corporate organisations, multilateral agencies, and community-based initiatives, providing him with a comprehensive and versatile understanding of the social impact landscape. Prior to joining Diageo, Navdeep led Public Affairs for South Asia at Tetra Pak and served as the National Expert on CSR for the SME sector with the UNIDO Cluster Development project.



Mr Niraj Lal

Group CSR Head,
Arvind Ltd

Mr Niraj Kumar Lal brings over 25 years of expertise in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), with notable contributions in health, education, skill development, and slum networking. He serves as a member of the CII National Committee on CSR and is the Convenor of the CII Gujarat State Panel for CSR and Social Inclusiveness. Niraj has led impactful initiatives, including an 8 to 10-year education program designed to uplift underprivileged children and break the cycle of poverty. He has also empowered tribal women through skill training, facilitating their transition to white-collar professions. An advocate for private-private partnerships in CSR, Niraj is dedicated to advancing efficiency and achieving measurable social impact.



Ms Ria Vaidya

Associate Vice President & Global Lead – Corporate Communications & CSR,
VFS Global

Ms Ria Vaidya is the Associate Vice President & Global Lead for Corporate Communications and CSR at VFS Global, where she oversees CSR investments across 150+ countries. With over two decades of experience spanning telecommunications, media & entertainment, BFSI, and shared services, Ria has held prominent roles at global brands like Disney and Citi. She is an expert in strategic communications, CSR initiatives, employer branding, ESG reporting, and Diversity & Inclusion programmes, driving impactful campaigns and initiatives on a global scale.



Moderator

Ms Medha Gandhi

Founder and Principal,
Consultant Counterpoint
Impact Advisory

Ms Medha Gandhi Founder and Principal Consultant specialising in policy advocacy and partnerships that enhance quality of care, particularly for marginalised communities. Her previous role as Lead Program Advocate for Family Health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation involved designing and managing comprehensive health programmes in sexual and reproductive health, immunisation, and infectious diseases. Currently, she offers expertise in public health, gender, and health system strengthening through her work with Counterpoint Impact Advisory. Medha is dedicated to advancing women's leadership and driving sustainable health improvements for girls, women, and underrepresented groups.



Dr Zoya Rizvi

Deputy Commissioner, Ministry
of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India

Dr Zoya Ali Rizvi is the Deputy Commissioner at the National Health Mission under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, a role she has held since May 2014. She has over a decade of experience driving public health initiatives at the national level. Prior to this, she served as the State Programme Officer in Himachal Pradesh, overseeing health programmes for children and adolescents. Dr Rizvi also worked as a Medical Officer with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, contributing to various healthcare initiatives during her tenure.



Dr Sapna Poti

Director – Strategic Alliances,
Office of the Principal Scientific
Adviser to the Government of
India

Dr Sapna Poti, with nearly 30 years of experience, leads strategic partnerships to advance scientific research, innovation, and development in India. She is the architect of Manthan, a platform for industry-academia collaboration, which has gained national and international recognition. Her career spans leadership roles in major corporations like Crompton Greaves, Deloitte, and Toyota, as well as significant government positions at the National Skill Development Corporation and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. She is a member of expert committees, including NITI Aayog's Expert Group on Skill Development, and serves on the board of the International Federation of Inventors Associations. Dr Poti has received multiple accolades for her contributions to innovation, leadership, and women's empowerment.



Dr Suneeta Krishnan

Deputy Director, Strategy
Planning & Management and MLE
India Country Office,
Gates Foundation

Dr Suneeta Krishnan is the Deputy Director of Strategy, Planning & Management, Evaluation at the India Country Office of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. With over 20 years of experience in the health and human development sector, her work has encompassed research, program design, evaluation, and business strategy. Her research has focused on how poverty, gender inequality, and other forms of inequity contribute to adverse health outcomes, including unintended pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, and noncommunicable diseases among women. Suneeta has advocated for policy change at various levels and developed interventions to advance gender and health equity. As a leader, she has mobilised teams to address complex problems at the intersections of social inequities, health, and the environment. In her six years at the Gates Foundation, she has fostered a culture of learning, promoted adaptive systems thinking, and built partnerships to strengthen research and evaluation capacities in India. A firm believer in mentorship and team-based initiatives, Suneeta leads with humility, embracing diversity and intellectual inquiry. Her work is rooted in collaboration and a deep commitment to health and social equity.



Dr Niranjana Saggurti

Managing Director,
PopulationCouncil Consulting
Pvt. Ltd.

Dr Niranjana Saggurti is the Director of the Population Council's India office, overseeing research on youth health, sexual and reproductive health, and HIV prevention. With over 20 years of public health experience, he has led studies on HIV prevention among high-risk populations, sexual and gender-based violence, and maternal health for marginalised women. His work on migration and HIV has influenced India's national HIV strategy, and his research on intimate-partner violence and HIV risk has shaped international policy discussions. A former assistant professor at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Dr Saggurti has received many accolades for his contributions to public health.

Keynote Address:



Shri. Gurmeet Singh Chawla Ji

Joint Secretary, National Culture
Fund, Ministry of Culture,
Government of India

An officer of the Indian Railway Accounts Service from the 1998 batch, Shri Gurmeet Singh Chawla Ji has held various positions within his parent cadre of Railways as well as in the Central Government. Throughout his career, he has served as a Financial Advisor, overseeing revenue generation, expenditure, and procurement processes. Currently posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Shri Chawla Ji is responsible for overseeing the National Culture Fund, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), official language matters, administration, coordination, and parliamentary affairs.



Shri. Anand Madhukar Ji

Additional Director General
(Administration),
Archaeological Survey of India

Shri Anand Madhukar Ji is the Additional Director General (Administration) at the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). In this role, he oversees key administrative functions, contributing to the preservation and management of India's rich cultural heritage. With extensive experience in public administration, Shri Madhukar plays a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth functioning of ASI's operations across the country. His leadership is instrumental in facilitating heritage conservation initiatives, modernising administrative processes, and supporting ASI's mission to safeguard India's archaeological and historical treasures.

Panel Discussion

Landscape Based Approach in CSR & Sustainability for Better Impact



Moderator

Mr Swapan Mehra

Founder,
IORA Ecological Solutions

Mr Swapan Mehra is an expert in environmental finance and climate policy, focusing on nature finance and community resilience programmes. As Founder and CEO of IORA Ecological Solutions, he drives climate action through nature-based solutions. With expertise in areas such as REDD+, ecosystem service valuation, conservation policy, and climate finance, Swapan has contributed to key national policies, including India's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy and National REDD+ Strategy. He is an active member of various national and international committees, contributing to government programmes and global initiatives related to biodiversity, carbon markets, and natural capital. Previously, Swapan led climate investment teams at Evolution Markets and AES India.



Dr Sarika Kulkarni

Founder – Chief Executive,
Raah Foundation

Dr Sarika Kulkarni is a distinguished leader with a doctorate in management, bringing rich expertise as a writer, professor, entrepreneur, and speaker. As the CEO of Raah Foundation, she spearheads efforts to empower underprivileged women through a rights-based approach. Dr Kulkarni has led over 3,000 lectures and training programmes, focusing on WASH (SDG 6), nature-based solutions, and climate change mitigation, including forest revival and biodiversity projects. She is also a trusted CSR consultant for various companies and a highly sought-after speaker on social business.



Ms Namita Dandekar

Chief Operating Officer,
Raintree Foundation

Ms Namita Dandekar, Chief Operating Officer at Raintree Foundation, brings extensive experience in communications and investor relations, having worked with leading agencies like Adfactors PR and Christensen IR and corporates such as Opto Circuits and Piramal Enterprises. Her expertise spans financial and corporate communication, investor relations, and C-level advisory. Since joining the Raintree Family Office, Namita has led key initiatives, focusing on ESG-compliant investments and impact-driven ventures. At Raintree Foundation, she drives catalytic philanthropy in areas such as Integrated Rural Development, Disability, and Mental Health, fostering sustainable social change through strategic operations and partnerships.



Mr Vijay Vardhan Vasireddy

General Manager ITC Social Investments,
ITC Ltd.

Mr Vijay Vardhan Vasireddy is a dedicated champion of green and inclusive development with over 25 years of experience in the development sector. He possesses a strong technical background in agriculture and rural livelihoods, climate-smart agriculture, and natural resource management. In his managerial capacity, Vijay excels in community engagement, fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships, and programme design through a systems thinking approach. Currently, he serves as the General Manager of ITC Social Investments, a role he has held for over 12 years, where he leads agriculture and nature-based resource management programmes across ITC Limited's CSR initiatives in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.



Dr Pratyush Panda

CEO, OneStage
(registered as Charities Aid Foundation India) and
MD, Collaborative Philanthropy Foundation

Dr Pratyush Kumar Panda is a distinguished expert in CSR, Sustainability, and Public Policy, with over two decades of experience spanning sectors such as IT, Cement, Urban-Waste, Energy, Steel, Aluminium, Forestry, and the Social sector. Currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer at OneStage, registered under Charities Aid Foundation India, Pratyush is leading initiatives that drive equitable change in India by building a collaborative platform with CSR partners, non-profits, government bodies, and experts. Throughout his career, Pratyush has managed over INR 5,000 crore worth of CSR and Corporate Sustainability funds, facilitated more than 59 Board Committee meetings, overseen 1,000+ NGO partnerships, and maintained active working relationships with over 100 bureaucrats. As an author, Pratyush has co-authored a book on Impact Assessment and is one of the few sustainability leaders to pledge 50% of his wealth towards environmental and social causes. He is also a certified Disaster Manager, a dedicated marathoner, and a committed vegetarian. Pratyush's unique blend of experience and passion for philanthropy, sustainability, and social responsibility make him a key figure in India's corporate and social sectors.

Panel Discussion

Innovating for Educational Equity: Addressing Systemic Barriers in Education Through CSR Initiatives



Moderator

Mr Tarun Cherukuri

CEO,
Indus Action

Mr Tarun Cherukuri is the Co-Founder and CEO of Indus Action, a New Delhi-based non-profit focused on leveraging civic-tech solutions and community mobilisation to advance policy implementation. His efforts ensure that vulnerable families in India can fully access their entitlements in education, healthcare, and social security. Under his leadership, Indus Action has garnered prestigious recognition. Tarun's achievements are further distinguished by his receipt of multiple fellowships.



Mr Robin Sarkar

Project Director-Shiksha
Initiative,
Shiv Nadar Foundation

Mr Robin Sarkar leads Shiv Nadar Foundation's transformative literacy initiatives, focusing on creating an inclusive and empowered society through education. As the driving force behind digital content development, instructional design, and the integration of technology in rural India, he oversees a team of 500 professionals delivering ICT-based interventions in government schools across Uttar Pradesh. Robin also spearheads Shiksha Plus, an innovative adult literacy programme, which has successfully taught thousands to read and write in just 90 days. With a background in corporate brand strategy and marketing at HCL, Robin has applied his expertise to impact over 150,000 students and empower more than 20,000 adults. His leadership in advancing education has significantly contributed to making literacy a reality for underserved communities.



Mr Shourie Chatterji

COO,
Schoolnet India Ltd.

Mr Shourie Chatterji is the Chief Digital Officer at Schoolnet India Limited, where he has been leading digital innovation and transformation for over eight years. With an entrepreneurial mindset, Shourie drives cutting-edge initiatives across business verticals and customer segments, fostering growth and scalability within the organisation. His leadership has played a pivotal role in enhancing Schoolnet's digital capabilities and expanding its impact in the education sector.



Ms Anu Mehta

Head HR, Planning & Strategy,
Administration and CSR,
Honda Cars India Ltd

Ms Anu Mehta is a thought leader with 28 years of experience in HR, CSR, and corporate affairs. She specialises in developing strategies that drive business results and enhance workforce optimisation, mentoring over 75 individuals in her career. Anu has successfully conceptualised impactful CSR projects recognised by society and state governments. Her achievements include revamping recruitment processes, implementing HRMS and PMS systems, and reducing attrition from 20% to 5-6% through employee-friendly policies. She also established succession plans for deserving employees and tailored CSR initiatives based on thorough gap analysis. Currently, Anu is the Head of HR, Planning & Strategy, Administration, and CSR at Honda Cars India Ltd. An active member of SIAM, FICCI, and ASSOCHAM, she speaks on topics such as career guidance and gender equality. Known as a trusted leader and change agent, Anu motivates decision-makers at all levels to embrace innovative ideas and foster a culture of collaboration.

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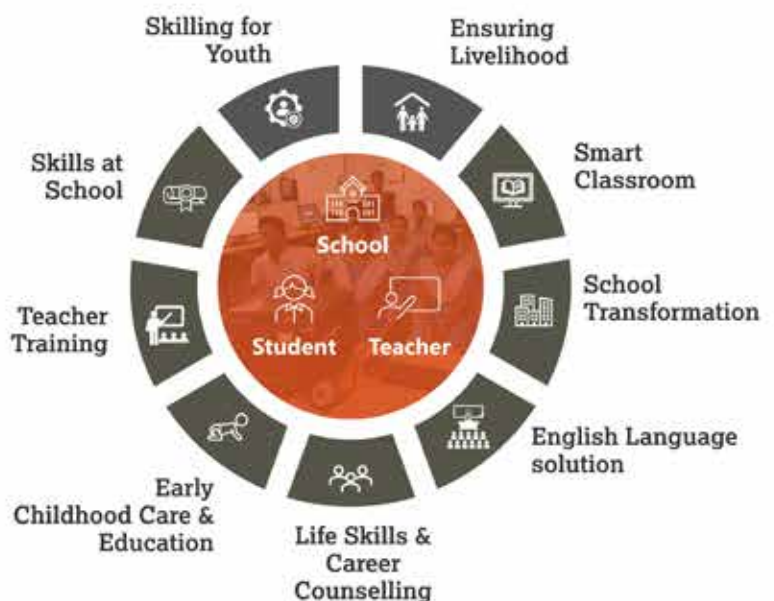
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Better Public Healthcare through Govt.-Corporate Partnerships



Moderator

Dr Kavita Chaudhari

Deputy Director – CSR,
Sanofi

Dr Kavita Chaudhari brings 25 years of expertise in healthcare and pharmaceuticals, with a focus on enhancing patient well-being. Beginning her career at Sanofi, she pioneered the Patient Support Programme, a first-of-its-kind initiative that transformed patient care in the industry. As a Deputy Director- CSR at Sanofi India Limited, Dr Chaudhari leads impactful CSR programmes, establishing Public-Private Partnerships to scale these initiatives and ensure measurable outcomes. Her leadership extends to managing large-scale projects with a commitment to real-world impact, while also serving as a faculty member at NMIMS, Mumbai, where she nurtures future CSR leaders. Dr Chaudhari's experience spans rural and metropolitan markets, reflecting her adaptability and cross-functional expertise in driving positive change. A leader in healthcare innovation and CSR, she exemplifies purpose-driven leadership.



Ms Shanu Saksena

CSR Head,
GlaxoSmithKline Asia Private
Limited (Haleon India)

Ms. Shanu Saksena, with over 28 years of experience, specialises in ESG goals. She leads Haleon's Sustainability programme for the Indian Sub-Continent, focusing on environmental impact. Shanu also heads the Women's Leadership Initiative Employee Resource Group in India, enhancing workplace diversity and inclusion, and oversees corporate social responsibility initiatives. In Governance, she manages Ethics, Compliance, and Risk Management for Asia Pacific, driving a culture of ethics through simplified policies.



Ms Ashwini Oommen

Head – Market Development &
Omnichannels, South Asia,
Wipro GE

Over her 17-year tenure with GE HealthCare, Ms Ashwini has led the Market Development and Omnichannels strategy for South Asia, with a passion for creating models that deliver accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare to underserved regions. She has played a pivotal role in developing affordable product lines in Maternal and Infant Care, collaborated with international universities and associations to design skilling and upskilling programs for healthcare professionals across Africa, ASEAN, and South Asia, and built the eCommerce strategy and platform for South Asia. Currently, she is exploring models to strengthen healthcare delivery systems in the not-for-profit, private, and government primary healthcare sectors.



Mr Sandeep Kapur

CEO,
Hans Foundation

Mr Sandeep Kapur has been at the forefront of health, education, disability, and livelihood initiatives at The Hans Foundation for over three years. His strategic vision and leadership have significantly enhanced the organisation's impact, focusing on sustainable, high-impact solutions. Previously, Sandeep managed operations, HR, finance, and donor relations at IIMPACT, where he worked to improve primary education for girls in economically disadvantaged areas. His earlier experience includes a key role in the top management team at Sarda Plywood Industries, where he oversaw sales, marketing, corporate communications, and HR, contributing to the establishment of best practices across the organisation. With a diverse background across sectors, Sandeep brings a strong foundation in operational management and strategic planning.

Special Roundtable:

National Consultation on Collective Action for the Godavari River Basin

Led by

The Godavari
Initiative

Session Special Guest and Keynote Address Role of CSR in Culture and Tourism



Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Ji

Hon'ble Minister of Culture and
Minister of Tourism,
Government of India

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Ji is the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti in the Government of India. He has been instrumental in shaping water management policies and initiatives aimed at ensuring sustainable water supply and sanitation across the country. Prior to his current role, he served as the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, where he focused on improving agricultural productivity and enhancing the welfare of farmers. A member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shri Shekhawat represents the Jodhpur constituency in Rajasthan in the Lok Sabha. His political career is marked by his commitment to addressing key issues such as water conservation, irrigation, and rural development. Shri Shekhawat ji is dedicated to promoting initiatives that aim to provide clean drinking water, improve irrigation facilities, and implement the government's flagship programmes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission. With a focus on collaborative governance, Shri Shekhawat Ji aims to engage with various stakeholders, including local communities, to ensure the effective implementation of water-related projects and enhance the overall quality of life for citizens.

Keynote Address:



Shri Mukesh Sinha Ji

Chairman,
Godavari River Management
Board

Shri Mukesh Kumar Sinha Ji is a highly respected figure in the field of water resources management in India. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB), a key position where he oversees the administration, regulation, and operation of water resources in the Godavari River Basin. Shri Sinha Ji is recognised for his extensive experience and contributions to water resource engineering in the country. His notable career roles include significant roles in the Central Water Commission, where he was involved in the planning, design, and monitoring of major water projects such as the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project, the Srisailem Hydro Electric Project, and the Tehri Hydro Electric Project. Shri Sinha Ji also played a crucial role in drafting the National Water Policy of 2012 and conceptualising the National Water Mission, initiatives that have shaped India's approach to water management.

Members of National Consultation:



Mr Navdeep Singh Mehram,

Vice President – CSR &
Sustainability,
DIAGEO India

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Moderator

Mr Rishi Pathania

Head CSR,
UPL Group

With 27 years of experience, Mr Rishi Pathania currently serves as Vice President (Global Head) of CSR at UPL Group. He has dedicated his career to the development sector, specialising in CSR, Sustainability, and ESG. In his current role, Rishi leads UPL Group's global CSR initiatives, driving impactful efforts for the welfare of society and the environment. A results-oriented and passionate professional, he brings a wealth of international expertise in CSR, Sustainability, and ESG to his leadership.



