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## Water Transversality Global Awards and Conclave 2026

International Conference

on

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

6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

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

<p><b>11:00 –12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Thematic Plenary-I</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Satya Tripathi (Chair)</b> Secretary General Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet</p> <p><b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b> Director Institute for Studies in Industrial Development</p> <p><b>Ms. Bharti Birla</b> Enterprise Development Specialist International Labour Organisation (ILO)</p> <p><b>Mr. Saumitra Srivastava</b> Director Marketing Indian Oil Corporation Limited</p> <p><b>Mr. Pankaj Sharma</b> Senior Consultant-India Water Foundation Director-Green Wattage</p> <p><b>Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</b> Associate Professor RIS</p>
<p><b>Thematic Session -1</b></p>		
<p><b>12:00-12:45</b></p>		<p><b>Mr. Ranjeet Pande</b> Chairman ESG &amp; Sustainability Board-ICSI</p> <p><b>Ms. Surabhi Gupta</b> Chief General Manager SEBI</p> <p><b>Mr. Sanmit Ahuja</b> Director Climate and Energy Transition finance Initiative (CETFI)</p> <p><b>Ms. Sarika Gosain</b> Partner &amp; Leader- ESG &amp; Sustainability Pierag Consulting</p> <p><b>Mr. Rajan Ratna</b> Chief Advisor-India Water Foundation Former Deputy Head-SSWA Office UN ESCAP</p> <p><b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar (Moderator)</b> Director Institute for Studies in Industrial Development</p>

## 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

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

President  
ICID

**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

7<sup>h</sup> March 2026

### Cross-Sectoral Water Transversality for Accelerating Net Zero

#### Thematic 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

#### Thematic 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

Thematic  
Plenary IV

**Mr. Sampath Kumar (Chair)**  
CEO  
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority  
Government of Meghalaya

**Mr. Pankaj Sharma**  
Senior Consultant  
India Water Foundation  
Director-Green Wattage

**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

## Thematic Session IV

12:45:13:30

**Ms Veena Sinha**  
Divisional Railway Manager  
Izzat Nagar Division  
North Eastern Railways, Ministry of Railways  
Government of India

**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

**Mr. Pankaj Sharma (Moderator)**  
Senior Consultant  
India Water Foundation  
Director- Green Wattage

**Lunch**  
**13:30-14:30**

**Global Cooperation for Planetary Health Diplomacy**

**Thematic 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 Koepfel**  
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

## Thematic 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

	<p>BJP</p> <p><b>His Holiness Acharya Shri Lokesh Muni</b>          Founder          Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti</p> <p><b>Ms. Mikiko Tanaka</b>          Director &amp; Head          SSWA Office- UN ESCAP</p> <p><b>Dr. Arvind Kumar</b>          President          India Water Foundation</p>
<b>18:00 onwards</b>	<b>Hi Tea</b>

## AGENDA SIDE EVENTS

**Day I- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026,  
 Seminar Hall, First floor, Kamla devi block, India International Centre**

<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b>SM Sehgal Foundation</b>	<p><b>Integrated Pathways: Operationalizing the Water–Energy–Health–Environment Nexus for Resilient Futures</b></p> <p><b>Speakers-</b>  <b>Mr. Lalit Sharma (Moderator)</b>          Water Management Expert &amp; Consultant          S M Sehgal Foundation</p> <p><b>Mr. Dipender Kapur</b>          NIUA</p> <p><b>Mr. Prabhjot Sodhi</b>          CEE</p> <p><b>Ms. Swayamprabha Das</b>          Development Alternatives</p> <p><b>Mr. Chetan Agarawal</b>          Environemntlaist</p>
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<b>India Water Foundation</b>	<p><b>Streams of Change: Collaborative Action Against Ecosystem Contamination</b></p>

13:45-14:45	<b>LUNCH</b>	
15:00-16:00	<b>BBC Media Action</b>	<p><b>From Water Bankruptcy to Water Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Speakers-</b>  <b>Mr. Debaranjan Pujahari</b>  Lead Agriculture &amp; Water Practice at Sattva</p> <p><b>Ms. Manjusha Manchala</b>  Founder- Forge Labs</p> <p><b>Mr. Swapnil Chaturvedi</b>  Director-Programmes  Water Aid</p> <p><b>Ms. Soma Katiyar</b>  Executive Creative Directive  BBC MA</p>
16:00-17:30	<b>IUCN</b>	<p><b>Towards Resilient Urban Futures: Opportunities for Freshwater Conservation in India through Nature/Ecosystem-based Solutions</b></p> <p><b>Speakers-</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Archana Chatterjee,</b>  Program Manager, IUCN</p> <p><b>Mr. Jaidev Joshi,</b>  Program Officer, IUCN</p> <p><b>Dr Mahreen Matto,</b>  Team Lead,  NIUA</p> <p><b>Prof. C.R. Babu,</b>  Professor Emeritus,  Centre for Environmental  Management of Degraded Ecosystems</p> <p><b>Dr. Debolina Kundu,</b>  Director- NIUA</p> <p><b>Ms. Nidhi Batra,</b></p>

		<p>Biodiversity Conservation and Blue Economy Portfolio Manager- AFD</p> <p><b>Ms. Yogita Lokhande,</b> Programme Component Manager-GIZ</p> <p><b>Dr. Pushp Bajaj</b> Program Lead, Climate Resilience-CEEW</p>
<b>18:00 onwards</b>	<b>Inauguration followed by Awards and Cocktail Dinner</b>	
<p><b>Day II-7<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b> <b>Seminar Hall, First floor, Kamla devi block, India International Centre</b></p>		
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>ICID</b>	<p><b>Technological Innovations for Nexus Optimization</b></p> <p><b>Speakers-</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Rishi Srivastava- ICID</b></p> <p><b>Dr Alok Sikka</b> IWMI, Country Representative</p> <p><b>Mr Chandan Thakur</b> Vice President- Vassar Labs</p>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>Wetlands International- South Asia</b>	<p><b>Wetlands as Nexus Infrastructure: Integrating Water, Energy, Health, and Environment for Resilient Futures</b></p> <p><b>Speakers-</b></p> <p><b>Prof Anil Gupta,</b> Professor, WRDM- IIT Roorkee</p> <p><b>Dr Gopal Kumar</b> Acting Country Representative- IWMI</p> <p><b>Ms Acrhana Chatterjee</b> Program Manager-IUCN, India</p> <p><b>Mr Suresh Babu</b> Director River Basins &amp;Water Policy WWF- India</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p>

		<b>Dr Ritesh Kumar</b> Director Wetlands International South Asia
<b>15:00-17:00</b>	<b>India Water Foundation and India Water Partnership</b>	<b>Water Transversality in Action-For Energy, Environment and Health Nexus</b>