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Water Transversality Global Awards and Conclave 2026

International Conference

on

ESG Transversality for Sustainable Water, Energy, Health & Environment Nexus

6th -7th March 2026

India International Centre, 40-Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi – 110003

AGENDA DAY I	
Day 1 – 6 th March 2026	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration
Opening Plenary Multi-Purpose Hall	
09:30 - 10:30am	<p>Sh. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary Hon'ble Minister of state Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India</p> <p>H H Shri Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva Spiritual Head Isha Foundation</p> <p>Sh. Yugal Kishore Joshi Programme Director Drinking Water & Sanitation, IT & Telecom, Tourism & Culture, Water & Land Resources Lead-Communication and NER-NITI Aayog</p> <p>Mr. Loic Fauchon President World Water Council</p> <p>Ms. Ulrike Kelm Deputy Executive Director International Water Resources Association</p> <p>Dr. Arvind Kumar President India Water Foundation</p>
10:30-11:00	TEA
ESG-Aligned Finance & Governance to Combat Greenwashing	

11:00 –12:00	Plenary-I	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Satya Tripathi (Chair) Secretary General Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nagesh Kumar Director Institute for Studies in Industrial Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Bharti Birla Enterprise Development Specialist International Labour Organisation (ILO)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Saumitra Srivastava Member Board of Directors-Indian Oil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Pankaj Sharma Senior Consultant-India Water Foundation Director-Green Wattage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Priyadarshi Dash Associate Professor RIS</p>
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Session -1

12:00-12:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Ranjeet Pande Chairman ESG & Sustainability Board-ICSI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Surabhi Gupta Chief General Manager SEBI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Sanmit Ahuja Director Climate and Energy Transition finance Initiative (CETFI)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Sarika Gosain Partner & Leader- ESG & Sustainability Pierag Consulting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Rajan Ratna Chief Advisor-India Water Foundation Former Deputy Head-SSWA Office UN ESCAP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nagesh Kumar (Moderator) Director Institute for Studies in Industrial Development</p>
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CEOs Leadership Dialogue

12:45-13:45

Ms. Deepali Khanna

Vice President-Asia Regional Office
The Rockefeller Foundation

Mr. Sunny Pandya

Chief Advisor -National Strategy & State Leadership
India Water Foundation
Managing Director-Dian Group of Companies

Mr. Amit Kumar

Chairman
A I Engineering Services Ltd.

Ms. Anjali Makhija

CEO & Trustee
S M Sehgal Foundation

Mr. S. A. Verma

Executive Director/Environment
DMRC

Anand Shekhar

CEO
Water Aid India

Mr. Rajan Ratna (Moderator)

Chief Advisor-India Water Foundation
Former Deputy Head-SSWA Office UN ESCAP

13:45-14:45

LUNCH

Navigating Interdependencies of the Water-Energy-Health-Environment Nexus

14:45-15:45

Plenary II

Mr. James Dalton

Director-Global Water & Wetlands Team
IUCN

Mr. Ravi Singh

Secretary General & CEO
WWF India

Mr. CASPER MAYLAND

Counsellor, Environment / Political and Economic Section
Royal Danish Embassy, New Delhi

		<p>Ms. Ulrike Kelm Deputy Executive Director International Water Resources Association</p> <p>Dr Aakash Shrivastava Additional Director Centre for Environmental & Occupational Health, Climate Change & Health National Centre for Disease Control Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Government of India</p> <p>Dr. Paras Pujari Chief Scientist and Head-Water Resources Group CSIR-NEERI</p>
Session II		
15.45-16:30		<p>Dr Ritesh Kumar Director Wetlands International South Asia</p> <p>Dr. Alok K Sikka Country Representative- India & Bangladesh International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</p> <p>Mr Anshul Jain Senior Expert - Water and SWM European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC)</p> <p>Dr. Sutirtha Sahariah Senior Vice President Head of Communications Sulabh International</p> <p>Dr. Hitesh Vaidya (Moderator) Chief Technical Advisor India Water Foundation</p>
16:30-17:00		TEA
17:00-18:00		Global Leaders Dialogue
<p>Dr. Satya Tripathi (Moderator) Secretary General Global Alliance for Sustainable Planet</p> <p>Sh. Anil Gupta General Secretary Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh (RSS) Delhi</p> <p>Mr. Raj Kumar Beniwal IAS Managing Director</p>		

Gujarat Narmada Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.
Secretary Urban Housing

Dr Eric Tardieu
Director General-International Office of Water
Secretary General- International Network of Basin Organisations
Vice President- World Water Council

Mr. Alex Simalabwi
Executive Secretary & CEO
Global Water Partnership

Ms. Ulrike Kelm
Deputy Executive Director
International Water Resources Association

Mr. Ash Pachauri
Co-Founder & Director
POP Movement

**18:30
Onwards**

**Inauguration Ceremony
Release of Special Cover by India Post
Book Release
Award Distribution
and
Reception Dinner**

Sh. Om Birla
Hon'ble Speaker
Lok Sabha

Sh. Harsh Malhotra
Hon'ble Union Minister
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Ministry of Roads and Transport
Government of India

Dr Arvind Kumar
President
India Water Foundation

Col. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey
Chief Post Master General
Delhi Circle
India Post, Government of India

AGENDA DAY 2

7th March 2026

Cross-Sectoral Water Transversality for Accelerating Net Zero

Plenary III

09:30-10:30

Mr. Pradeep S Mehta (Chair)

Secretary General
CUTS International

Mr. Abhishek Gupta

Head-International Appliances, Rooftop Solar & PE & A
Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.