Ms Pratima Harite

Head, AP Corporate Citizenship,
Lenovo Corporate Marketing
Group, **Lenovo India**

In 2007, Ms Kshitija Krishnaswamy shifted from a business and marketing career to lead Accenture's Corporate Citizenship in India, driven by a passion for integrating social impact into her professional work. Her approach focuses on leveraging Accenture's unique skills and knowledge to enhance CSR efforts, making a significant impact through partnerships with nonprofits and teams. Now, as Managing Director, Corporate Citizenship – APAC, Kshitija aims to replicate her success in India across new regions, continuing to align corporate resources with societal needs effectively.

**Ms Abida Aneez**

Vice President –
CSR & Sustainability,
Legrand, India

Ms Abida Aneez, Vice President of CSR at Legrand Group India, is a seasoned professional with over 28 years of expertise across Corporate Social Responsibility, ESG, Human Resources, and Organisation Development. Known for her innovative and impact-driven leadership, Abida blends strategic vision with operational excellence to advance sustainability and CSR initiatives. Her expertise lies in deploying ESG frameworks, conducting materiality assessments, monitoring sustainability performance, and ensuring alignment with corporate objectives. Prior to Legrand, Abida spent over five years at NUMERIC and six years at CDot Alcatel Lucent Research Center, consistently driving excellence in CSR and sustainability. Her leadership and commitment continue to inspire transformative change.

**Mr Rishi Chawla**

Vice President Corporate Affairs,
Carlsberg

Mr Rishi K. Chawla is the Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Carlsberg India, leading public policy, government relations, communications, regulatory affairs, sustainability, and CSR efforts. With 23+ years of experience, he specializes in stakeholder engagement, regulatory compliance, and strategic government communications. Rishi represents Carlsberg in engagements with government ministries, regulatory bodies, industry associations, and NGOs, driving responsible drinking and sustainability initiatives. He has held leadership roles in key industry associations like CII, FICCI, and ASSOCHAM. Before Carlsberg, he worked with global companies such as Philips, Samsung, IBM, and Vodafone, building a robust background in corporate affairs and public policy advocacy.

**Dr Richa Gautam**

Senior General Manager CSR &
Sustainability,
Schneider Electric

Dr Richa Gautam is the CSR & Sustainability Leader for Schneider Electric in the Greater India Zone, with over 17 years of deep expertise across Sustainability, CSR, and Biodiversity. She holds a PhD in Sustainability Management from IIM Mumbai (formerly NITIE) and has successfully led strategic ESG management initiatives in sectors including power, logistics, hospitality, real estate, and automobiles. Dr Gautam is a recognised expert in energy transition, climate change, and biodiversity management and has been instrumental in aligning Schneider Electric's sustainability goals with long-term business strategy. Beyond her professional commitments, she actively contributes to scientific journals and mentors research enthusiasts, sharing her knowledge and passion for sustainability.

**Mr Siddhartha Iyer**

Senior Manager & Head –
Corporate Social
Responsibility, ASK Asset &
Wealth Management,
ASK Foundation

With over 17 years of experience in the development sector, Mr Siddhartha Iyer is a seasoned leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Social Impact. As the CSR lead at ASK Asset & Wealth Management, he designs and executes strategic social responsibility programmes. His expertise spans CSR strategy, social impact measurement, employee volunteering, NGO due diligence, and programme monitoring. Siddhartha has previously held key roles at United Way of Mumbai, Magic Bus India Foundation, and CRISIL Foundation, where he drove impactful social change.

**Ms Seema Pawaskar**

Deputy General Manager CSR
and ESG | Head CSR,
**Crompton Greaves
Consumer Electricals Limited**

Ms Seema Pawaskar is a seasoned Sustainability and ESG professional with over 17 years of experience across the Banking, Energy, and Manufacturing sectors. Her expertise includes sustainability strategy, measurement, community relations, and ESG implementation. Known for her collaborative approach, Seema effectively engages with all organisational levels, including the Board of Directors. She is responsible for driving organisational growth and profitability through sustainability initiatives, including designing strategies, setting up frameworks, and managing risk mitigation, audits, and reporting within frameworks such as BRSR, CSR, GRI, CDP, and DJSI. Seema has served on various committees, including the Sustainability and CSR committee at Crompton, CII's Task Force as a YES BANK nominee, and the Sustainability Committee at Tata Power Ltd. At Yes Bank, she was recognised with two awards for excellence in Responsible Banking.

**Mr Rakesh Kumar Singh,**

Lead CSR,
Signify India

Mr Rakesh Kumar Singh is the Lead for CSR at Signify India, where he plays a pivotal role in driving the company's sustainability and community development initiatives. With over a decade of experience in CSR, Rakesh has consistently demonstrated his expertise in project conceptualisation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Before joining Signify, Rakesh spent 10 years at Schneider Electric as Deputy Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility for the East Region of India. In this role, he led impactful programmes such as the *Electrician Training Program*, aimed at empowering underprivileged youth with essential electrical skills. He also managed the *Scholarship Program*, supporting underprivileged engineering students to pursue their academic goals, and the *Conserve My Planet* initiative, an educational programme designed to engage children in environmental conservation. Rakesh has also been involved in initiatives focused on entrepreneurship, where he helped equip trained electricians with the tools and knowledge to start their own businesses. His contributions to rural electrification have brought safe and clean energy access to some of the most remote, off-grid areas of India. With a career dedicated to uplifting disadvantaged communities, Rakesh continues to champion sustainable development and vocational empowerment across India.

**Mr Vijay Vardhan Vasireddy**

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Shri (Dr) Varun Kapoor Ji (IAS)

Special Director General of
Police, Home Department,
Madhya Pradesh

Dr Varun Kapoor, a senior IPS officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre (1991 batch), currently serves as Special Director General of Police, RAPTC, Indore. With over three decades of service, his contributions span Traffic Management, Women's Security, Suicide Prevention, Wildlife Conservation, Community Policing, and International Policing. However, his true passion is Cyber Security, a field he has championed for 13 years despite never being officially posted in a cyber division. Dr Kapoor has conducted over 1,000 cyber security awareness sessions across 29 Indian states, seven Union Territories, and six countries. He has set five world records, recognised by the World Book of Records, London. His work includes TEDx talks, publications, social media outreach, and training programmes for police and military officers, showcasing his unwavering dedication to cyber security and public service.

Beyond The Classroom: Fostering a love for lifelong STEM Learning



Moderator

Ms Niharika Gaur

Head of Philanthropy,
Khan Academy

As the Head of Philanthropy for Khan Academy India, Ms Niharika Gaur plays a crucial role in advancing educational equity. With 18 years of experience across for-profit ventures, entrepreneurial initiatives, and non-profit organisations, she operates at the dynamic intersection of education and technology. Niharika is deeply passionate about education and excels at building networks and mobilising movements to address complex challenges. Her expertise in harnessing these networks is key to driving impactful change. At Khan Academy, she leads external relations and partnerships, with a focus on broadening the organisation's reach and fostering meaningful collaborations. In her previous role at the Wadhvani Foundation, Niharika led major initiatives, shaping innovative educational frameworks and establishing strategic partnerships with universities. Her extensive experience and dedication to educational equity continue to fuel her efforts in transforming the educational landscape.



Mr Mohd Asim Khan

CSR Head,
Cadence

Mr Mohammad Asim Khan is a seasoned CSR professional with over a decade of experience in the development sector. His expertise encompasses fundraising for NGOs, CSR project implementation, and grant management. Currently, Asim serves as the CSR Head at Cadence, where he leads initiatives to address critical technological challenges and promote positive global impact. His work at Cadence focuses on key areas such as water management, zero waste, energy efficiency, and supply chain optimisation. Under his leadership, the company is committed to environmental stewardship and empowers employees to advocate for sustainability within and beyond the organisation.



Mr Satyajit Gupta

Vice President, Assistant
General Counsel and Head of
India Legal & CSR,
EXL

Mr Satyajit Gupta, Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, and Global Head of CSR at EXL, is a distinguished legal professional known for his strategic leadership and extensive expertise. An alumnus of the National Law School of India University, he has built a strong legal career with prior roles at KPMG and Star TV Network. At EXL, Satyajit offers comprehensive legal counsel across multiple domains, including company law, foreign exchange, employment, contract law, property law, IT, banking, anti-bribery, sanctions, and antitrust laws. His ability to manage crises and mitigate complex risks enhances the organisation's resilience. As the Global Head of CSR, Satyajit blends legal acumen with a passion for corporate responsibility, driving impactful initiatives that align with EXL's mission of responsible corporate citizenship. His leadership exemplifies the integration of legal expertise with a commitment to creating positive social change.

**Ms Monika Walia**

Head CSR, GlobalLogic –
A Hitachi Group Company

Ms Monika Walia is a distinguished leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), known for her strategic vision and ability to drive transformative social impact. With extensive experience in CSR strategy, programme development, and partnership management, she has successfully led initiatives that promote sustainable community development. Monika's expertise spans capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, budget management, and stakeholder engagement, enabling her to design and implement high-impact CSR programmes. Her commitment to fostering collaboration between corporate entities and social organisations reflects her dedication to addressing critical societal challenges. Throughout her career, Monika has consistently demonstrated leadership in aligning corporate goals with social responsibility, ensuring that CSR initiatives contribute meaningfully to both business objectives and community well-being. She remains deeply committed to creating long-term, sustainable solutions through innovative and result-driven CSR strategies.

**Mr Surendran M**

Manager, CSR and ESG,
CGI

Mr Surendran M Krishnan is a CSR and ESG leader at CGI, combining IT expertise with a deep passion for social responsibility. He began his journey in CSR at Fidelity Investments, where he led the corporate volunteering programme, engaging over 7,000 employees. This experience paved the way for his impactful role at CGI India, where he drives strategic CSR initiatives and forges partnerships with 25 NGOs. Surendran's leadership has facilitated diverse CSR projects, including pro bono employee engagement, sustainability efforts, and community development, with a focus on animal welfare, elder care, and diversity and inclusion. As the founder of VTheVolunteers, he has mobilised over 50,000 volunteers to champion various causes, amplifying the impact of his work beyond corporate CSR. In his current role at CGI, Surendran oversees CSR and ESG initiatives, ensuring effective volunteer engagement and aligning corporate sustainability strategies with CGI's long-term goals. His dedication to empowering communities and expertise in strategic collaboration with NGOs make him a recognised leader in the field of CSR.



Moderator

Mr Rathish Balakrishnan

CoFounder and Managing
Partner,
Sattva Consulting

Mr Rathish Balakrishnan comes with 20+ years of experience across the corporate and social sector. As Partner and Managing Partner at Sattva, he brings his extensive experience in conceptualising and implementing large-scale solutions that bring together leading foundations, corporations, civil society organisations and the government. He has deep and wide-spread hands-on experience across a wide range of sectors, including education, healthcare, skill development, livelihoods, women's empowerment, forced labour, and child rights. Rathish has contributed to both state and national level policy discussions across education and skill development.



Shri Kiran Gopal Vaska Ji

Joint Secretary & Mission
Director (ABDM), **National Health
Authority, Government of India**

Shri Kiran Gopal Vaska is an IAS officer from the 2008 batch Madhya Pradesh cadre. Mr. Vaska has been instrumental in advancing the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), leading key digital health innovations that are transforming healthcare delivery and driving the integration of technology across India's healthcare ecosystem. In his earlier roles, he has worked at various levels of government in the areas of power, rural development, health and family welfare, education, and industrial development, among others. As Mission Director for the National Health Mission – Madhya Pradesh in 2017, he led the implementation of initiatives to reduce the infant mortality rate, the maternal mortality ratio, and morbidity and mortality from diseases.



Mr Rizwan Koita

Chairperson, **National
Accreditation Board for
Hospitals & Healthcare
Providers (NABH)** |
Co-Founder & Director,
Koita Foundation

Mr Rizwan Koita was the co-founder & CEO of CitiusTech (2005–2021), and currently serves as the Chairperson of NABH (www.nabh.co), India's leading accreditation organisation for hospitals, covering over 20,000 hospitals across India. He co-founded Koita Foundation, which seeks to drive innovation in digital health through partnerships and capacity building. Key initiatives include the establishment of the Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH) at IIT Bombay and the RSSDI – Koita Centre for Digital Diabetology (KCDD). Through the Koita Foundation, he supports the National Health Authority (NHA) by assisting in the national rollout of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), creating digital health resources, and developing capacity-building programs for healthcare professionals.



Ms Sunita Nadhamuni

Chairperson –
Arghyam
Ex-Dell Global Head –
Social Innovation

Ms Sunita Nadhamuni is a technology and social impact leader, passionate about leveraging digital solutions to address public health challenges. She founded Dell Technologies' Digital LifeCare, a transformative initiative for India's primary healthcare systems, focusing on the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and cancers. Digital LifeCare is implemented across 33 states, reaching over 230 million people. She has also led Dell's global social innovation efforts and is currently the Chairperson of Arghyam, promoting sustainable water management. With a background in IT and social entrepreneurship, Sunita works at the intersection of technology, health, and government systems to drive impactful, systemic change.

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Ms. Namrata Soni

Director,
Rayush Natural Fibers
Private Limited

Ms Namrata Soni is a visionary entrepreneur driven by a passion for creating sustainable solutions using nature's power. With 12 years of experience in pharmaceuticals, textiles, and sustainability, she has pioneered innovative textile solutions as Founder and CEO of Rayush Natural Fibers. Her company transforms aromatic crop waste into sustainable textiles, including the groundbreaking Kushaweave technology. Namrata's innovative approach has earned Rayush Natural Fibers incubation and funding support from leading institutions. Inspired by her grandparents' struggles with extreme heat and power outages in Rajasthan, she is committed to developing natural solutions that improve lives and the environment.



Moderator

Mr Rishi Pathania

Head CSR,
UPL Group

With 27 years of experience, Mr Rishi Pathania currently serves as Vice President (Global Head) of CSR at UPL Group. He has dedicated his career to the development sector, specialising in CSR, Sustainability, and ESG. In his current role, Rishi leads UPL Group's global CSR initiatives, driving impactful efforts for the welfare of society and the environment. A results-oriented and passionate professional, he brings a wealth of international expertise in CSR, Sustainability, and ESG to his leadership.



Mr Jaideep Bansal

CEO,
GHE

Mr Jaideep Bansal is the CEO of GHE Impact Ventures, a pioneering social enterprise focused on sustainable development in remote Indian communities. Under his leadership, he has positively impacted over half a million lives and earned him many accolades. His work has been featured by National Geographic, BBC, and NDTV. An IIT graduate, Jaideep is a global advocate for sustainable development, speaking at forums such as Davos, SEforAll, and ADB. He has also served as a Foundation Board Member of the Global Shapers Community and was selected as an Aspen Fellow in 2024.



Mr Raj Mohan

Founder & CEO,
Sustainable Green Initiative

With over 11 years of experience as the Founder Director of Sustainable Green Initiative, Mr Raj Mohan is deeply committed to tackling some of humanity's greatest challenges: global warming, climate change, hunger, poverty, and rural migration. Raj possesses extensive expertise in marketing communications, social networking, and public relations, which he applies to drive impactful environmental and social initiatives. He believes in creating synergies between the billion who contribute to climate change and the billion who face food insecurity, ensuring a win-win solution for both. Through successful collaborations with corporates, NGOs, and communities, Raj has significantly scaled up tree-planting projects that benefit thousands of rural families and contribute to environmental conservation.



Ms Charu Mishra

Chief Operating Officer,
Dholakia Foundation

Ms Charu Mishra has dedicated the last nine years to driving positive social change in the development sector. Her work focuses on ecosystem restoration, water conservation, and community development, with a strong emphasis on building partnerships that create long-term impact. Charu has led initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 17, bringing together diverse stakeholders to address key environmental and social challenges. Currently, with the Dholakia Foundation, her efforts contribute to environmental sustainability and improving community life in Gujarat. Charu's leadership and commitment have made her a recognised figure in the field, inspiring others through her work.



Ms Sujana Krishnamoorthy

Executive Director,
Under The Mango Tree
Society

With over 25 years of experience in the development sector across India, Ms Sujana Krishnamoorthy currently serves as the Executive Director of Under The Mango Tree Society. This award-winning organisation is renowned for its work with Adivasi communities in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, offering training in beekeeping with indigenous bees to enhance pollination and increase small farmers' yields. Under Sujana's leadership, UTMT Society has become a pioneer in its field, earning invitations to present their impactful work both nationally and internationally.

ESG Masterclass:

Landscape Approaches : Balancing Ecology with Economy



Ms Namita Dandekar

Chief Operating Officer,
Raintree Foundation

Ms Namita Dandekar, Chief Operating Officer at Raintree Foundation, brings extensive experience in communications and investor relations, having worked with leading agencies like Adfactors PR and Christensen IR and corporates such as Opto Circuits and Piramal Enterprises. Her expertise spans financial and corporate communication, investor relations, and C-level advisory. Since joining the Raintree Family Office, Namita has led key initiatives, focusing on ESG-compliant investments and impact-driven ventures. At Raintree Foundation, she drives catalytic philanthropy in areas such as Integrated Rural Development, Disability, and Mental Health, fostering sustainable social change through strategic operations and partnerships.



PW FOUNDATION

About us:

Established in 2022, the PW Foundation (PWF) serves as the social welfare arm of Physics Wallah. PWF is dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged communities by facilitating access to quality education, healthcare, and skill development.



Vision:

To empower underprivileged individuals through comprehensive developmental initiatives focusing on educational, social, economic, cultural, and technological aspects.

Mission:

PW Foundation aims to empower marginalized individuals by providing them access to quality education, healthcare facilities, and opportunities for skill development, thereby enhancing their livelihood sustainability.

Our Interventions:

Education

A.Utthan: Transforming government schools into model institutions by upgrading them with smart classrooms, modern facilities, and improved healthcare systems, PW Foundation fosters a safe and innovative learning environment that enhances education quality and inspires student success.

B.Sahyog: Collaborative initiative of PWF with like-minded NGOs has impacted the lives of numerous individuals in marginalized areas, particularly focusing on education and community development.

C.Summit Scholarship: Provides financial aid to students from underprivileged communities, helping them overcome financial barriers to pursue education at esteemed institutions.

Healthcare

WellCare: Dedicated to fostering the holistic well-being of students living away from home, this program offers a comprehensive 360-degree approach to health and wellness, ensuring they thrive both physically and mentally.

Mental Health

Prerna: The Prerna Program by PW Foundation supports students through emotional challenges, offering confidential counseling both online and offline. With expert mental health professionals, it fosters well-being and creates a nurturing environment for academic and personal growth.

Empowerment (Skill Development)

Swayam: Swayam program is a Skill development program and aims to provide young adults sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Our Impact:

Education

4400+

students have been introduced to quality education in various Government Schools.

900+

marginalized children are provided basic education in the urban slum of Prayagraj.

95+

students have successfully availed higher education scholarships.

Healthcare

2000+

students enrolled and have taken 6000+ doctors consultation under our health program.

45

marginalized children are provided primary health care facilities from urban slums of Prayagraj.

Mental Health

30000+

students undergoing emotional distress have been counseled by team Prerna.

1200+

students suffering from severe emotional wellness concerns like suicidal ideations and self-harm have been saved via effective counseling.

Empowerment (Skill Development)

70+

marginalized children are provided with computer literacy training in the urban slum of Prayagraj.

10+

women are provided tailoring training with a collaborative effort of NGO working in the urban slum of Prayagraj.

Side Event 2: Closed Door Corporate Session:

Role of CSR in Blended Finance for Climate Action in India

Hosted by



Ms Saumya Lashkari

Director and Board Member,
360 One Foundation



Ms Garima Dutt

President, CSR – YES BANK &
CEO – YES Foundation



Ms Rina Soni

Executive Director | Country
Director,
Heifer India



Mr Rahul Rishi

Social Sector Practice,
Nishith Desai Associates



Mr Vipul Gupta

Founder and CEO,
Earth Focus Foundation

Panel Discussion

Fostering Innovation and Start-up Culture Through CSR in India



Moderator

Ms Sarita Bahl

Strategic CSR Expert and
Advisor

Ms Sarita Bahl, a seasoned leader with over 30 years of experience, retired as Director of Bayer Foundation India and CSR Head for Bayer South Asia in 2024. An alumna of TISS and the Swedish Institute, she excels in leveraging strategy, sustainability, and societal development to enhance organisational reputation. Sarita serves as a Non-Executive Director at Etherwire.AI and sits on advisory boards for Pepperdine University, Synergy Technofin, and For Ethical AI. A certified Independent Director (IICA) and Associate Certified Coach (ICF), she mentors in career transitions and life coaching, with a focus on ESG and CSR.



Mr Yogesh Kapse

Deputy General Manager – CSR,
Schaeffler India

Mr Yogesh Kapse brings nearly two decades of experience in strategic social development and institutional partnerships with leading corporates and development agencies. Currently leading CSR at Schaeffler India, he has previously worked with prominent organisations such as Reliance Foundation, ITC, Piaggio, IL&FS, and PRIA. Yogesh specialises in advising on strategic CSR, establishing sustainability processes, and monitoring impact, with a focus on aligning initiatives with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. His expertise includes conceptualising and implementing rural development projects and building long-term institutional partnerships.



Ms Chetna Kaura

Director & Head Corporate
Social Responsibility,
Publicis Sapient

Mr Pratyush Panda is a distinguished Sustainability and CSR professional with 25 years of experience with multinational corporations and international agencies such as CARE, Holcim Group, ACC, and L&T. He currently leads Sustainability, ESG, and CSR initiatives at LTIMindtree. He has authored numerous articles on Climate Change, CSR, and Philanthropy and actively participates in national committees, including those with the Institute of Company Secretaries in India, FICCI, CII, Bombay Chambers of Commerce, and the Net Zero Coalition in India. As a committed philanthropist, Pratyush is a member of LivingMyPromise and is recognised as the 88th Indian and the first CSR professional in India to pledge 50% of his wealth to philanthropy.



Mr Munish Bhatia

CoFounder,
India Accelerator

Mr Munish Bhatia brings over 14 years of experience with multinational companies such as Aon Hewitt, CSC, and DXC Technologies, specialising in project management, process transformation, and Lean Six Sigma. He has worked with clients including P&G, Deutsche Bank, United Technologies, and Bharti AXA. As the Co-Founder of India Accelerator. Munish has played a key role in establishing the company as the "Best Accelerator of the Country". He serves as CEO of Bharat Ventures, an accelerator fund dedicated to supporting startups from Tier 2 and 3 cities. Munish's areas of expertise include Fintech, Deep-Tech, Cybersecurity, and Impact & Sustainability. He is also passionate about yoga, meditation, and mountain trekking.



Mr Hiranmay Mahanta

CEO,
i-Hub

Mr Hiranmay Mahanta is the CEO of Gujarat Startup and Innovation Hub (i-Hub), the nodal agency of the Gujarat Government for developing the state's innovation and startup ecosystem. As a co-founder of Techpedia, he showcased university innovations to foster a strong culture of youth-led innovation, earning recognition from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at IIM Ahmedabad. Passionate about inclusive innovation, he has shaped policies for youth, academia, industry, and governments to build sustainable, innovation-driven enterprises. A Global Shaper with the World Economic Forum, he also serves on the AICTE startup policy committee at MHRD, driving innovation across 10,000+ colleges. Mr Mahanta has played a key role in startup policy formulation for over five Indian states and mentors young startups through various Technology Business Incubators.



Moderator

Mr Sumit Tayal

CEO,
Give Grants

Mr Sumit Tayal, CEO of Give Grants, leads efforts to maximise social impact through strategic grant-making, empowering over 300 organisations with efficient, tech-driven solutions. In 2022, he spearheaded the creation of Give Grants by merging Give's Institutional Giving team with Goodera's India CSR business. As COO of Give (2021-2023), Sumit built scalable systems and trusted partnerships with donors and NGOs. Previously, Sumit was COO at Netscribes, where he oversaw operations, contributing to global growth in data and insights. His career reflects a strong commitment to innovation, social impact, and driving meaningful change.



**Ms Kshitija
Krishnaswamy**

MD Corporate Citizenship –
APAC, Accenture

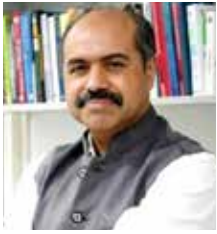
In 2007, Ms Kshitija Krishnaswamy shifted from a business and marketing career to lead Accenture's Corporate Citizenship in India, driven by a passion for integrating social impact into her professional work. Her approach focuses on leveraging Accenture's unique skills and knowledge to enhance CSR efforts, making a significant impact through partnerships with nonprofits and teams. Now, as Managing Director, Corporate Citizenship – APAC, Kshitija aims to replicate her success in India across new regions, continuing to align corporate resources with societal needs effectively.



Ms Shipra Sharma

CSR Leader India/South Asia,
IBM

Ms Shipra Sharma is the CSR Leader at IBM India/South Asia, where she spearheads transformative initiatives in education, skilling, and sustainability through the strategic use of technology. Before joining IBM, Shipra was instrumental in advancing Microsoft's sustainability efforts within its Cloud Supply Chain, focusing on innovations in the circular economy, ESG reporting, and aligning with national sustainability goals in India. At LTI, she held a key leadership role in CSR and Sustainability, where she drove tech-for-good solutions for underserved communities and garnered prestigious ESG recognitions for her contributions. Shipra's career began as a Squadron Leader in the Indian Air Force, managing human resources, social responsibility programmes, and disaster relief operations, including in conflict and disaster-stricken areas. With over two decades of experience, Shipra's career underscores her unwavering dedication to social impact, sustainability, and innovation across diverse sectors.



Mr Chetan Kapoor

Chief Executive Officer,
Tech Mahindra Foundation

Mr Chetan Kapoor is the CEO of Tech Mahindra Foundation, where he leads a team of 250+ people across 12 cities, implementing over 100 impactful projects in Education and Skill Development. Under his leadership, the SMART (Skills-for-Market Training) Programme has become one of India's largest CSR-led urban skill development programmes. Chetan's association with the Foundation began in 2012, when his consulting firm, Edulever, partnered with Tech Mahindra Foundation to support their skill development efforts. Throughout his career, Chetan has worked with organisations focused on social impact. He co-founded Agrasar, a development organisation addressing skills, social security, and education. He also mentors early-stage non-profits in education through Edumentum. His early years were spent at Pratham, leading interventions in Delhi and North India, and he was part of the team that rolled out the ASER survey in 2005. Chetan's entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to innovation drive his success in delivering high-quality initiatives at scale.

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Ms Rupali Mehra

Global Chief Marketing Officer
and Asia Head of Spowdi,
Spowdi

Ms Rupali Mehra is the CMO and Head of Asia at Spowdi, a Swedish green-tech company, and the founder of Content People AB, a strategic communications firm. With over two decades of experience across India and Sweden, she has worked with global media houses like Reuters and Times Now and consulted for institutions such as USAID and the Nordic Council. Her work has earned her numerous awards. She has been a speaker and moderator at key events on gender, sustainability, and technology. She also hosts *Firstpost Conversations* and writes for various international publications.

Panel Discussion

A Drop in the Ocean: Impact and Scalability of CSR and sustainability efforts in Water & Agriculture



Moderator

Mr Jishnu Gandhi

Associate Director –
Sustainability & Agro,
AB InBev India

Mr Jishnu Gandhi is the Associate Director of Sustainability & Agriculture at AB InBev India, where he leads transformative initiatives in water stewardship, climate action, circular packaging, and smart agriculture. With a deep expertise in digital transformation and analytics, Jishnu has spearheaded impactful projects that optimise digital strategies and enhance consumer engagement. His strategic vision ensures that AB InBev remains at the forefront of sustainable innovation in the industry. Before joining AB InBev, Jishnu held a leadership role at Google, where he successfully managed a global team focused on elevating customer experiences and driving significant revenue growth. His experience at the intersection of technology and sustainability has equipped him to lead complex, large-scale projects that deliver measurable impact. A passionate advocate for social entrepreneurship, Jishnu dedicates substantial time to developing sustainable business models that benefit underserved communities.. Jishnu's leadership and commitment to sustainability continue to shape his approach to creating scalable, responsible solutions for global challenges.



Mr Ramakrishnan M

Managing Director – Agriculture
and Climate Practice,
Primus Partners India

Mr Ramakrishnan M is a Managing Director at Primus Partners, where he leads the Agriculture and Sustainability Practice. He supports companies in defining sustainability goals, tracking net-zero progress, and ensuring compliance with regulatory frameworks. In the agriculture sector, Ramakrishnan advises the government on strategies to boost farmer income while safeguarding environmental balance. With over 7 years of experience in Agritech and Sustainability, he has played a pivotal role in improving farmers' access to credit, increasing incomes, enhancing soil health, and reducing chemical and water usage in agriculture. Ramakrishnan has harnessed AI and advanced technologies to minimise food loss throughout the supply chain. His deep connections in the start-up ecosystem provide invaluable insights into investor interests and innovations in sustainability and carbon reduction.



Ms Seema Pawaskar

Deputy General Manager CSR
and ESG | Head CSR,
Crompton Greaves
Consumer Electricals Limited

Ms Seema Pawaskar is a seasoned Sustainability and ESG professional with over 17 years of experience across the Banking, Energy, and Manufacturing sectors. Her expertise includes sustainability strategy, measurement, community relations, and ESG implementation. Known for her collaborative approach, Seema effectively engages with all organisational levels, including the Board of Directors. She is responsible for driving organisational growth and profitability through sustainability initiatives, including designing strategies, setting up frameworks, and managing risk mitigation, audits, and reporting within frameworks such as BRSR, CSR, GRI, CDP, and DJSI. Seema has served on various committees, including the Sustainability and CSR committee at Crompton, CII's Task Force as a YES BANK nominee, and the Sustainability Committee at Tata Power Ltd. At Yes Bank, she was recognised with two awards for excellence in Responsible Banking.

**Ms Niyati Sareen**

Project Director – Water and Education,
Hinduja Foundation

Ms Niyati Sareen boasts over 30 years of expertise in Sustainability, CSR, Business Development, Corporate Communication, and Risk Management within the Engineering and Construction sector. She has represented India on global platforms, including the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), Construction and Real Estate Sector Supplement (CRESS), and the UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, and has contributed to the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Catastrophic Risk and Humanitarian Assistance. At HCC, Niyati developed and implemented notable sustainability practices, producing three GRI-accredited A+ reports and achieving recognition from the UN for HCC's water management as a leading global case study. Renowned for her innovative problem-solving, strategic networking, and process execution, Niyati continues to drive excellence in sustainability and corporate responsibility.

**Mr Mukesh Sadana**

Project Director and Head of Growth, Development and Communications,
People's Action for National Integration (PANI)

Mr Mukesh Sadana is the Project Director and Head of Growth, Development, and Communications at People's Action for National Integration (PANI), a social development organisation focused on empowering marginalised communities in India. With over two decades of experience in social development and community empowerment, he has played a pivotal role in implementing various initiatives that enhance health, nutrition, and livelihoods. At PANI, Mukesh oversees programs that target women, adolescent girls, and vulnerable populations, aiming to improve their living conditions through integrated community development. Under his leadership, PANI has implemented impactful projects across multiple states, focusing on health, education, gender empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods. He holds a strong background in project management and strategic communication, which has enabled PANI to expand its reach and effectiveness. The organisation operates in several districts, directly benefiting over 2.5 million households through its diverse programs.

Masterclass:

Unlocking Social Impact through DataDriven Insights:
Leveraging Analytics and Visualization for Effective Decision Making

Facilitated by

**Mr Swapnil Agarwal**

Director,
Dhwani Rural Information Systems Pvt. Ltd

Mr Swapnil Agarwal, Director of Dhwani Rural Information Systems Pvt. Ltd., has over a decade of experience leveraging technology for social impact. He specialises in business planning, market research, and technology consulting, driving innovative solutions for rural and community initiatives. Since 2014, Dhwani has delivered affordable ICT tools across sectors like WASH, agriculture, microfinance, and education. Under Swapnil's leadership, Dhwani empowers organisations with real-time dashboards to monitor KPIs and assess social impact, ensuring technology fosters sustainable development at the grassroots level.



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Beyond Degrees: Building Skills for a Diverse Workforce



Moderator

Ms Garima Dutt

President, CSR – YES BANK &
CEO – YES Foundation

Ms Garima Dutt is a seasoned CSR and communications leader, currently serving as President of CSR at YES BANK and CEO of YES Foundation. With over two decades of experience, she has led impactful CSR initiatives at GSK, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Reliance Foundation, and Tata Motors. Garima's expertise spans CSR strategy, employee volunteering, global health projects, and sustainability reporting. Her passion for community development has consistently delivered meaningful social impact across diverse sectors.



Mr Abhishek Gupta

Chief Operating Officer, YuWaah
(Generation Unlimited India),
UNICEF

Mr Abhishek Gupta is a seasoned professional with over 23 years of extensive experience spanning both the development and corporate sectors. He has played a pivotal role as an Advisor to the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, focusing on Skills Development and Higher Education, where he contributed to shaping key policies and programmes. Throughout his career, Abhishek has held significant leadership positions at organisations such as McKinsey Social Initiative, Basix Academy for Building Lifelong Employability Ltd, and Hole-in-the-Wall Education Ltd. His work has been instrumental in empowering unemployed youth and underprivileged children through innovative educational and vocational initiatives. Before transitioning to the development sector in 2006, Abhishek had a successful nine-year tenure in the corporate world, working with industry giants like Oracle Ltd and Reliance Ltd. During this time, he honed his expertise in ERP systems, corporate finance, and accounts. Abhishek's unique blend of corporate acumen and social sector experience positions him as a leader committed to driving impactful change through strategic initiatives and sustainable development practices.



Mr Keshav Singhal

Head- Environment &
Sustainability,
Noida International Airport

Mr Keshav Singhal is a distinguished leader in ESG and sustainability with a broad career that spans public and private sectors, including consulting, oil & gas, retail, FMCG, finance, and aviation. Currently, he heads the Environment & Sustainability division at Noida International Airport, where he spearheads initiatives to achieve Net Zero by 2030. Keshav's extensive experience includes significant roles at Capri Global Capital Limited, Pernod Ricard India, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, where he has advanced their ESG transformation, sustainability, and CSR strategies. His expertise encompasses sustainability disclosures, decarbonisation, circularity, net zero, digitalisation, and green supply chain management. Keshav's notable contributions to social impact and sustainability have earned him multiple awards and accolades.



Ms Soujanya Veguru

Head CSR,
Cummins

Ms Soujanya Veguru is a dedicated Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) professional with over 17 years of experience, committed to driving meaningful and lasting social and environmental impact. Currently serving as the Head of CSR at Cummins India, she leads the development and implementation of impactful CSR strategies, focusing on high-impact community initiatives. Soujanya's work is centred on forging strong partnerships with communities, non-profits, government organisations, industry associations, and academic institutions to collaboratively build prosperous and sustainable communities. Her passion for social causes and sustainability fuels her mission to co-create solutions for a more responsible and purpose-driven future. She is driven by the belief that collective action can be a powerful force for good.



Mr Arun Prakash, M

Founder & CEO,
GUVI

Mr Arun Prakash, Founder and CEO of GUVI, has successfully transformed the startup into a prominent EdTech brand, engaging over 3 million learners. With nearly two decades of experience at leading tech companies, including Honeywell, PayPal, Kalido, and Symantec, he has played a crucial role in democratising technology education. Arun's technical expertise and strategic leadership have been instrumental in driving GUVI's growth, establishing it as a trusted platform for learners from diverse backgrounds.



Mr Ketan Deshpande

Founder Chairman,
FUEL (Friends Union for
Energizing Lives)

Mr Ketan Deshpande is the Founder and Chairman of FUEL, an organisation that has transformed education through career counselling, skill development, and scholarships for youth across India. His impactful work has earned him the Ashoka Fellowship. He has earned recognition from the Prime Minister of India & Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Ketan leads FUEL Business School, focusing on empowering underprivileged youth. He is currently establishing FUEL Skills University in Pune. Ketan has also represented India on numerous international platforms.

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Ms Mamta Carroll

Senior Vice President and
Regional Director, Asia,
Smile Train

Ms Mamta Carroll joined Smile Train in 2006, initially managing the organisation's largest programme in India. She now oversees operations across South Asia, Southeast Asia, MENA, and China, encompassing 20 countries with diverse socio-economic and cultural dynamics. Under her leadership, Smile Train's presence in Asia has significantly expanded, enhancing both reach and impact. Mamta has been instrumental in developing sustainable programmes, forging strategic partnerships, and fostering deeper engagement with various stakeholders.

Foundation of Wellbeing: The Critical Role of Nutrition in Community Health



Moderator

Ms Neha Bainsla

Engagement and Partnerships
Manager,
Sight and Life

Ms Neha Bainsla serves as the Engagement and Partnerships Manager at Sight and Life, an organisation dedicated to improving global nutrition. In her role, she collaborates with stakeholders across sectors to address critical issues related to malnutrition and nutrition deficiency. Her work emphasises strengthening public-private partnerships to tackle hidden hunger, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Bainsla is involved in initiatives like IMPAct4Nutrition, which engages the private sector to complement government efforts such as the Poshan Abhiyaan, aiming to reduce malnutrition across India. Her work is focused on driving impact through collaboration, innovative strategies, and implementation of micronutrient supplementation programmes to improve public health outcomes.



Ms Usha Rani

Director – Programmes,
Cognizant Foundation

Ms Usha Rani, a trailblazer in social sector leadership, brings over 19 years of experience in social development, including 16+ years dedicated to CSR. As the Head of Healthcare Programs at Cognizant Foundation, the philanthropic arm of global IT leader Cognizant, she has a proven track record in healthcare, education, and livelihood initiatives. Usha works closely with executive leadership and non-profits to ensure compliance, governance, and impactful outcomes across key thematic areas. She excels in strategic planning, program evaluation, governance, impact assessment, and stakeholder engagement, driving accountability and excellence in the social sector. Usha recently enhanced her leadership skills by completing the 'Transition into Leadership' program for women executives at IIM Calcutta, reinforcing her commitment to advancing social change. Since its inception in 2005, Cognizant Foundation has implemented over 600 projects across education, healthcare, and skilling in collaboration with various non-profits, impacting more than 2 million lives in 10 Indian states in the last five years alone. In FY2023-24, the Foundation reached 610,142 beneficiaries through 82 projects in partnership with 46 organizations. The Foundation has also won the prestigious 7th, 8th, and 9th CSR Impact Awards in multiple categories.