Dr. Sanjay Vashistha

Director
Climate Action Network South Asia

Dr. Debajit Palit

Centre Head- Centre for Climate Change & Energy Transition
Chintan Research Foundation

Ms. Nidhi Pundir

Vice President-Global CSR
Director- HCL Foundation

10:30-11:00

TEA

Session III

11:00-11:45

Prof. Medha Bisht

Associate Professor
South Asian University

Prof. Kshemendra K Upadhyay

Professor & Chairperson
Centre for Sustainability & CSR
BIMTEC

Ms. Kalyani Raj

Patron
All India Women's Conference

Ms. Neha Gupta

Founder
IFBEC

Mr. Pradeep S Mehta (Moderator)

Secretary General
CUTS International

Greening Industry, Fuelling Growth via ESG Partnerships for Sustainability

11:45 -12:45

Plenary IV

Mr. Sampath Kumar (Chair)

CEO
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority
Government of Meghalaya

Dr. Nagesh Kumar

Director
Institute for Studies in Industrial Development

Mr. Ratnesh Jha

Executive Director
UN Global Compact India

Prof. Rabi Mohtar

Governor- World Water Council
Director, Water Security,
Texas Water Resources Institute
Texas A&M University

Mr. Levente Kardos

Economic and Commercial Counsellor
Embassy of Hungary, New Delhi

Session IV

12:45:13:30

Ms Veena Sinha

Divisional Railway Manager
Izzat Nagar Division
North Eastern Railways, Ministry of Railways
Government of India

Mr. Pankaj Sharma

Senior Consultant
India Water Foundation

Ms. Bhawana Kirpal Mittal

CHRO & Lead-IT Admin & CSR
Hero Future Energies

Mr. Ved Prakash Prajapati

Executive Director
A I Engineering Services Ltd.

Dr. Swati Verma
Assistant professor
ISID

Dr. Nagesh Kumar (Moderator)
Director
Institute for Industrial Development (ISID)

Lunch
13:30-14:30

Global Cooperation for Planetary Health Diplomacy

Plenary V

14:30 -15:30

Mr. Amit Ghosh (Chair)
Additional Chief Secretary
Government of Uttar Pradesh

Dr. Virinder Sharma
Member Technical
Commission for Air Quality Management
Government of India

Ms Sonja Koeppel
Secretary, Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes
Environment Division
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Mr. Alain Meyssonier
President-Mediterranean Water Institute
Governor- World Water Council

Ms. Ulrike Kelm
Deputy Executive Director
International Water Resources Association

Mr. Roy Chiti
Regional Coordinator & Representative
Pacific Island states, India, Srilanka & Maldives
UN Habitat

Session V

15:30-16:15

Mr. Vinod Mishra

Country Director
UNOPS

Dr. Manoj Nesari

Advisor
Ministry of Ayush, Government of India

Ms. Sara Casillas Ramirez

Forestry Officer
FAO

Ms Ambika Vishwanath

Co-Founder
Kubernein Initiative

Ms. Nidhi Nagabathla

Professor
UN University, Belgium

Ms. Varinder Gambhir (Moderator)

Country Director
BBC Media Action

Leadership Dialogue II

16:15-17:00

Sh. Rakesh Jain

Akhil Bhartiya Paryavaran Sah Sanyojak
Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi
Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS)

His Holiness Acharya Shri Lokesh Muni

Founder
Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti

Sh. Sharwan Goel

Vice President
Sewa Bharti (AI India)
Founder- Ganga Sewa Sansthan

Valedictory

17:00-18:00

Sh. R P Singh

National Spokesperson
BJP

His Holiness Acharya Shri Lokesh Muni

	<p>Founder Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti</p> <p>Ms. Mikiko Tanaka Director & Head SSWA Office- UN ESCAP</p> <p>Dr. Arvind Kumar President India Water Foundation</p>
18:00 onwards	Hi Tea

AGENDA SIDE EVENT		
Day I- 6th March 2026, Seminar Hall, First floor, Kamla devi block, India International Centre		
11:00-12:00	SM Sehgal Foundation	Integrated Pathways: Operationalizing the Water–Energy–Health–Environment Nexus for Resilient Futures
12:00-13:30	India Water Foundation and India Water Partnership	Streams of Change: Collaborative Action Against Ecosystem Contamination
13:45-14:45	LUNCH	
15:00-16:00	BBC Media Action	From Water Bankruptcy to Water Resilience
16:00-17:30	IUCN	Towards Resilient Urban Futures: Opportunities for Freshwater Conservation in India through Nature/Ecosystem-based Solutions
18:00 onwards	Inauguration followed by Awards and Cocktail Dinner	
Day II-7th March 2026 Seminar Hall, First floor, Kamla devi block, India International Centre		
12:00-13:00	ICID	Technological Innovations for Nexus Optimization

13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:00	Wetlands International-South Asia	Wetlands as Nexus Infrastructure: Integrating Water, Energy, Health, and Environment for Resilient Futures
15:00-17:00	India Water Foundation and India Water Partnership	Water Transversality in Action-For Energy, Environment and Health Nexus