Ms Sanjeeta Agnihotri

Director,
**Center for Communication
and Change**

Ms Sanjeeta Agnihotri is the Director of the Center for Communication and Change-India (CCC-I), affiliated with Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs. With nearly 15 years of experience in social and behavior change (SBC) and public health research, she has worked with organizations like the UN, World Bank, BMGF, and various NGOs. Sanjeeta has led initiatives in areas such as tobacco control, maternal and child health, mental health, and disaster risk reduction. She has played key roles in projects like Urban95, MOMENTUM Safe Surgery, and is currently leading SBC strategies for mitigating heavy metal contamination and NCD efforts in Tamil Nadu. She is a seasoned facilitator of SBC capacity-building workshops.



Dr Dhanalakshmi R

CSRBP-Strategic Projects &
Stakeholder Engagement,
Bayer

Dr Dhanalakshmi has over two decades of experience in the corporate world, where she has applied her education and passion to establish a distinctive presence in the field of CSR. With a strategic approach, she has designed projects that address community needs and provide holistic solutions. She excels at analyzing trends and using data-driven insights to enhance impact and ROI. Her expertise spans smallholder farmers, women's empowerment, and livelihood challenges. She has successfully executed projects in areas like preventive healthcare, STEM, sustainable agriculture, and integrated community development through partnerships with diverse stakeholders, driving positive change in rural communities across India.



Ms Tanu Kathuria

CSR Leader,
Birlasoft Ltd

Ms Tanu Kathuria brings over 17 years of expertise spanning the pharmaceutical, IT, and CSR sectors, with a strong focus on strategic project planning, execution, and fostering employee engagement through volunteering initiatives. Her deep commitment to community welfare is demonstrated by her ability to design and implement social impact programs that align with societal needs and drive sustainable outcomes. Under her leadership, these initiatives have received multiple awards and recognition for their measurable and positive impact on communities.



Ms Archana Suresh

Director, Telangana Social
Impact Group, Department
of Industries,
Government of Telangana

Ms Archana, a TEDx speaker with over 18 years of professional experience, has spent 14 years in corporate communications with leading organizations such as Microsoft India, HSBC, and Yahoo! India. She currently serves as the Director of the Telangana Social Impact Group (T-SIG), the official CSR wing of the Government of Telangana. Since joining T-SIG in 2021, she reports to Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary of ITE&C and Industries. T-SIG facilitates collaboration between a network of 600+ corporations, 35+ government departments, and 200+ NGOs, with the mission of helping corporates achieve their Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Mr Haneesh Katnawer

CFO, Himalayan Hemp
Industries Pvt. Ltd.

With over a decade of experience in project planning, operations management, Lean Six Sigma, and consultancy, Mr Haneesh Katnawer is a Production Engineer and Writer who co-founded the award-winning organisation Himalayan Hemp. Under his leadership, the organisation has garnered national and international recognition for its innovative approach to sustainable development. Haneesh holds the world's only patent for cannabis hemp fibre sanitary pads, alongside two fellow inventors, demonstrating his commitment to pioneering eco-friendly solutions. Driven by a passion for empowering marginalised communities, he is dedicated to creating community-oriented development models that promote equitable access to resources and opportunities. His work reflects a deep commitment to ensuring everyone has the tools to lead productive and fulfilling lives.



Moderator

Mr Hisham Mundol

Director, **Environmental Defense India Foundation**

Mr Hisham Mundol is the Director of the Environmental Defense Fund in India, where he leads efforts to promote sustainable prosperity in the region. With over 25 years of experience across industries like consumer goods, media, and technology, Hisham is well-regarded in the business world. He began his career with companies such as Unilever, Accenture, and Infosys, later transitioning to the development sector. Hisham played a key role in India's National AIDS Control Programme and helped establish the Wikimedia Foundation's operations in India. Most recently, he led the Children's Investment Fund Foundation's work in India, focusing on health, education, gender equality, and climate change.



Dr Richa Gautam

Senior General Manager CSR & Sustainability,
Schneider Electric

Dr Richa Gautam is the CSR & Sustainability Leader for Schneider Electric in the Greater India Zone, with over 17 years of deep expertise across Sustainability, CSR, and Biodiversity. She has successfully led strategic ESG management initiatives in sectors including power, logistics, hospitality, real estate, and automobiles. Dr Gautam is a recognised expert in energy transition, climate change, and biodiversity management and has been instrumental in aligning Schneider Electric's sustainability goals with long-term business strategy. Beyond her professional commitments, she actively contributes to scientific journals and mentors research enthusiasts, sharing her knowledge and passion for sustainability.



Mr Prabhjot Sodhi

Sr Program Director (Circular Economy) & Director MRAI,
Centre for Environment Education

Mr Prabhjot Sodhi has 40 years of experience and is currently the Senior Program Director for Circular Economy at the Centre for Environment Education (since June 2021). He previously led UNDP's Circular Economy initiatives for five years, collaborating with donors such as Coca-Cola, Hindustan Unilever, HDFC Bank, and Nyara Energy. For the past 12 years, Prabhjot has focused on implementing circular economy strategies, including systems thinking, material flows, competence development, and waste management, with partners across government, civil society, and the recycling sector. He served as the Country Program Manager for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) UNDP Small Grants Programme for 14 years and as Program Manager for DFID and the Government of India at KRIBHCO for 14 years. Mr Sodhi has authored publications in international and national journals and facilitated numerous conferences globally. His book, *Low Carbon Lifestyles*, was launched at COP20 in Paris by India's Minister of Environment. His work spans plastic waste management, climate change, natural resources, and livelihood development. He also serves as an advisor to MRAI, EarthDay Network India, and other institutions.



Mr Manish Dabkara

Chairman & Managing Director,
EKI Energy Services Limited

Mr Manish Dabkara is the Chairman and MD of EKI Energy Services Ltd, a global leader in carbon credits. Since founding EKI in 2008, he has overseen the supply of over 200 million offsets, serving 3,500+ clients across 40+ countries. An expert in energy and climate change, Manish is a Certified Energy Auditor & Manager. Manish also serves on the CII State Council (MP) and as President-elect of the Carbon Markets Association of India.



Dr. Umish Srivastva

Executive Director, Indian Oil
Corporation Limited,
**Research & Development
Centre**

Dr Umish Srivastva serves as the Executive Director at the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) Research & Development Centre. In this role, he oversees a variety of cutting-edge research initiatives aimed at advancing fuel technologies, sustainable energy, and innovative petroleum solutions. His leadership focuses on innovation and aligning research objectives with India's broader energy needs and sustainability goals. The R&D Centre, under his direction, plays a pivotal role in developing eco-friendly and efficient technologies for the oil and gas industry, positioning IOCL as a leader in energy research.

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Ms Shruti Goyal

Partner,
Dalberg

Ms Shruti Goyal is a Partner at Dalberg in Mumbai, where she leads the Program Management Unit for India's first Skill Impact Bond, enhancing livelihoods for young women. Her expertise spans women's economic empowerment, skilling, financial inclusion, and climate-resilient WASH models. She has conducted impactful research on the digital economy, gender norms, and private philanthropy's role in addressing child exploitation. Shruti also designs innovative financing programmes for women in agriculture and supports NGO scaling and fundraising. Previously, she was Deputy Regional CEO at Lodha Group, overseeing real estate, urban planning, infrastructure, and CSR initiatives focused on education and worker well-being.



Mr Vineet Bhandari

Associate Partner,
Dalberg

Mr Vineet Bhandari, currently an Associate Partner at Dalberg, has extensive experience aligning private sector strategies with social impact across Data & Digital, Finance & Investment, and Agriculture & Food Security. He has advanced sustainability by promoting innovative agricultural technologies and drip irrigation, influenced eco-friendly practices in the edible oil industry, and developed financial inclusion frameworks for Mastercard. Vineet has also led diversity training, expanded skilling initiatives, and advocated for investment in care infrastructure. His work on ESG and gender focuses on integrating gender considerations into Agtech products, designing financial solutions for low-income consumers, and advising startups on gender-sensitive climate products.



Ms Richa Malik

Senior Project Manager,
Dalberg

Ms Richa Malik is a Senior Project Manager with over 15 years of expertise in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and the net-zero transition. Specialising in sustainability, ESG, and the circular economy, Richa has worked across multiple sectors in India. Prior to joining Dalberg, she was an Engagement Manager at McKinsey, where she developed circular economy and decarbonisation strategies for industries like pulp & paper, transport, plastics, and FMCG. She also contributed to e-mobility and scaling last-mile EV solutions. In 2017, Richa founded The Happy Turtle, an award-winning startup promoting circular economy practices in plastics through reusable products and consulting. Her venture supported over 20 corporate clients in reducing plastic waste. Earlier in her career, she held marketing roles at Hindustan Unilever and Procter & Gamble, managing leading brands in hair care, skin care, and home care.

Side Event 3: Exclusive Microclinic

7 Step Problem Solving Process



Ms. Shriya Sethi

Senior Expert and Director of
Center for Social Impact,
McKinsey & Company

Ms Shriya Sethi is a Senior Expert and AP at McKinsey & Co., where she co-leads the Social Sector practice for India. She previously served as the Country Director for the International Innovation Corps, a University of Chicago social impact programme, managing large-scale development projects in health, gender, education, waste, and technology with various Indian ministries and state governments. Shriya's career began as an exporter of fashion accessories to Europe. After earning her MBA from Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago, she joined McKinsey & Co. in Chicago as an Associate. She later worked as an Internal Strategy Consultant at Honeywell, focusing on competitor analysis, project implementation, and new business strategies.

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight –



Panel Discussion

The Future of Work: Equipping Workforces with the skills for the AI Age



Moderator

Ms Joyeeta Das

Social and Business
transformation Leader||CSR
and ESG Professional ||
Education and Skilling SME

Ms Joyeeta Das is an accomplished leader with extensive experience across government, NGOs, corporates, and multilateral agencies, focused on enhancing education from high school to workforce development. Passionate about teacher training and inspiring future leaders, she currently leads global education and workforce programmes at IBM, adapting them to regional needs and fostering collaboration. Previously, as Senior Education Manager at the National Entrepreneurship Network, she worked with the Ministry of Skill Development to promote entrepreneurship and develop capacity-building frameworks. She also ran her own consultancy on CSR strategy and started an after-school activity centre for children. At Intel, Joyeeta spearheaded ICT integration in education, advancing 21st-century skills and promoting research in schools. Her diverse roles reflect her continuous growth in leadership and commitment to impactful education.



Ms Pratima Harite

Head, AP Corporate Citizenship,
Lenovo Corporate Marketing
Group, **Lenovo India**

In 2007, Ms Kshitija Krishnaswamy shifted from a business and marketing career to lead Accenture's Corporate Citizenship in India, driven by a passion for integrating social impact into her professional work. Her approach focuses on leveraging Accenture's unique skills and knowledge to enhance CSR efforts, making a significant impact through partnerships with nonprofits and teams. Now, as Managing Director, Corporate Citizenship – APAC, Kshitija aims to replicate her success in India across new regions, continuing to align corporate resources with societal needs effectively.



Mr Hitesh Sharma

South Asia Lead- Sustainable
Impact Operations &
Compliance, **HP Inc**

Mr Hitesh Sharma, with over 15 years of experience in sustainable development, plays a key role in driving HP Inc.'s 2030 Vision. He leads innovative, purpose-driven initiatives that utilise both technology and human capital to deliver scalable and impactful solutions, addressing critical sustainability challenges in India. His strategic approach seamlessly integrates sustainability into HP's core business operations, serving as a model for creating holistic, responsible, and long-term corporate impact. In addition to his work at HP Inc., Hitesh actively contributes to shaping global policies on the future of work and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. As a member of the prestigious B20 Task Force and Action Council, he collaborates with international leaders to address pressing sustainability and business challenges. Hitesh's forward-thinking leadership and dedication to fostering sustainable growth underscore his influence in the intersection of technology, sustainability, and responsible business practices.



Dr Gayathri Vasudevan

Chief Impact Officer and
Trustee,
Sambhav Foundation

Dr Gayathri Vasudevan is the Chief Impact Officer at Sambhav Foundation and Chairperson at LabourNet Services India Pvt. Ltd. With extensive experience in the civic and social organisation sector, she excels in sustainable development, social enterprise, corporate social responsibility, strategic planning, and rural development. At Sambhav Foundation, Gayathri leads initiatives aimed at empowering women, youth, and differently-abled individuals through education and sustainable livelihoods. The organisation has partnered with over 2,000 entities to positively impact more than one million lives across India. In her role at LabourNet Services, she contributes to enhancing workforce skills and opportunities for marginalised communities. Gayathri's leadership is characterised by her commitment to creating equal opportunities and driving social change.



Mr Anurag Srivastava

CSR Lead- India and South
Asia, Digital Impact Office,
CISCO

Mr Anurag Srivastava is a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in leadership roles across multiple sectors. He brings deep expertise in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), development sector leadership, and the design and execution of high-impact policies. Anurag has a proven track record of driving strategic initiatives, strengthening capacity building at local, regional, and national levels and managing complex project planning and execution. Prior to his current role, he held key positions at Axis Bank and UNICEF. CISCO's CSR priorities include advancing digital inclusion, promoting environmental sustainability, supporting education and workforce development, and fostering ethical business practices.

Shaping the Future: Philanthropic Strategies for India in the Next Decade



Moderator

Mr Hemendra Mathur

Co-Founder,
ThinkAg Venture Partner,
Bharat Innovation Fund

Mr Hemendra Mathur has over 28 years of experience in venture capital, private equity, management consulting and investment banking. Hemendra in his career has invested in several early-stage agritech and mid-sized companies in the agricultural supply chain. He is an investor, board member and adviser in many food and agritech start-ups. He is currently working as a Venture Partner with Bharat Innovation Fund –investing in early-stage deep-tech start-ups across sectors. Hemendra is the co-founder of ThinkAg – a platform for accelerating the adoption of innovations in the agriculture space. He is the Chairman of the FICCI Task Force on Agri Start-ups. He is also an advisor to Foundations, Multilaterals, Corporates and Funds with an interest in investing in tech startups in India. He has authored many papers on the subject and speaks regularly at conferences pertaining to the food and agribusiness sector as well as the start-up ecosystem.



Mr Arnav Kapur

Deputy Director – Policy,
Communications &
Philanthropic Partnerships,
**Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation**

Mr Arnav leads the global Philanthropic Partnerships portfolio at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, with a focus on Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. His work centres on strengthening the philanthropic ecosystem by collaborating with governments, family offices, foundations, and corporations to drive large-scale impact across the foundation's priority areas. Previously, Arnav worked with the Foundation's Policy & Poverty Alleviation and Strategy Planning teams, where he helped shape agriculture and policy strategies and led a state-wide primary healthcare transformation programme. Before joining the foundation in 2013, Arnav was a Consultant at Deloitte Consulting, advising senior clients across industries on strategy, financial planning, and supply chain management.



Ms Charu Malhotra

Co-Founder & Managing
Director,
Primus Partners India

Ms Charu Malhotra is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Primus Partners, bringing over 25 years of expertise in public education and learning. At Primus Partners, she spearheads the 3E practice—Education, Employability, and Entrepreneurship. Charu has collaborated extensively with more than 15 state governments, the central government, and over 50 private sector clients, focusing on strategy development, policy formulation, and implementation across school and higher education, skills development, CSR, and SDGs. Her expertise encompasses education policy, design, transformation for social impact, early childhood care and education, gender-based development programmes, and school infrastructure enhancement. She is also adept in EdTech, curriculum development, assessment frameworks, teacher professional development, life skills, media and entertainment, digitalisation for Panchayat functionaries, and support platforms for rural women entrepreneurs. Charu's previous roles include positions at KPMG and IL&FS Education and Technology Services.



Ms Meera Rajeevan

COO,
Shibulal Family Philanthropic
Initiatives

Ms Meera Rajeevan brings over 22 years of experience in the IT sector, excelling in strategic and leadership roles across multiple functional areas. During her 19-year tenure at Infosys, she worked closely with the company's founders and holds a patent for a Process for Estimation of Large Outsourcing Deals in IT. Transitioning to the social sector, Meera now serves as the COO of Vidyadhan, a Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiative. She is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by enabling higher education, training, and mentorship for meritorious youth across India. Under her leadership, Vidyadhan has expanded its reach by building sponsor networks and leveraging technology, earning many accolades. She also served on the Managing Committee of the Thrissur Management Association, where she advocated for women's workforce participation and entrepreneurship. Additionally, Meera is certified by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and is listed in the Independent Directors Databank maintained by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



Ms Gayatri Nair Lobo

Chief Executive Officer,
A.T.E. Chandra Foundation

Ms Gayatri Nair Lobo is the Chief Executive Officer of A.T.E. Chandra Foundation, where she drives initiatives focused on education, community development, and social impact. With a strong commitment to empowering leaders in the education sector, she has played a pivotal role in shaping programmes that enhance school leadership and improve educational outcomes. In addition to her role at the foundation, Gayatri is involved with the India School Leadership Institute (ISLI), where she supports the development of effective school leaders across India. Her leadership is characterised by a focus on sustainable practices and collaboration with diverse stakeholders to foster lasting change in communities.



Ms Shaifalika Panda

Trustee & Founder CEO,
Bansidhar & Ila Panda
Foundation (BIPF) &
Chief of CSR,
Indian Metal & Ferro Alloys)

Ms Gayatri Nair Lobo is the Chief Executive Officer of A.T.E. Chandra Foundation, where she drives initiatives focused on education, community development, and social impact. With a strong commitment to empowering leaders in the education sector, she has played a pivotal role in shaping programmes that enhance school leadership and improve educational outcomes. In addition to her role at the foundation, Gayatri is involved with the India School Leadership Institute (ISLI), where she supports the development of effective school leaders across India. Her leadership is characterised by a focus on sustainable practices and collaboration with diverse stakeholders to foster lasting change in communities.

Masterclass:

Proposal Writing and Navigating RFPs



Moderator

Mr Aman Bhaiya

Vice President,
SBI Foundation

Mr Aman Bhaiya is a seasoned CSR professional with nearly 10 years of experience in Corporate Social Responsibility and financial market advisory. As a founding member of the SBI Foundation, the first Section 8 Company in public sector banking, Aman has played a key role in shaping its strategy, policies, and procedures. He has successfully managed CSR activities worth ₹800 crore for the State Bank of India, its Foundation, and its subsidiaries, positively impacting over 25 million people through 120+ programmes across India. Aman is passionate about redefining CSR in India, acting as a social intrapreneur committed to driving change and setting benchmarks in the sector. His expertise spans policy formulation, strategic planning, budgeting, partnership management, and organising board meetings. He has led impactful projects in areas such as environment and sustainability, education, healthcare, women empowerment, entrepreneurship, and sports. With exceptional project management skills, Aman excels in multitasking and delivering results across various initiatives while fostering strong relationships with government ministries, stakeholders, and cross-functional teams. He is dedicated to finding innovative solutions to complex social challenges and building systems that create lasting, positive change for communities.

Immersive Session:

Micro Roundtable with CSR-NGO Leaders



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Ms Amita Puri

Member,
India Leaders for Social Sector
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Ms Amita Puri brings over two decades of experience in the Indian development sector, with expertise spanning child rights, gender equality, livelihoods, and business and human rights. She has developed sustainability strategies for organisations and played a key role in raising funds from individual, corporate, and institutional donors, both in India and internationally. Amita has been an advocate for philanthropy focused on social justice, working to build ecosystems that support these causes. In her leadership roles, she has overseen entire organisations and programmes, serving as the Executive Director of Fundraising, Marketing, and Communications at CARE India, Executive Director at the All India Artisans and Craftworkers Welfare Association (AIACA), and CEO of Charities Aid Foundation India. Her work extends beyond administration, as she has actively engaged with communities and grantees to drive change, focusing on capacity building, institution strengthening, and collaborative models. Currently, Amita works as an independent consultant, partnering with a diverse range of stakeholders both within and outside of India.

Keynote Address:



Shri Pramod Sawant Ji

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa

Shri Pramod Sawant Ji currently holds the position of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, a role he has served since March 2019. As Chief Minister, he has been at the forefront of driving Goa's economic growth, infrastructure development, and social welfare initiatives. One of his most notable achievements is the launch of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa initiative, aimed at making Goa self-reliant by promoting local industries, skill development, and sustainable agriculture. He has also prioritised healthcare, overseeing the expansion of medical facilities and the efficient management of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state. His focus on infrastructure has led to the development of better road networks, water supply systems and the promotion of renewable energy projects. Additionally, Shri Pramod Sawant Ji has advocated for environmental sustainability, working on projects to protect Goa's ecology, including initiatives for afforestation and water conservation. His governance is marked by efforts to balance development with environmental conservation, ensuring Goa's growth aligns with its unique cultural and natural heritage.



Hon'ble Shri Anurag Thakur Ji

Hon'ble Member of Parliament
(Lok Sabha – Hamirpur),
Government of India

Shri Anurag Thakur Ji is the Former Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports in the Government of India and a five-time elected Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) representing Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh. He previously served as Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs in 2019. As a minister, Anurag Thakur led several pioneering initiatives aimed at modernising the news and entertainment sectors, while also making significant contributions to improving India's sports landscape, including enhancing the nation's medal count. In 2016, he was commissioned as a regular officer in the Territorial Army, holding the rank of Lieutenant in the 124 Sikh Regiment, becoming the first sitting BJP Member of Parliament to serve in this capacity. In 2021, he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Panel Discussion

Nurturing Entrepreneurs: Role of Skilling and Education



Moderator

Mansi Goyal

Senior Manager,
DIAGEO India

Ms Mansi Goyal is a seasoned ESG and CSR professional with over 10 years of experience driving impactful sustainability initiatives. As Senior Manager for CSR & Sustainability at Diageo India, she has successfully executed and managed numerous projects, including CSR implementation, compliance reporting, and ESG reporting aligned with global standards such as GRI, SASB, and UNGC. Mansi brings over 5 years of consulting expertise, focusing on training, policy advocacy, and the implementation of sustainability and ESG projects. She has served as the lead trainer for GRI-certified training programmes and has worked on European Union-funded projects promoting sustainable development in India. Her extensive background includes consulting and training assignments for government and private sector organisations, where she has been instrumental in advancing sustainability goals and fostering long-term impact.



Mr Parthasarathi Changdar

Lead CSR, Akzonobel

Mr Parthasarathi Changdar brings 20 years of extensive experience in both the developmental and corporate sectors. He has significantly contributed to CSR initiatives at GMR Foundation, Cairn India, and for the past decade, at AkzoNobel India, where he currently leads organisational CSR efforts. His leadership has been pivotal in implementing innovative projects in community water management, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), children's education, and telemedicine. These initiatives have profoundly impacted underprivileged communities and advanced sustainable development.



Mr Kumar Anurag Pratap

Vice President & Head –
Corporate Social Responsibility
and Sustainability,
Capgemini India

Ms Dhanalakshmi Ramachandra is a key leader in corporate social responsibility, currently serving as the CSR Business Partner for Strategic Projects and Stakeholder Engagement at Bayer CropScience Limited. In this role, she expertly designs and executes CSR strategies for the Bayer Prayas Association, aligning with Bayer's commitment to sustainable development and social responsibility. With over a decade of experience in CSR, Dhanalakshmi has significantly impacted the field, including a notable seven-year tenure at Monsanto Company. Her leadership and passion for driving positive change are evident in her strategic approach to every initiative.



Mr Subrato Roy

SVP – Corporate
Communications, PR, CSR & ESG,
HDFC Life

Mr Subrato Roy, Senior Vice President at HDFC Life, brings over two decades of expertise in Corporate Communications, Public Relations, Marketing, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Since April 2020, he has been spearheading strategic initiatives to enhance brand presence and align with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. Previously, Subrato served as Vice President of Marketing at HDFC Life, focusing on marketing strategies to boost brand visibility. His prior experience includes over 21 years at Blue Dart, where he was General Manager of Marketing, Corporate Communications, and CSR, leading initiatives that expanded the brand's footprint and CSR impact. Subrato Roy is recognised for his leadership in communication and CSR, and he is committed to driving business growth and social impact.



Mr Sudarshan Suchi

Chief Executive Officer,
Bal Raksha Bharat

Mr Sudarshan Suchi is the Chief Executive Officer of Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children, India). A seasoned leader in the development sector, he has over three decades of experience in social impact, child rights, and community development. Under his leadership, Bal Raksha Bharat has expanded its reach, focusing on education, health, and protection for vulnerable children across India. Sudarshan is known for his strategic vision and commitment to building sustainable solutions for marginalised communities, ensuring a brighter future for children.

Keynote Address:



Mr Atul Satija

Founder 2.0 and CEO,
Give

Mr Atul Satija is the CEO of both Give and The/Nudge, leading poverty alleviation efforts. Before transitioning to the social sector, he held leadership roles at InMobi, Google, Adobe, Samsung, and Infosys. Atul serves on the advisory boards of nonprofits like the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), Udhyam Learning Foundation, and Parivaar. He also frequently serves as a jury member for social impact awards.



Moderator

Ms Vineeta Hariharan

Regional Director,
TSC Global

Ms Vineeta Hariharan is a national-level public policy expert with substantial experience in thought leadership, policy formulation, community building, and stakeholder management at both national and international levels. A graduate of the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, she has held senior management roles across the public and private sectors in India. Vineeta has collaborated with leading bilateral and multilateral institutions such as DFID and the World Bank, working closely with senior bureaucrats and political leaders to design and implement flagship programmes for various Ministries of the Government of India.



Ms Shweta Punetha

National Manager- CSR & Water,
Hindustan Coca-Cola
Beverages

Ms Shweta Punetha is a Certified CSR & Sustainability Professional with over 15 years of experience in strategising and implementing social projects aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Her expertise encompasses strategic planning, project execution, stakeholder engagement, change management, and capacity building, with a demonstrated history of delivering sustainable solutions across a variety of sectors. Throughout her career, Shweta has led numerous high-impact projects, ranging from comprehensive rural development programmes to innovative environmental sustainability initiatives. She possesses a deep understanding of the complexities involved in CSR and sustainability efforts and excels in mobilising resources, engaging communities, and building strong partnerships with NGOs and government bodies. Currently serving as National Manager of CSR & Water at Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages, Shweta continues to drive impactful change, focusing on delivering sustainable and scalable initiatives. Her commitment to creating a positive and lasting impact on society and the environment defines her approach to CSR.



Ms Megha Vaid

Director of Corporate Affairs,
Concord Biotech

Ms Megha Vaid is the Director of Corporate Affairs at Concord Biotech Limited, with over a decade of experience in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). She is dedicated to integrating social and environmental responsibility into business strategies, driving positive change both within the organisation and in the communities it serves. Megha plays a key role in embedding CSR principles into business practices and actively engages stakeholders in the company's sustainability initiatives. She is passionate about fostering partnerships with NGOs, government bodies, and other stakeholders to enhance the reach and impact of CSR efforts.

**Mr Gambhir Agarwal**

Head – Corporate Social
Responsibility,
Relaxo Footwears Limited

Mr Gambhir Agarwal is an accomplished leader in the development sector with extensive experience spanning grassroots to national-level roles in both NGO and corporate environments. He possesses a strong expertise in strategic planning, programme operations, budgeting, and government relations, making him a well-rounded professional in driving social impact initiatives. As the Lead for Corporate Social Responsibility at Relaxo Footwear Limited, Gambhir oversees the company's CSR strategy, ensuring the implementation of cost-effective and impactful solutions that benefit diverse stakeholders. Under his leadership, Relaxo has gained recognition for its commitment to corporate governance and CSR excellence, with a focus on Education, Health, and Environmental Conservation. Gambhir's ability to blend corporate and social objectives has been instrumental in the success of Relaxo's CSR activities, positioning the company as a leader in sustainable and responsible business practices.

**Mr Nikhil Gupta**

Head of Marketing, Strategy,
Govt. Affairs & CSR,
Signify

Mr Nikhil Gupta is a seasoned senior professional with over 20 years of diverse experience in two world-class organisations across the FMCG and Financial Services industries. He has extensive expertise in marketing, strategy, P&L management, and operations, having successfully navigated high-growth, dynamic markets and mature, challenging environments across multiple geographies. A results-driven leader, Nikhil excels at driving transformation and delivering outcomes amidst uncertainty. With an entrepreneurial mindset and a strong focus on results, he has a proven track record of leading large teams towards achieving common goals through inclusive and collaborative leadership.

**Shri. Ravindra Singh
Bhati Ji,**

Hon'ble Member of Legislative
(MLA) Assembly Sheo – Barmer,
Government of Rajasthan

Shri Ravindra Singh Bhati is a young and dynamic politician currently serving as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Sheo constituency in Barmer, Rajasthan. He gained prominence through his early involvement in student politics, notably becoming the independent president of Jai Narayan Vyas University in 2019, a historic achievement. His political journey continued as he actively led student protests and movements, advocating for better education and student rights. In the 2023 Rajasthan Assembly elections, Bhati ran as an independent candidate from Sheo after being denied a ticket by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Despite the odds, he secured a remarkable victory with around 80,000 votes, defeating both Congress and BJP candidates. His success reflects his strong connection with the people of Sheo, particularly focusing on local issues like education and infrastructure development.

Keynote Address:



Shri Rajesh S Kumar (IFS) Ji

Inspector General of Forests,
Ministry of Environment
Forests and Climate Change,
Government of India

Shri Rajesh S. Kumar is an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of the 1992 batch, currently serving as the Inspector General of Forests in the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Government of India. He has a distinguished career focused on various aspects of forest management and conservation. Before his current role, Kumar held several significant positions in the Indian forest service, where he contributed to wildlife protection, sustainable forest management, and environmental conservation. His work includes efforts in afforestation, biodiversity conservation, and policy development related to forestry and environmental management. Kumar has played a vital role in implementing government policies aimed at promoting sustainable forest practices and addressing climate change challenges. With his extensive experience in forest governance and management, Shri Rajesh S. Kumar is recognised for his commitment to advancing the goals of the Ministry in enhancing the health of India's forests and fostering ecological balance.

Panel Discussion

Building Climate Resilience through Govt CSR Collaboration



Moderator

Mr Ashwin Kak

Strategic Advisor for
Sustainability & ESG,
Amplo Global

Mr Ashwin Kak is a seasoned corporate responsibility expert with 14 years of experience, including nine years focused on CSR and sustainability. He has led CSR and Sustainability initiatives at Pidilite and AB InBev and managed the Procurement & Sustainability functions for AB InBev in India and South-East Asia. His early career was spent developing commercial expertise in sales, marketing, and strategy with Fevicol. Ashwin has spearheaded diverse initiatives, including climate action, supply-chain sustainability, water stewardship, renewable energy, health and sanitation, micro-entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, and education. At AB InBev, he launched the Sustainability 100+ platform with CNBC TV-18, tackled supply-chain circularity issues, and developed decarbonisation strategies. Currently, Ashwin serves as a Sustainability Strategic Advisor at Amplo Global and mentors start-ups in Climate Action and Sustainability, such as Celeste, Earth 5R, and German Accelerator. His extensive experience and commitment to sustainability continue to drive impactful change.



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**Ms Matilda Lobo**

Head – Corporate Social
Responsibility,
IndusInd Bank

Ms Matilda is a highly accomplished Banking and Finance professional, boasting an extensive career spanning over 25 years. Her multifaceted skill set encompasses various domains, including business development, strategic execution, fostering client relationships, adept credit risk management, and dynamic team leadership. Matilda's hallmark lies in her ability to bridge divides, cultivate trust, and forge invaluable partnerships. Her decision-making prowess is underpinned by a profound comprehension of multifaceted aspects, enabling her to transform challenges into lucrative solutions. Beyond her professional achievements, Matilda is driven by a fervent commitment to sustainability and timeless values such as dignity, equity, and compassion. Her illustrious journey includes pivotal roles at Standard Chartered Bank, where she spearheaded supply chain finance and held positions as Director of Client Coverage and Head of Supply Chain Management. Matilda's expertise extends to encompass operational risk, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, and adept utilisation of data analytics. She has consistently excelled at renowned entities like GE Capital and FCA Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. Throughout her illustrious career, Matilda has remained resolutely dedicated to effecting positive change and creating a lasting impact.

**Dr Dhinesh Raj KS**

Senior Manager – Government
Affairs & CSR, Lead,
Flex

Dr Dhinesh Raj KS (DK) is an expert in Government Affairs, CSR, and ESG with over 19 years of experience in manufacturing, consulting, IT, and government relations. Currently a Senior Manager at Flex, he leads CSR initiatives and collaborates with state and federal governments on business strategies. Dhinesh has worked with top firms like Essar, EY, KPMG, and Accenture, specialising in sustainability reporting, CSR strategy, and global frameworks like GRI and UNDP-SDG. He is recognised for his leadership in sustainability and government relations.

**Mr Gajendra Dixit**

Vice President – CSR,
Kotak Mahindra Bank

Mr Gajendra Dixit is a dedicated development practitioner and CSR professional with over 18 years of rich experience in driving social change. Gajendra's commitment to enhancing his CSR expertise led him to complete the GRI G4 and Corporate Sustainability Course from KPMG. Throughout his career, he has worked at the intersection of the non-profit sector and corporate social responsibility, collaborating with government entities, private companies, and international organisations like the UN. His experience as an international volunteer with the YMCA in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, has added depth to his understanding of community needs and global challenges. Passionate about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Gajendra focuses on critical areas such as climate action, poverty alleviation, quality education, and reducing inequalities. His diverse skill set includes managing CSR startups, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and impact assessment. Gajendra is committed to creating effective partnerships and innovative solutions that empower communities and foster sustainable development.

Masterclass:

Maximising Impact with Social Return on Investment (SROI)

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Dr Swaminathan R

Director, Consulting,
Deloitte

Dr Swaminathan R is a Director at Deloitte, with extensive experience across the development, corporate, and academic sectors. He has provided strategic guidance and programme management support to companies, philanthropies, foundations, academic institutions, and governments in the development space. His expertise spans strategy setting, programme design, monitoring and evaluation, organisational development, and capacity building for philanthropic foundations, corporations, and CSOs. Previously, Swaminathan served as Chief Strategy & Programme Officer at Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI). He also led a multidisciplinary research programme on cities, sustainability, and resilience at Uppsala University, Sweden.



Mr Pratul Narayan

Manager, Consulting,
Deloitte

Mr Pratul Narayan is a seasoned professional with nearly eight years of experience in top management advisory firms, focusing on business transformation, social business models, and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) strategies. He has a strong track record of working closely with company leaders to drive strategic initiatives and enhance organisational impact. Pratul's expertise includes product management, strategy development, and the creation and implementation of social impact frameworks. He is skilled in measuring and assessing impact to ensure alignment with corporate goals and excels in engaging with senior stakeholders to deliver results in fast-paced environments. His diverse experiences reflect a passion for growth and innovation, underscoring his commitment to making a meaningful impact both professionally and personally.

Side Event 4: GOA Regional Forum

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Shri Sanjiv Ahuja (IAS)

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Dr M. B. Gururaj

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Goa CSR Authority



Mr Hitesh Goyal

Advisor,
Goa CSR Authority



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Goa CSR Authority

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Mr Sanjay Naraindas Daswani,

Senior Vice President and
Regional Director, Asia,
**Deputy Director and Head –
Resource Mobilization,
VisionSpring**

Mr Sanjay Daswani joined VisionSpring Foundation in November 2023 as Deputy Director and Head of Resource Mobilisation for the Vision Access Programmes. He brings over 29 years of experience across manufacturing, banking, financial services, and the non-profit sectors. Sanjay began his career at Tata Motors (formerly TELCO) and later spent 17 years in banking with American Express Bank, ABN Amro, and HDFC Bank, focusing on retail banking, wealth management, NRI banking, and customer relationship management. In 2012, he transitioned to the NGO sector, gaining over a decade of experience with Habitat for Humanity, EdelGive Foundation, and now VisionSpring Foundation. His expertise includes fundraising, donor management, communications, and programme management.

Panel Discussion

Leveraging the SHG-FPO Model for Social Transformation



Moderator

Mr Samir Sharma

Head – Group CSR,
L&T Finance

Mr Samir Sharma is a seasoned professional with an illustrious career spanning over 25 years in the social development sector. His multifaceted experience includes significant contributions within both non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and leading corporate entities, including Ambuja, Lafarge, Dalmia, ACC, and currently, L&T Finance, a Group Company of Larsen & Toubro. As Head of CSR at L&T Finance, based in Mumbai, he continues to leverage his extensive expertise to drive the Company's corporate social responsibility agenda. Samir Sharma's leadership exemplifies the fusion of business acumen with a deep-rooted passion for social development, making him a prominent figure in the realm of corporate social responsibility.



Ms Tushara Shankar

Head CSR,
Lupin Ltd

Ms Tushara Shankar brings over two decades of experience in CSR, working with corporates, international nonprofits, and consulting firms. As CSR Head at Lupin, she leads initiatives addressing livelihood and healthcare challenges through the Lupin Foundation. Tushara played a pivotal role in the NRHM health initiative in Jharkhand, collaborating with government, corporate, and nonprofit sectors. She has also contributed to CINI's NGO management and reproductive health programmes and served as a domain expert in rural development at IGNOU. With expertise in monitoring and evaluation for bilateral, UN, and government programmes, Tushara has shaped impactful CSR strategies, including water conservation and the Mission Paani initiative.



Ms Anupam Nidhi

Group Head CSR, Vedanta
Group | Head CSR,
Hindustan Zinc

Ms Anupam Nidhi is a distinguished leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), currently serving as the Head of CSR at Hindustan Zinc Limited, a Vedanta group company. With over 22 years of extensive experience, she has held key leadership roles in esteemed organisations such as Siemens India, Reliance Group, LEAD India, and SEWA. Her expertise encompasses both the corporate and development sectors, where she has excelled in advisory roles, strategic planning, and execution. Throughout her career, Anupam has led a diverse array of multi-dimensional projects across India, focusing on areas such as microfinance, project management, crisis management, employability, entrepreneurship development, and environmental sustainability. Her grassroots experience with organisations like SEWA and LEAD India has provided her with a profound understanding of the challenges faced by marginalised communities, enabling her to design and implement CSR programmes that drive meaningful and lasting impact. Anupam's leadership in the social impact landscape reflects her deep commitment to fostering sustainable development and empowering communities across the country.



Mr Tarun Baijnath

Partner, Transformation,
Grant Thornton

Mr Tarun Baijnath is a Partner at Grant Thornton Bharat LLP, where he has been instrumental in driving strategic initiatives and delivering exceptional client service for over 13 years. In his current role since April 2022, Tarun leverages his extensive expertise to lead diverse projects and contribute to the firm's growth and reputation in the industry. His commitment to excellence and strong leadership skills have established him as a trusted advisor in the field.



Dr Rajashree Joshi

Program Director,
BAIF Development Research
Foundation

Dr Rajashree Joshi is the Programme Director at BAIF Development Research Foundation, where she has been leading interdisciplinary development programs since 2006. Her focus includes addressing climate change, natural resource degradation, agro-biodiversity loss, and gender-related challenges in farming. She plays a pivotal role in climate action initiatives, research, and capacity building within BAIF. Dr Joshi has coordinated several major projects such as Scaling up of Climate Smart Villages, NABARD's Climate Proofing of Watersheds, and regenerative farming systems with HSBC, among others. She is well-versed in region-specific climate-smart technologies and sustainable agricultural practices.

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Keynote Address:



Dr Nidhi Pundhir

Sr. Vice President, Global CSR,
HCLTech & Director,
HCLFoundation

A seasoned humanitarian services and socio-economic-environmental development specialist, Dr Nidhi Pundhir leads HCLTech's India and Global Corporate Social Responsibility agenda and has envisioned the CSR Policy anchored around the 10 commandments. She brings a deep nuanced understanding of poverty issues and environmental challenges. Working for the most disadvantaged and isolated communities, she has designed realistic approaches that advocate equity and dignity. Committed to HCLFoundation's vision, mission, and strategy, she ensures high-quality programme delivery, creating meaningful differences on the ground. Under her tenure, the Foundation has received coveted awards such as the National CSR Award for Slum Area Development, 2020 and Best Industry for CSR category of the National Water Awards, 2022, amongst others. Dr Pundhir has served in leadership positions and led programmes to actualise human rights and environmental action at national and international levels. These include Director of Programme Development, Asia at SOS Children's Villages, and Global Advisor on Child Protection in Development, Plan International. Currently, she is serving as a Grand Jury Member for the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) Higher Education Excellence Awards and is also a Member of the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Steering Committee on the North East in India.

Panel Discussion

Creating A Shared Future: Sustainable Cities & Thriving Villages



Moderator

Ms Perna Mehta

Associate Director – Urban
Development, WRI India

Ms Perna Mehta is Associate Director of Urban Development at WRI India, overseeing areas such as Climate Smart Cities, Liveable Neighbourhoods, Innovation, Capacity Building, and Project Preparation. Her key work includes the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework, Transit-Oriented Development, Land Value Capture, Form-Based Codes, Public Spaces, Tactical Urbanism, Safe Access, and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, alongside initiatives like Raahgiri. She collaborates with agencies such as GEF, UNEP, and the World Bank on integrated urban development. Perna has shaped numerous national, state, and city-level policies and guidelines for India's central and local governments. She also serves on various technical committees to advise on urban development. Before WRI, Perna's experience spanned project management, urban planning, real estate, and architecture. She worked on City Master Plans, integrated development plans, feasibility studies, and large-scale real estate projects across sectors.

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**Mr Mandar Kulkarni**

Lead Sustainability,
Praj Industries

Mr Mandar Kulkarni is a leading expert in CSR and sustainability, currently driving key initiatives at Praj Industries. His role includes leading projects on Emission Reduction Strategy, Climate Risk Management, and Sustainability Performance Management. Previously, at Mercedes-Benz India, Mandar was pivotal in implementing water conservation projects, increasing access to clean energy, and launching community-based composting initiatives. He also developed a sacred grove conservation action plan and led a community afforestation project in Ambegaon, Pune. Mandar is currently focused on a pioneering 'Net Zero and Climate Resilient Village' pilot project. This initiative aims to develop village-level emission accounting and reduction strategies, addressing diverse thematic areas such as energy, agriculture, waste, health, livelihood, natural environment, and education. His background includes extensive work in ecological conservation planning across Maharashtra, where he supported community-led ecological initiatives and developed management plans for developmental projects.

**Mr Siddhartha Iyer**

Senior Manager & Head –
Corporate Social
Responsibility, ASK Asset &
Wealth Management,
ASK Foundation

With over 17 years of experience in the development sector, Mr Siddhartha Iyer is a seasoned leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Social Impact. As the CSR lead at ASK Asset & Wealth Management, he designs and executes strategic social responsibility programmes. His expertise spans CSR strategy, social impact measurement, employee volunteering, NGO due diligence, and programme monitoring. Siddhartha has previously held key roles at United Way of Mumbai, Magic Bus India Foundation, and CRISIL Foundation, where he drove impactful social change.



Mr Abhishek Dole

Lead – ESG & Sustainability,
Bajaj Allianz General
Insurance

Mr Abhishek Dole is a results-driven professional with a proven track record in leading sustainability initiatives for one of India's top insurance companies. With deep expertise in ESG & sustainability, regulatory reporting, GHG accounting, and assurance, he excels in managing complex projects and aligning sustainability strategies with long-term business objectives. Known for his ability to deliver on time while managing risk, Abhishek drives business transformation and contributes to executive-level decision-making.

Keynote Address:



**Shri Naveen Kumar
(IAS)**

Irrigation Secretary,
Government of Uttar
Pradesh

Shri Naveen Kumar, an accomplished IAS officer, currently serves as the Irrigation Secretary for the Government of Uttar Pradesh. In his previous role as Special Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, he spearheaded the complete digitisation of government health facilities in Andhra Pradesh, ensuring access to clinical records for over 5.46 million citizens. With extensive experience managing complex IT projects, Naveen excels at bringing together diverse stakeholders, from local leaders to national governments and NGOs. As the founding Managing Director of Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation, India's largest procurement and supply company for health facilities, he set up the organisation's operations in just four months, overseeing a \$240 million budget. His tenure also includes serving as Special Secretary in the Department of IT and Electronics, where he successfully implemented citizen-focused services. Naveen's dedication and leadership have earned him several prestigious awards, making him a respected figure in public service.

Panel Discussion

Sustaining Tomorrow: The Role of Businesses and CSR in Better Air, Water and Forests



Moderator

Mr Pankaj Bajaj

Founder,
Bajaj Foundation

Mr Pankaj Bajaj, the driving force behind Bajaj Enterprises, seamlessly blends entrepreneurship with philanthropy. He founded the Bajaj Foundation, focusing on healthcare, education, animal rights, and women and child welfare. His vision of 'Ek Sansaar, Ek Parivaar' emphasises unity and inclusivity. Passionate about environmental conservation, Mr. Bajaj leads initiatives in E-waste recycling and sustainability. He also co-founded the Friends of Art Trust, supporting artists through platforms like Contemporary Arts Week. His efforts reflect a deep commitment to societal impact, environmental stewardship, and multicultural expression.



Ms Aman Pannu

President, DCM Shriram
Foundation & Head-Corporate
Communications & CSR
Custodian- Archives,
DCM Shriram Ltd.

Ms Aman Pannu brings 24 years of experience across agriculture, chemicals, liquor, and retail. As the Head of Corporate Communications and CSR at DCM Shriram Ltd for 14 years, she has significantly shaped the company's image and effectively communicated its vision. In her role as President of DCM Shriram Foundation, Aman drives philanthropic efforts focused on holistic development and water in agriculture. She has launched impactful community programmes and established an Archives and Heritage Gallery in Rajasthan to preserve DCM's 134-year history. Aman also serves on the CII National Committee on CSR, influencing corporate responsibility practices. Her extensive expertise in communications, CSR, and philanthropy underscores her success in fostering positive change.



Mr Deepak Sharma

Trustee - The Art of Living,
The Art of Living

At the dynamic intersection of Indian entertainment, spirituality, and social impact, Mr Prasana Prabhu's journey is one of personal evolution and societal change. Starting in television marketing and Bollywood, his path shifted towards spirituality after meeting Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, the renowned spiritual leader. For the past 29 years, Prasana has served as an international educator and meditation mentor, driving numerous initiatives and leading key projects for The Art of Living, including its Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 2006, which brought together millions from over 150 countries. He was also instrumental in organising the 2016 World Culture Festival in New Delhi, attended by 3.75 million people. Currently, as Chairman of Vyakti Vikas Kendra India, an integral part of The Art of Living movement, Prasana's leadership extends beyond spiritual teaching. He forges partnerships with government and corporate bodies, advancing wide-ranging initiatives such as water conservation, environmental protection, rural development, women's empowerment, and renewable energy. Known as a 'water wizard,' his efforts to rejuvenate rivers and streams have positively impacted millions, aligning with UN SDG6 and India's Jal Jeevan Mission. His deep connection with rural youth, motivating them to drive community initiatives, showcases his commitment to creating lasting social change inspired by Gurudev's principles.



Dr Nilay Ranjan

Vice President - Sustainability
& CSR (GRC),
Air India Limited

Dr Nilay Ranjan serves as the Vice President of Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Air India Limited. He specialises in integrating sustainable practices within corporate frameworks, focusing on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards. Dr Ranjan actively promotes collaboration among stakeholders to enhance sustainability in the aviation sector. Additionally, he engages in educational initiatives, particularly in early childhood education and play-based learning methodologies, contributing to community development and corporate responsibility.



Mr Bishwadeep Ghose

Country Director,
Water For People

Mr Bishwadeep Ghose is the Country Director at Water For People, a position he has held since October 2020. With nearly 30 years in the field of development, he has extensive experience at the intersection of science, community engagement, and policy. Throughout his career, he has celebrated successes at the micro-level while also confronting challenges in scaling initiatives to create broader impacts. Bishwadeep emphasizes the importance of collective efforts, a multidisciplinary approach, and strengthening planning and execution systems to ensure sustainable solutions. His travels across India have deepened his appreciation for the country's diversity and the agency of community leaders and marginalized groups. He has worked in various organizational contexts, from grassroots to international development, drawing on his education in science, natural resource management, and political economy. Passionate about leveraging technology for empowerment, Bishwadeep believes in the transformative power of humanism in addressing complex societal issues, including water security.

Non Profit Masterclass:

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Ms Mehul Das

Head, Impact Technology,
Parallel

Ms Mehul Das is the Head of the Impact Technology vertical at Parallel, where she oversees product strategy and design to create transformative digital solutions for large-scale public projects. Since joining Parallel in April 2021, she has played a crucial role in developing impactful initiatives such as India's CoWin vaccination platform, NDAP (India's first data analytics platform), and the Ayushman Bharat healthcare initiative. With a focus on strategic leadership and collaborative problem-solving, Mehul ensures that products are human-centred and accessible, particularly for Indic language users with limited tech exposure. Her commitment to fostering inclusive digital growth drives her mission to amplify the positive societal impact of technology, making essential services more accessible to diverse populations across India.



Mr Keshav Jagan

Product Strategy,
Impact Technology,
Parallel

Mr Keshav Jagan is a Product Strategist at Parallel, where he is dedicated to bridging the gap between engineering and design to create impactful solutions in the fields of conservation, sustainability, and healthcare. Keshav combines technical expertise with a passion for designing products that drive meaningful social change. As a Design Engineer at heart, Keshav thrives on hands-on innovation, continually exploring how to craft solutions that matter. His current work at Parallel focuses on developing cutting-edge products that address pressing global challenges, particularly in sustainability and healthcare. Before joining Parallel, Keshav played a pivotal role in growing Fourth Frontier, a company at the intersection of technology and health, and contributed to various innovative projects at 3M. His diverse experiences across sectors enable him to approach product strategy with a unique blend of creativity and technical precision, always aiming to deliver products that have a lasting positive impact on both people and the planet.

Side Event 5: Corporate Roundtable on Urban Resilience

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**Mr Prashant Prakash
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Senior Vice President, HR, Admin and
CSR – **Greenlam**



Mr Siddharth Pandit

CEO,
Urban Collective Action Network

Panel Discussion

EmpowHER: Driving Social Progress through Women's Rise



Moderator

Ms Gauri Bhure

Head of CSR,
DXC Technology

Ms Gauri Bhure is a seasoned professional in social development, with a particular focus on women's empowerment and strategic partnerships. Since February 2023, she has led Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts at DXC Technology, utilising her deep expertise in gender studies and working closely with stakeholders to implement impactful social development initiatives. In addition to her corporate role, Gauri co-founded Parenthesis India in February 2022, an organisation dedicated to advancing gender studies, women's empowerment, and social progress through collaborative partnerships and entrepreneurial ventures. Her commitment to driving change is further reflected in her previous roles, including serving as an Independent Consultant for UNESCO MGIEP and the Head of the National Committee and Asia Pacific Representative for UWC India. Gauri's extensive experience in capacity building, partnerships, and social entrepreneurship, coupled with her unwavering dedication to gender equality, positions her as a respected leader and advocate in the field of social development.



Ms Sanchita Vaish

Company Secretary and CSR
Lead,
Baker Hughes

Ms Sanchita Vaish is a seasoned Company Secretary with over 8 years of experience overseeing Corporate Governance matters across India, Bangladesh, and North Africa for Baker Hughes. She has a strong focus on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), strategically aligning business objectives with sustainable and socially responsible initiatives. Her leadership in the field has earned both her and Baker Hughes multiple national and international awards, underscoring her dedication to driving positive social impact. Baker Hughes' CSR priorities include Environment Protection & Restoration, Education, Skill Development, and Women Empowerment. Sanchita's blend of strategic vision and empathy positions her as a key leader in fostering meaningful change within the corporate sector.



Ms Kanta Singh

Deputy Country Representative,
UN Women India

Ms Kanta Singh is a seasoned development professional with 25 years of experience in India, specialising in gender, democracy, and human rights. She began her career as a gender trainer and went on to manage numerous programmes aimed at advancing women's rights. She played a key role in establishing and managing WomenPowerConnect, India's largest network of organisations focused on women's rights. Since 2010, Kanta has been with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in India, working on initiatives that promote women's access to justice and economic rights, with a particular focus on securing land and property rights for women. As a member of the United Nations Gender Task Team in India, she is responsible for mainstreaming gender into development programmes across various sectors. Currently, Kanta serves as the State Project Head for a significant 3-year initiative called "Creating Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities for Women in India" (DISHA), aimed at empowering women through enhanced employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. Her work reflects her deep commitment to gender equality and social justice.



Ms Akshita Shukla

Head CSR and ESG,
PI Industries

Ms Akshita Shukla is a global leader in Sustainability and ESG with a strong engineering background. She excels at developing and implementing strategies that align business goals with societal and environmental impact while leading high-performing teams to drive results. With expertise spanning climate impact, ESG reporting, stakeholder engagement, and sustainable brand building, Akshita has been pivotal in achieving multiple industry awards. Her experience covers a wide range of sustainability initiatives, including carbon offsets, water stewardship, green energy, human rights, corporate social responsibility, and global regulations. She is also skilled in supplier assessments, due diligence, and sustainable packaging, with a commitment to promoting circular economy practices. Akshita is passionate about fostering sustainable solutions that create long-term value for both businesses and communities.



Dr Safala Shroff

Member – Board of Trustees,
Metropolis Foundation

Dr Safala Shroff is a seasoned healthcare professional with over 25 years of experience in adolescent and women's health education. She is a certified Adolescent Health Counsellor and actively manages 'Shroff Eye,' India's first eye hospital accredited by the Joint Commission International. As Chairperson of the Vatsalya Foundation, she supports underprivileged children in rural Maharashtra and advises the Metropolis Foundation on preventive health initiatives. Dr Shroff has co-authored the book "Plan, Prepare, Push!" and led significant projects like the 'Growing Up' programme, empowering thousands of adolescent girls with reproductive health knowledge. At Metropolis Foundation, she develops programmes for youth education, including the influential 'Kishori Manch' peer education group. Additionally, she is involved with the 'Too Shy To Ask App,' which offers a confidential resource for adolescents seeking information on reproductive health. Her dedication to social service and education drives her impactful community work.

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Moderator

Mr Swapnil Agarwal

Director, Dhvani Rural
Information Systems Pvt. Ltd

Mr Swapnil Agarwal, Director of Dhvani Rural Information Systems Pvt. Ltd., has over a decade of experience leveraging technology for social impact. He specialises in business planning, market research, and technology consulting, driving innovative solutions for rural and community initiatives. Since 2014, Dhvani has delivered affordable ICT tools across sectors like WASH, agriculture, microfinance, and education. Under Swapnil's leadership, Dhvani empowers organisations with real-time dashboards to monitor KPIs and assess social impact, ensuring technology fosters sustainable development at the grassroots level.



Ms Erica Arya

Country Head,
Project Tech4Dev

Ms Erica Arya is a dynamic professional with over two decades of experience in Product Management and Engineering. Her career spans 12 years in software development, testing, and product development, primarily within the Telecommunications, Mobile VAS, and Digital Imaging sectors. For the past decade, Erica has transitioned into the social sector, focusing on Maternal & Child Health and Agriculture. She excels at designing and implementing scalable solutions that leverage various ICT channels, including IVR, WhatsApp, chatbots, voicebots, and mobile apps, to effectively disseminate information and drive community engagement. Passionate about the potential of technology, Erica believes that the right tools, applied appropriately, can significantly enhance behavioural adoption and facilitate impactful change. Operating at the intersection of design, technology, and product management, she creates sustainable, human-centric solutions that drive digital transformation for non-profits, emphasising cost, efficiency, and speed.



Ms Sapna Bhawnani

Vice President Communications
& CSR APAC,
Alstom

Ms Sapna Bhawnani, with over 20 years of experience, leads the Alstom brand across key markets, including India, Australia, China, and Southeast Asia. She manages community investment programmes and plays a pivotal role in advancing the Group's sustainability roadmap for the region. In India, Sapna has expertly led change communications for major mergers and acquisitions in the energy and transport sectors, devising strategies to reposition and strengthen the Alstom brand. Her current focus is realigning the CSR portfolio to emphasise core brand strengths while fostering a strong sustainability culture within the organisation.



Mr Srikanth V

CEO,
ICT Academy

Shri Banchha Nidhi Pani Ji, an IAS officer, currently serves as the Commissioner of Technical Education for the Government of Gujarat, based in Gandhinagar. With a distinguished career in public administration, Shri Pani Ji has held key positions in governance, contributing significantly to the development and implementation of policies aimed at improving education, infrastructure, and public services. In his role as Commissioner of Technical Education, Shri Pani Ji oversees the strategic direction and management of technical education institutions across Gujarat, driving initiatives to enhance the quality of education and promote skill development. His leadership focuses on aligning educational outcomes with industry needs, fostering innovation, and expanding opportunities for students to engage in technical and vocational training. Shri Pani Ji's tenure in various capacities within the government reflects his deep commitment to public service and development, with a strong emphasis on improving education systems and creating sustainable, inclusive growth for the people of Gujarat.

Doing Good for Bharat Spotlight



Mr Chandrasekaran Jayaraman

Director,
Watsan Envirotech Private
Limited

Mr Chandrasekaran Jayaraman is a national-level topper in Plastics from CIPET, with nearly 35 years of experience designing, prototyping, and manufacturing diverse materials. As a serial entrepreneur, he founded Watsan Envirotech Private Limited, which provides low-cost, electricity-free water purifiers and turnkey solutions for durable toilets, benefiting nearly 500,000 rural households, 1,000 schools, and 10,000 Anganwadis. He also established Custom Parts Online to assist innovators in designing, prototyping, and manufacturing their products, Ancient Heritage Conservation Private Limited for restoring ancient heritage structures, and Cureall Medicare OPC Pvt Ltd, which develops low-cost medical devices. Through these initiatives, Chandrasekaran has significantly contributed to social impact and sustainability.



Mr Gaurav Dwivedi

Chief Executive Officer,
UGreen Technology

Mr Gaurav Dwivedi, founder of UGreen Technology, brings over seven years of entrepreneurial experience. A dedicated innovator, he focuses on sustainable solutions for hard-to-abate sectors. Under his leadership, UGreen executed India's first successful carbon capture pilot in the oil and gas sector in collaboration with Oil India Ltd. Gaurav's expertise in energy and entrepreneurship drives UGreen's mission to deliver cost-effective, scalable carbon capture technologies, helping industries reduce their carbon footprint and transition towards sustainability.



Moderator

Mr Amit Saha

Founder & CEO,
PRO India

Mr Amit Saha is a seasoned global business manager with 30 years of experience in the FMCG and auto sectors, specialising in business transformation, sustainability, and policy advocacy. As Chief Sustainability Officer at Coca-Cola, he managed stakeholder relationships and represented the company in industry bodies like CII, addressing critical issues such as water management and plastic waste. In 2018, Amit founded Pro India Recycling, a social enterprise focused on creating a circular economy by repurposing plastic waste and benefiting waste pickers. With a strong emphasis on "People, Planet, and Profit," Pro India promotes sustainability through innovative practices. Amit is recognised for his strategic thinking, entrepreneurial spirit, and expertise in P&L management, sales development, and supply chain optimisation, having led large teams and transformative initiatives across various regions.



Ms Manvi Bansal

Senior Manager CSR,
TESCO

Ms Manvi Bansal leads CSR at Tesco Bengaluru, designing strategies that enhance corporate responsibility in education, livelihood, and climate resilience. Her expertise in strategic planning and stakeholder engagement drives impactful programmes reaching millions. She also cultivates meaningful employee engagement through impactful volunteering opportunities, aligning corporate and community goals.



Ms Anagha Poojari

Assistant Vice President – CSR,
**Kalpataru Projects
International Limited**

Ms Anagha Poojari is the AVP – CSR at Kalpataru Projects International Limited, where she also heads CSR for the entire Kalpataru Group. In this leadership role, Anagha is responsible for formulating and executing CSR strategies across the group's diverse industries. She is deeply committed to driving impactful and innovative social initiatives that extend beyond traditional CSR boundaries. Her focus areas include Education, Skill Development, Healthcare, Rural Development, Environment, and Animal Welfare, ensuring that the Kalpataru Group's CSR efforts create lasting, positive change in these communities. Anagha's career is marked by her dedication to social responsibility and development. Prior to her current role, she held key positions at organisations such as Nomura, RPG Group, Swades Foundation, Concern India Foundation, and Prerana. Her extensive experience in these roles has equipped her with a profound understanding of the social sector and the ability to implement strategies that align business objectives with community needs. Anagha's work is characterised by a passion for fostering sustainable development and her belief in the power of strategic social initiatives to transform lives.



Ms Shilpashree Muniswamappa

Director – ESG & Communications,
Colgate–Palmolive India

Ms Shilpashree Muniswamappa has nearly 20 years of experience driving brand strategy, marketing, communications, ESG, and CSR. She currently leads Corporate Communications, CSR, and ESG at Colgate–Palmolive India, where she focuses on sustainable change and enhancing the company's public image. Before joining Colgate–Palmolive, Shilpashree worked with Volvo, Renault–Nissan–Mitsubishi Alliance, and Alstom, where she honed her skills in strategic communication and international teamwork. She is known for her ability to weave sustainability into business practices and make a meaningful impact through corporate social responsibility.

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Ms Bhavna Chopra Srikrishna

Head – Stainless Academy,
Jindal Stainless

Ms Bhavna Chopra Srikrishna is the Head of Stainless Academy at Jindal Stainless, where she focuses on building skills ecosystems. With a strong background in business acumen, large-scale project management, and leadership training, she is passionate about improving the lives of the underprivileged. Her expertise includes project conceptualisation and people management.



Dr Gayathri Vasudevan

Chief Impact Officer and Trustee,
Sambhav Foundation

Dr Gayathri Vasudevan is the Chief Impact Officer at Sambhav Foundation and Chairperson at LabourNet Services India Pvt. Ltd. With extensive experience in the civic and social organisation sector, she excels in sustainable development, social enterprise, corporate social responsibility, strategic planning, and rural development. At Sambhav Foundation, Gayathri leads initiatives aimed at empowering women, youth, and differently-abled individuals through education and sustainable livelihoods. The organisation has partnered with over 2,000 entities to positively impact more than one million lives across India. In her role at LabourNet Services, she contributes to enhancing workforce skills and opportunities for marginalised communities. Gayathri's leadership is characterised by her commitment to creating equal opportunities and driving social change.



Moderator

Mr Manoviraj Singh

Vice President- CSR & Government Practice,
CSRBOX Group

Mr Manoviraj Singh serves as Vice President of CSR & Government Practice at CSRBOX Group. Over the past four years with the organisation, he has played a key role in shaping its mission to deliver social good more effectively by defining, designing, deploying, and delivering impactful social programmes. Manoviraj has skillfully cultivated a strong network of partners, including government agencies, corporations, and civil society organisations, with the aim of generating superior Social Returns on Investment (SSROI) for both his corporate partners and the communities he supports. His leadership has been instrumental in launching and overseeing sustainable, scalable initiatives across a broad spectrum of areas, including Environmental Sustainability, Education, Skill Development, Rural Infrastructure, Entrepreneurship, and Road Safety.



Dr Ashok Karania

Vice President – Global Alliances
& Strategic Accounts,
Apexon

Dr Ashok Karania is an entrepreneurial leader with over 15 years of senior management experience in strategy, sales, alliances, and client relations. Currently, as a Vice President – Global Alliances & Strategic Accounts at Apexon, a Goldman Sachs company, he drives strategic partnerships that deliver customer value and business success. Ashok is also the driving force behind Apexon's philanthropy programme, Ignite, which has positively impacted thousands of lives through empathy-driven initiatives. A TEDx speaker and frequent contributor at industry forums, Ashok engages with academia, government bodies, and think tanks on business, technology, and innovation. He actively mentors startups and leads Gujarati Localisation Initiatives through the Gujaratilexicon project. An avid traveller and reader, Ashok divides his time between the United States and India.



Ms Bhavya Sharma

Director –
Communications & ESG,
Urban Company

Ms Bhavya Sharma is a seasoned professional with nearly 15 years of experience across both B2B and B2C sectors, with a distinguished career that includes key roles at EY, PolicyBazaar Group, and Urban Company. Over the past six years with Urban Company, Bhavya has been instrumental in establishing and leading the Communications and ESG functions within the organisation. As an ESG Leader, Bhavya has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at partner enablement, focusing on enhancing earnings, improving social security benefits, and expanding training and skilling opportunities for Urban Company's partners. Her leadership extends to overseeing the accessibility project, where she has driven efforts to make the consumer app accessible to visually impaired users, reflecting her commitment to inclusivity and social responsibility. Bhavya's strategic vision and dedication to ESG have significantly contributed to Urban Company's reputation as a responsible and forward-thinking organisation. Her expertise in bridging communication with sustainability initiatives ensures that the company not only meets its business objectives but also makes a positive impact on society.



Ms Sakina Baker

Head CSR,
**Bosch Limited & Bosch India
Foundation Bosch India**

Ms Sakina Baker is a seasoned CSR professional with over 21 years of experience spanning the corporate and non-profit sectors. She is dedicated to advancing sustainable corporate citizenship by creating shared value for both communities and the organisations she serves. Sakina has led numerous initiatives with significant social impact, showcasing her unwavering commitment to driving positive change. Her leadership has been pivotal in crafting successful CSR strategies that align with broader organisational objectives, ensuring long-term impact and corporate responsibility.



Ms Rumi Mallick Mitra

Global Head, Corporate
Responsibility and Sustainability,
EY Global Delivery Services

Rumi Mallick Mitra is a seasoned leader with over 20 years of experience in corporate social responsibility, education, technological development, diversity and inclusion, and skills development. As the Global Head of Corporate Responsibility at EY Global Delivery Services (EY GDS), she drives initiatives that enhance the organisation's reputation as an inclusive and socially responsible leader. With 65,000 employees across 10 countries, EY GDS is a key business unit within EY, delivering world-class services globally. Previously, Rumi served as the CSR Head at IBM, where she developed strategic initiatives and built impactful partnerships with government bodies, non-profits, and academia, solidifying IBM's CSR brand identity.



Ms Rama Iyer

Director General,
WPP India Foundation

Ms Rama Iyer began her career as a Management Trainee at Ogilvy, India, and later returned to establish the WPP India Foundation. Under her visionary leadership, the Foundation has emerged as one of India's most recognised organisations, driving impactful social change by empowering underserved youth through education-to-employment initiatives. With over a decade of experience in the social development sector, Rama has successfully collaborated with corporates, government bodies, and civil society to create sustainable, scalable solutions. In addition to her multiple prestigious roles, Rama serves on the Advisory Panel of the World CSR Congress and previously led strategic planning for Unilever India at Ogilvy, earning numerous awards for her contributions.

The Future of Employee Volunteering: Innovations and Trends Shaping the Landscape of Corporate Social Responsibility



Moderator

Dr Smita Ghosh

Senior Manager CSR Programs,
CSRBOX Group

Dr Smita Ghosh is a Senior Manager of CSR Programs at CSRBOX, with a focus on education, health, women's empowerment, and mental well-being initiatives. She has authored over 10 research papers and independently published **Mind Aid Pitara**, with her next work, **Decoding Mithya**, forthcoming. As a counselling psychologist, she has also contributed to **Safe Teen Steps**, addressing critical issues in adolescent well-being. Dr Ghosh is skilled in gameful learning, using it to design strategies that enhance emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills. Her contributions to counselling have earned her multiple distinctions. Dr. Ghosh has spoken at prominent platforms such as UNESCO's "Joy of Inclusion" Conference, InSpa, DTRTI, the National Institute of Direct Taxes, and Healthy Mind Online. Fluent in multiple languages, she is committed to fostering positive social change.



Mr Sankara Mahalingam

Global Lead – Community,
Outreach,
Firstsource

Mr Sankara Mahalingam is a highly experienced professional with over 25 years of expertise in ESG, CSR, sustainability, and employee volunteering. Currently leading key initiatives at Firstsource, he leverages his deep knowledge of sustainability to drive long-term value and responsible growth. Prior to this, Sankara was a member of the Global ESG team at Cognizant, where he played a pivotal role in environmental sustainability strategies, including Net Zero goals and renewable energy transitions. With a decade of experience in volunteering, he has led CSR projects, managed operations across multiple locations, and spearheaded global environmental programmes. His career also includes significant roles in digital operations, sales, and distinguished service in the Indian Paramilitary forces, highlighting his dedication to impactful work and community service.



Mr Jibby Mathew

Lead – Corporate Social
Responsibility (CSR),
Ford Motor Company

Mr Jibby Mathew is the Lead for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Ford Motor Company, focusing on sustainable initiatives that contribute to building a better world. With a strong background in CSR and sustainability, Jibby has previously held key roles at L&T Financial Services and Mahindra Group, where he managed large-scale community outreach programmes and ensured compliance with CSR and ESG standards. He has extensive experience driving impactful social initiatives and fostering a culture of sustainability within organisations.



Ms Ribu Choudary

Director – Comms and Brand,
Head – CSR,
DEI

Ms Ribu serves as the Director of Brand and Communication for Amadeus in India. In her current role, she oversees the entire spectrum of communications for the India site, guiding the communications and brand strategy with a heightened focus on external brand building, thought leadership, and CSR. Under her leadership, the communications and brand team has significantly expanded the external communications portfolio, elevating the Amadeus Labs brand. Additionally, she holds the responsibility of managing the Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) charter for India.



Ms Prarthana Kaul

Co-Founder & Director,
Giftabled

Ms Prarthana Prateek Kaul is the Co-Founder of GiftAble, a social enterprise that fosters inclusivity for individuals with disabilities and the underprivileged in India. Her initiatives, including Supply Chain Diversity, LearnAble, and EmployAbility, have significantly improved sustainable livelihoods for many. With experience at IBM and iVolunteer, Prarthana specialises in cause marketing, motivational training, and disability inclusion consulting. She has conducted global sensitisation workshops on Disability Inclusion, Sign Language, and Volunteer Management, engaging over 30,000 volunteers and numerous non-profits. She shares insights on inclusion and volunteering. Prarthana's commitment to empowering people with disabilities has earned her numerous accolades. Additionally, she serves on the boards of non-profit organisations like Om Ashram. She has led workshops for corporate giants such as Accenture, Google, and Microsoft, advocating for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.



Ms Neha Chandra

Head – Employee Volunteering
India,
Amazon

Ms Neha Chandra is a dynamic leader passionate about fostering a culture of volunteering and driving community impact. As the Lead for Employee Volunteering at Amazon, she has scaled the programme by an impressive 10x over the past three years, launching Amazon's Global Month of Volunteering in India in 2022, with two successful editions following in 2023 and 2024. Neha has forged key partnerships with non-profits and developed long-term, sustainable programmes to create positive change in communities across India. With a solutions-oriented approach, Neha excels at leveraging resources effectively and creating pathways for volunteers to drive tangible impact. Her ability to lead large-scale projects and identify synergies through data-driven strategies ensures maximum impact. In addition to her community-focused work, Neha has over 11 years of experience driving multi-million dollar programmes in diverse markets, including India, Southeast Asia, and the Gulf. Her expertise spans Customer Experience, Business Transformation, Market Entry Strategy, and Digital Transformation, making her a seasoned professional in both consultancy and industry sectors.



Moderator

Mr Praveen Karn

Group Head Sustainability and CSR, Spark Minda Group

Mr Praveen Karn is a renowned leader in sustainability and CSR, distinguished by several prestigious awards. He is a respected member of expert panels at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and serves on the CSR Committees of Assocham and CII. Additionally, Mr Karn contributes as a jury member for various industry awards and is recognised for his profound expertise and significant contributions to the field.



Mr Bijay Chowdhury

Group Head – CSR and Philanthropy (Asia Pacific), Synopsys Inc.

Mr Bijay Chowdhury is the Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropic Initiatives for Asia Pacific at Synopsys Inc., where he leads impactful programmes centred on Education, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), and Environment. Under his leadership, Synopsys' CSR projects have gained significant recognition, particularly in areas such as infrastructure development, scholarships, renewable energy, STEM learning, nature restoration, and greening initiatives. Bijay has been instrumental in conceptualising and executing these programmes, driving measurable impact across diverse communities. His leadership in DEI-focused projects has earned him multiple accolades within the industry, solidifying Synopsys' reputation as a socially responsible organisation. With extensive experience across industries like pharmaceuticals, IT, and management consulting, Bijay's expertise lies in managing the entire social responsibility ecosystem, from project design to execution and reporting. Prior to Synopsys, he held key roles at KPMG, Deloitte, Hewlett Packard, and Jubilant, where he developed a strong interest in managing the social dimension of ESG, particularly in driving meaningful social change through strategic initiatives.



Ms Puja Trisal

Director, Flipkart Foundation

Ms Puja Trisal brings over 20 years of extensive experience in the development sector, having led prominent INGOs, NGOs, and corporate foundations. Her expertise covers key areas such as education, healthcare, vocational training, and women empowerment. Puja excels in all facets of project management, including planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, impact analysis, and evaluation. She has successfully managed annual budgets of up to 40 crore rupees and led large teams, including overseeing over 200 professionals. Puja has also forged and maintained partnerships with over 300 grassroots NGOs and more than 100 donors. Her contributions extend to numerous research publications and impact assessments.

**Ms Shilpa Sinha Harsh**

Executive Vice President, Global
Corporate Communications,
CSR, D&I and ESG, HGS –
Hinduja Global Solutions

Ms Shilpa Sinha Harsh is a results-oriented Marketing and Communications professional with over 25 years of experience shaping strategies for large (\$30+ billion) and mid-sized organisations. She specialises in marketing and sales enablement, enhancing market presence, and driving growth. With expertise across IT, consulting, and media, Shilpa excels in employer branding, reputation management, crisis communications, and lead generation. She effectively navigates business transformation and global market expansion. Shilpa has a proven track record in managing recruitment marketing campaigns and advising senior leaders. She leads integrated marketing initiatives that strengthen the employer brand and align employee engagement with organisational goals. Known for building high-performing teams, she fosters talent development and drives execution excellence.

**Ms Vibha Kothari**

Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion Manager,
Zomato

Ms Vibha Kothari is a Sustainability professional at Zomato, where she has been contributing for nearly six years. In her role, Vibha focuses on driving sustainability initiatives within the organisation, ensuring alignment with environmental and social goals. Additionally, she manages Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programmes, fostering an inclusive workplace culture and promoting equitable opportunities. Vibha's expertise lies in integrating sustainability and DEI strategies into Zomato's operations, helping the company make a positive impact on both the environment and its workforce.

Keynote Address:**Dr Abhishek Lakhtakia**

CEO,
Adani Foundation

Dr Abhishek Lakhtakia brings over 23 years of experience in the development sector, with expertise in CSR strategy, operations, compliance, and organisational development. He has worked across industries, including manufacturing (oil & gas, steel, energy, mining, cement, ports, chemicals, and power) and banking. Dr Lakhtakia has led organisational restructuring, designed CSR strategies, and managed large-scale CSR operations for one of India's largest corporate entities. His work includes planning, budgeting, stakeholder management, and building innovative partnerships to maximise impact. He has been the driving force behind pioneering initiatives such as the first Skill India Impact Bond, startup incubation programs, ISO 26000 implementation, and youth leadership programmes. Additionally, Dr Lakhtakia has developed internal control systems for major corporate foundations and played a key role in the HR, finance, and operational structuring of multi-specialty hospitals and K-12 schools. His leadership has consistently delivered sustainable solutions across industries and sectors.



Moderator

Mr Vikas Bhatia

Dy. General Manager –
Corporate Affairs,
**Chambal Fertilisers and
Chemicals Limited**

With over two decades of experience in Sustainability and CSR, Mr Vikas Bhatia has played a pivotal role in shaping CSR policies and establishing dedicated CSR divisions at Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited. He has led cross-functional teams in driving success across key areas such as ESG, strategic planning, public-private partnerships, and program management. Notably, Vikas has transformed over 110 educational institutions, enhancing access to education for children from vulnerable communities, and has spearheaded impactful initiatives in maternal and child health as well as sanitation. He is also the founder of the Chambal Fertilisers Skill Institute, which annually equips over 2,500 rural youth with job opportunities, significantly contributing to community development.



Ms Anisha Narula

CSR Lead,
MakeMyTrip

Ms Anisha Narula is a seasoned Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) professional with extensive experience in driving impactful social initiatives and advancing corporate sustainability. Currently the CSR Lead at MakeMyTrip in Gurgaon, she oversees a wide range of developmental projects, from on-ground implementation to strategic fund allocation. Her career includes roles at organizations like Goodera, Teach For India, and Deloitte, where she demonstrated a strong commitment to community welfare through education, livelihood enhancement, and health management. At MakeMyTrip, she leads projects aligned with the company's focus on climate action and community empowerment, while also boosting internal volunteer engagement.



Mr Purvash Jha

Head – Corporate Social
Responsibility,
First American

Mr Purvash Jha leads the CSR portfolio for First American (India), specialising in CSR cultural embedment, maturity building, and ESG integration. He excels in employee volunteering and evidence-informed social impact storytelling. With extensive experience, he has articulated the CSR and sustainability vision for multiple MNCs and managed diverse CSR projects, driving corporate responsibility and fostering impactful community engagement.

**Mr Ravi Arora**

Head of Marketing and CSR,
**Sandvik Mining and Rock
Technology India Private
Limited**

With an extensive 25-year career in marketing, Mr Ravi Arora stands as a seasoned expert in various facets of the field, including product marketing, market intelligence, digital marketing, and more. His areas of specialisation encompass developing comprehensive marketing strategies, orchestrating successful product launches, adeptly managing brand identities, and overseeing corporate social responsibility initiatives. Currently, Ravi holds the prestigious role of Head of Marketing at Sandvik in Gurugram, a position he has effectively held since November 2018. His strategic prowess and leadership have been instrumental in propelling the company's marketing endeavours to new heights, ensuring its continued success. Before joining Sandvik, Ravi served as the General Manager of Marketing at PSA AVTEC Pvt Ltd in Bangalore for a commendable seven-month tenure. Furthermore, his illustrious career includes nearly six years of dedicated service with AVTEC Limited. Ravi's extensive expertise in marketing strategy, brand management, and corporate responsibility positions him as a respected leader, equally proficient in both the B2B and B2C marketing domains. His profound impact on marketing strategies and brand development exemplifies his commitment to excellence in the field.

**Dr Abhishek Lakhtakia**

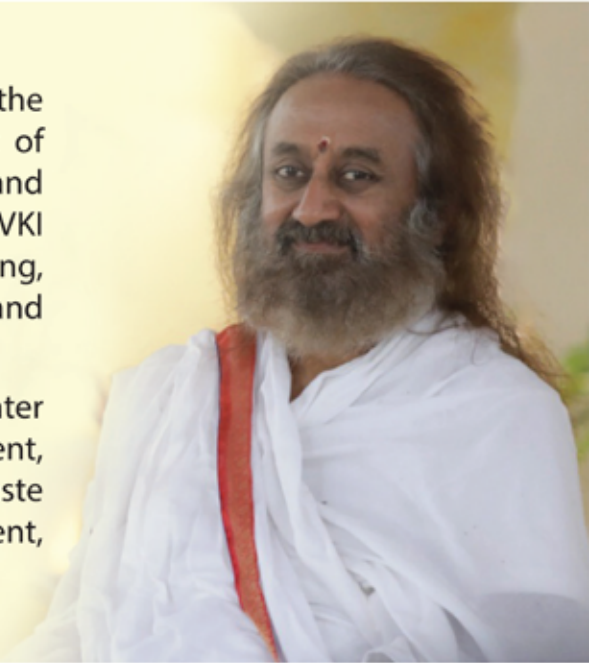
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Moderator

Mr Achin Biyani

Partner,
Urban Innovation Lab

Mr Achin Biyani, Associate Vice President at IPE Global Limited, boasts 20+ years in development & infrastructure consulting in Asia & Africa. At SAMRIDH, he spearheads Fund mobilisation, blended finance transactions, and strategic planning. Deeply committed to creating tangible social impact, Achin believes in the power of partnerships and actively engages with corporate entities with CSR initiatives, international donor organisations, and various institutions to tackle technical and financial obstacles in pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with particular focus on healthcare, climate, and agriculture. His dedicated efforts in advocacy and active engagement within the ecosystem have been instrumental in bringing CSR transactions into the blended finance space. His diverse experience includes roles at CRISIL Limited and the Ministry of Finance (Government of India), as well as collaborations with organisations like The World Bank, ADB, USAID, JICA, AFD, EU, and more.



Mr Ashwini Saxena

CEO,
JSW Foundation

Mr Ashwini Saxena is a dedicated leader in the MSME development, CSR, and sustainability programmes with over 30 years of experience. His extensive experience includes working with prestigious organisations like IFC, UNIDO, IL&FS, Essar Group, and JSW Group, showcasing his expertise across diverse sectors. Ashwini possesses in-depth knowledge of corporate sustainability trends, IFC's sustainability/CSR tools, UN tools for economic and livelihood promotion, participatory planning techniques, M&E frameworks, inclusive business strategies, and project management. He is also known for his hands-on approach and global mindset and excels in program design, development, and building strategic relationships. A team-building expert, Ashwini has delivered exceptional results in fields like steel, mining, ports, infrastructure, and power projects. His dynamic career reflects his commitment to driving inclusive growth, corporate responsibility, and sustainability, making him a valued leader in his field.



Mr Archish Gupta

Investment Manager,
LGT Venture Philanthropy
India

Mr Archish Gupta is a development finance professional with over 15 years of experience in innovative finance, impact investing, and venture philanthropy. Specialising in sectors such as education, healthcare, and the environment, he currently serves as an Investment Manager at LGT Venture Philanthropy, overseeing the India portfolio. Archish has previously held leadership positions in blended finance at IPE Global and impact investing at the National Skill Development Corporation. His work has centred on developing strategic partnerships and financial mechanisms to advance Sustainable Development Goals.



Mr Mangesh Wange

CEO,
Swades Foundation

Mr Mangesh Wange has been leading the Swades Foundation as CEO since May 2016, bringing his vast experience in General Management and P&L oversight to further the organisation's mission. His professional journey began in 1987 with Mahindra Tractors, followed by key leadership roles at Godrej Agrovet, where he successfully headed the Agri Inputs and Animal Feeds verticals. Mangesh was also instrumental in launching Nature's Basket and Aadhaar, Godrej's modern retail ventures. In 2007, Mangesh transitioned to the microfinance sector, spending three years at Fullerton India in HR and business roles. He then joined Thomson Reuters, where he played a key role in launching Reuters Market Light, a mobile information service aimed at empowering rural India.



Ms Vijaylakshmi Saxena

Chief Financial Officer,
Educate Girls

Ms. Vijaylakshmi Saxena is the CFO of Educate Girls, with over two decades of experience in strategic financial management, investment, and mergers & acquisitions consulting. Prior to this role, she was a fund manager at Ambit Pragma, an India-focused private equity fund, and held consulting positions at EY and PwC, specialising in private equity and strategic M&A advisory.



Ms Sheena Gandhi

Assistant General Manager –
Social Stock Exchange,
BSE Limited

Ms Sheena Gandhi, with over 20 years of experience spanning the communication and development sectors, co-founded the Sahayog Foundation, a non-profit organisation focused on enhancing the capabilities and internal readiness of other NPOs. Through assessments and the implementation of capacity-building and growth strategies, she has played a pivotal role in driving organisational and programmatic effectiveness. Sheena has successfully led five multi-stakeholder collaborative projects and spearheaded various knowledge-sharing initiatives, including workshops and masterclasses aimed at advancing the development sector. Her efforts have helped build strong partnerships with NPOs, intermediaries, donors, and other key stakeholders committed to sustainable development. Prior to her transition into the development sector, Sheena spent over 14 years in communications advisory, shaping the reputation and public image of brands and organisations.

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Mr Gaurav Shah

Founder,
Communifi Technologies LLP

With over 20 years of experience, Mr Gaurav Shah, Founder of FarmFluence Automation, has worked in leading telecoms and e-governance for the Government of Gujarat and launched his startup in 2016. Driven by his passion for clean farming and innovation, he pioneered IoT-based precision solutions to modern agriculture, including hydroponics and aquaponics. FarmFluence designs and manufactures Made in India solutions to enhance farming efficiency. With over 400 automation installations across India and expanding to the UAE, Qatar, UK, and New Zealand, the company offers a range of products, from water and soil sensors to climate control systems and fertigation technologies. Based in Ahmedabad, it operates its own electronics design and manufacturing unit. Gaurav personally engages with farmers to ensure cost-effective, high-quality solutions.



Mr Manish Dabkara

Chairman & Managing Director,
EKI Energy Services Limited

Mr Manish Dabkara is the Chairman and MD of EKI Energy Services Ltd, a global leader in carbon credits. Since founding EKI in 2008, he has overseen the supply of over 200 million offsets, serving 3,500+ clients across 40+ countries. An expert in energy and climate change, Manish is a Certified Energy Auditor & Manager. Manish also serves on the CII State Council (MP) and as President-elect of the Carbon Markets Association of India.

Panel Discussion

Strengthening Impact: Building Effective NGO CSR Partnerships



Moderator

Mr Aman Bhaiya

Vice President,
SBI Foundation

Mr Aman Bhaiya is a seasoned CSR professional with nearly 10 years of experience in Corporate Social Responsibility and financial market advisory. As a founding member of the SBI Foundation, the first Section 8 Company in public sector banking, Aman has played a key role in shaping its strategy, policies, and procedures. He has successfully managed CSR activities worth ₹800 crore for the State Bank of India, its Foundation, and its subsidiaries, positively impacting over 25 million people through 120+ programmes across India. Aman is passionate about redefining CSR in India, acting as a social intrapreneur committed to driving change and setting benchmarks in the sector. His expertise spans policy formulation, strategic planning, budgeting, partnership management, and organising board meetings. He has led impactful projects in areas such as environment and sustainability, education, healthcare, women empowerment, entrepreneurship, and sports. With exceptional project management skills, Aman excels in multitasking and delivering results across various initiatives while fostering strong relationships with government ministries, stakeholders, and cross-functional teams. He is dedicated to finding innovative solutions to complex social challenges and building systems that create lasting, positive change for communities.



Ms Poonam Sharma

Director – Global Citizenship and
Sustainability India,
Abbott

Ms Poonam Sharma is the Director of Global Citizenship and Sustainability for Abbott in India, bringing over 20 years of experience in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Sustainability, Human Resources, and Government Relations. She has successfully led the Sustainability/ESG strategy for Colgate India, developed the company's maiden ESG report, and established an ESG governance framework. Poonam is skilled in designing impactful programs and campaigns that address social, environmental, and business challenges. Her strengths include strategic thinking, stakeholder engagement, project management, and mentoring teams. She has experience as a corporate auditor and is a certified trainer in various areas, including ethics and code of conduct. She has been active in national CSR initiatives as part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and as a thought leader at various forums.



Ms Sneha Arora

CEO,
Atma

Ms Sneha Arora serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Atma, overseeing the Fundraising, Governance, and Communications divisions. With nearly fourteen years of experience in both the private and development sectors and has held various roles in strategy consulting and corporate finance. Her deep commitment to creating a positive impact drives her work at Atma, where she focuses on capacity building for NGOs. Prior to her tenure at Atma, she worked with Boston Consulting Group's Social Impact practice, contributing to large-scale transformation projects in Education and Water with State governments in India.



Ms Sutanuka Ghosh

Senior Director,
Genpact

With over 20 years of leadership experience, Ms Sutanuka Ghosh spearheads strategic CSR initiatives at Genpact, including the Better World Initiative, a flagship programme offering pro-bono consulting to nonprofits for sustainable impact. She has transformed operations and shared services across Telecommunications, BFSI, Insurance, and Travel & Hospitality sectors. Her expertise encompasses the entire industry value chain, from customer service and client relationships to employee engagement, business performance, operations, transformation, and quality management. A strategic thinker passionate about sustainable business practices, Sutanuka is adept at mobilising teams towards a unified vision of corporate citizenship.



Ms Shilpa Jaiswal

Head CSR,
JK Cement

With over 18 years in development and CSR, Ms Shilpa Jaiswal is an accomplished professional known for her expertise in integrating CSR compliance with impactful initiatives for leading corporations. As a pioneering first-generation CSR practitioner, she has developed deep insights into creating innovative and sustainable solutions that drive significant community development and yield substantial social returns. Shilpa is passionate about harnessing CSR as a powerful tool for positive social change. Her extensive experience spans both hands-on implementation and strategic leadership, equipping her with a nuanced understanding of aligning regulatory requirements with meaningful, long-term impact. Her goal is to design CSR initiatives that not only fulfil regulatory obligations but also deliver enduring benefits to communities, driving lasting transformation and social progress.



Ms Anushri Alva

CEO,
Adhyayan Quality Education
Foundation

Ms Anushri A. has over 14 years of experience as an educator, working across East Asia, India, and the US on various education-focused programmes. Since 2017, she has been a founding team member and CEO of Adhyayan Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of government schools. She serves on the organising committee of Teachers College's India chapter. Anushri's work has addressed critical issues such as military violence, refugee education, gender-based violence, and public education governance.



Moderator

Mr Vignesh Santhanam

India Lead, Drones and
Tomorrow's Airspace,
World Economic Forum (WEF)
India Centre

Mr Vignesh Santhanam is the India Lead for Aerospace and Drones at the World Economic Forum India Centre. He was pivotal in designing and launching the flagship 'Medicine from the Sky' (MFTS) programme in 2021, which is now expanding to the Himalayan region. With over 13 years of experience, Vignesh is a software engineer, having managed technology accounts across Warsaw, Singapore, North America, North Africa, and the Middle East. His expertise lies in building impactful communities, launching pilot programmes, and developing knowledge products in advanced air mobility, drone-based medical delivery, space tech, space economics, and autonomous vehicles.



Mr Anshul Sharma

Founder & CEO,
Redwings

Mr Anshul Sharma is a visionary entrepreneur and technologist, co-founding Redwing in 2018 to revolutionise healthcare logistics through drone technology. With a strong focus on delivering medical supplies to remote and underserved regions, Anshul's leadership has driven the company's pioneering innovations in drone delivery. At Manipal Institute of Technology, he met his co-founders who shared his vision for impact through technology. Together, they launched Redwing, earning accolades from NASA, Boeing, Airbus, and others. With a background in aerospace, Anshul has worked with esteemed institutions like Techstars, Nanyang Technological University, IIT Madras, and AeroMIT. As CEO, he has led several successful projects, demonstrating expertise in both the technical and operational aspects of drone logistics. His work at the intersection of aviation, logistics, and healthcare has positioned him as a key figure in integrating cutting-edge drone technology into healthcare systems.



Mr Himanshu Sikka

Chief Strategy and Diversification
Officer, Health, Nutrition & Wash,
IPE Global

Mr Himanshu Sikka is an accomplished strategy and operations management professional with over 18 years of experience in policy and project development, particularly within the health, nutrition, and WASH sectors. With expertise in blended finance, ESG investing, and data science, he is dedicated to fostering positive social and environmental impact through innovative solutions. Currently, as Project Director of the SAMRIDH Healthcare Blended Finance Facility—supported by USAID and implemented by IPE Global—he focuses on boosting investments in market-based health solutions in India. Additionally, in his role as Chief Strategy and Diversification Officer at IPE Global, he leads strategy development and execution, oversees inorganic growth, and manages relationships with private equity investors. His leadership spans the HNWASH portfolio, collaborating with organisations such as USAID, UNICEF, WHO, and the World Bank. Himanshu has also contributed to various international agencies across diverse regions, including India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Kenya, and the UK.



Mr Niraj Kumar Singh
DGM (CSR),
Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Mr Niraj Kumar Singh is a seasoned HR professional with over 20 years of experience managing large workforces. As Head of HR at the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), he led a major restructuring initiative, establishing PCRA as a key government agency for hydrocarbon conservation. In his current role as Regional CSR Head at Indian Oil Corporation, he has implemented impactful CSR projects, including 'Crop Residue Management' initiative, which addresses stubble burning in Punjab. His efforts in social impact earned him recognition from the Governor of Uttarakhand for contributions to tuberculosis eradication in Haridwar. Previously, as Regional Head of Learning and Development, Mr Singh launched a knowledge management initiative that focused on experiential learning and developed e-learning modules to enhance employee skills and readiness for future challenges.

Panel Discussion

Building career in CSR, ESG and Sustainability: Experiences and Evolution



Moderator
Mr Bhomik Shah
Founder & CEO,
CSRBOX Group

Bhomik Shah is a CSR & sustainability professional with over thirteen years of experience in CSR and sustainability practice. He set up CSRBOX in 2015 to bring together companies, innovators, and social impact organisations. CSRBOX now serves as the largest impact ecosystem enabler in India, with the annual India CSR Summit and ESG Forum being one of its key platforms. Bhomik works with the leadership teams at state industries' departments and policy-makers in the Parliament of India to create an enabling environment for corporate-government partnerships. He has an MBA in Environment Management and has worked with Zee Media, Enadu Group, WWF India, and Partners in Change before setting up CSRBOX and NGOBOX.



Ms Anu Prasad
Founder and CEO,
India Leaders for Social Sector

Ms Anu Prasad is the Founder & CEO of India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS), a Delhi-based non-profit focused on building leadership in the social sector. Before ILSS, she was the founding Deputy Dean of the Young India Fellowship (YIF) and a founding member of Ashoka University. Anu previously held leadership roles at American Express, where she led financial re-engineering in India, and TNT as Head of Finance for North India. She also co-founded a travel company and consulted for the Dell Foundation on education projects. A lifelong learner and mentor, Anu is actively involved in civic causes and serves on the boards of two non-profits.

**Mr Samir Sharma**

Head – Group CSR,
L&T Finance

Mr Samir Sharma (Head CSR – L&T Finance) is a seasoned professional with an illustrious career spanning over 25 years in the social development sector. His multifaceted experience includes significant contributions within both non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and leading corporate entities, including Ambuja, Lafarge, Dalmia, ACC, and currently, L&T Finance, a Group Company of Larsen & Toubro. As Head of CSR at L&T Finance, based in Mumbai, he continues to leverage his extensive expertise to drive the Company's corporate social responsibility agenda. Samir Sharma's leadership exemplifies the fusion of business acumen with a deep-rooted passion for social development, making him a prominent figure in the realm of corporate social responsibility.

**Mr Ashwin Kak**

Strategic Advisor for
Sustainability & ESG,
Amplo Global

Mr Ashwin Kak is a seasoned corporate responsibility expert with 14 years of experience, including nine years focused on CSR and sustainability. He has led CSR and Sustainability initiatives at Pidilite and AB InBev and managed the Procurement & Sustainability functions for AB InBev in India and South-East Asia. His early career was spent developing commercial expertise in sales, marketing, and strategy with Fevicol. Ashwin has spearheaded diverse initiatives, including climate action, supply-chain sustainability, water stewardship, renewable energy, health and sanitation, micro-entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, and education. At AB InBev, he launched the Sustainability 100+ platform with CNBC TV-18, tackled supply-chain circularity issues, and developed decarbonisation strategies. Currently, Ashwin serves as a Sustainability Strategic Advisor at Amplo Global and mentors start-ups in Climate Action and Sustainability, such as Celeste, Earth 5R, and German Accelerator. His extensive experience and commitment to sustainability continue to drive impactful change.

**Ms Preeti Malhotra**

Director,
Great Place to Work Institute

Ms Preeti Malhotra is the Director at the Great Place to Work Institute, where she focuses on improving workplace culture and organizational effectiveness. With over 30 years of experience, she has held key positions, including Executive Director in the Dr. BK Modi group. Preeti was also the first woman President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). She has actively contributed to various government initiatives and has received multiple awards for her outstanding contributions to corporate governance and leadership. Currently, she is dedicated to promoting inclusive, high-trust workplaces that embody the values of the Great Place to Work Institute.

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