

Greener Tomorrow Conference 2026

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On the Occasion of International Day for Clean Air & Blue Sky

Background

India is making significant progress towards achieving developmental outcomes such as the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through policy and initiatives focused on community development, climate action, clean air, sustainable agriculture, biodiversity conservation, waste management, water security, and renewable energy. Across the country, governments, industries, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and local communities are working together to address environmental challenges and build a sustainable future. **CII Foundation** has been at the forefront of implementing large-scale, community-driven sustainability programmes, translating policy into measurable impact through on-ground interventions in partnership with governments, corporates, and local communities.

CII Foundation, in partnership with **Amity University**, will be organizing the **Greener Tomorrow Conference 2026**. As one of India's leading institutions for higher education and research, **Amity University** has been actively promoting environmental research, innovation, sustainability education, and youth-led action. Through the Conference CII Foundation and Amity University aim to align insights from research and implementation by creating a common platform for policymakers, scientists, industry leaders, development partners, students, and civil society. The conference will showcase successful environmental initiatives, encourage knowledge exchange, and foster partnerships that can accelerate climate action and inspire collective efforts towards building a cleaner, greener, and more resilient India.

Conference Agenda

The **Greener Tomorrow Conference 2026** will convene policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, development practitioners, and young innovators to deliberate on some of the most pressing environmental priorities of our time. The programme features keynote addresses, panel discussions, technical masterclasses, and multi-stakeholder roundtables covering clean air and stubble burning mitigation, carbon markets and carbon credit mechanisms, biodiversity conservation, circular economy and waste-to-wealth solutions, and community-led climate action. The conference will also witness the signing of a strategic MoU between CII Foundation and Amity University, the release of *Voices from the Ground on Environment Conservation*, and the launch of new collaborative initiatives aimed at accelerating India's transition towards a sustainable and climate-resilient future.

Proposed Programme at a Glance

Time	Segment	Panelists	Session Agenda
10:00-10:30 AM	Registration and Networking	Delegate Registration	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Inaugural Plenary (Setting the vision for collaborative climate action through leadership addresses, strategic partnerships, and the launch of key environmental initiatives.)	Chief Guest: - Mr. Parvesh Varma (Minister Govt. of Delhi)/Mr. Kirti Vardhan Singh, MOS- MOEFCC/UP minister - Noida Commissioner Special Invitee: - Ms. Angela Lusigi, Resident Representative, UNDP India/Mr. Ashish Chaturvedi, Head – Action for Climate & Environment, UNDP India - Shri TBC Lalvenchunga – Advisor to CM, Mizoram (Finance & Planning) - Chancellor / Vice-Chancellor, Amity University - CII Representative (CII Northern Chairman (Puneet Kaura) / UP Chairman (Mr. Abhishek Saraff) / CII Foundation (CEO / Senior Lead)	- Welcome address by Chairman Amity University - Address by CII Representative - Keynote address by Special Invitee - Address by Chief Guest - Vote of Thanks MoU Signing by Amity University and CII Foundation *Release of Book – Voices of Ground on Environment Conservation Compiled by CII Foundation
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Roundtable: Pathways to Cleaner Air (A multi-stakeholder dialogue on advancing clean air solutions through policy, science, innovation, and community-led action.)	Keynote Speaker: - Sh. Rajesh Verma, Chairman, Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Documentary on CII Foundation Initiative on Mitigating Stubble Burning Moderated Discussion: Global Viewpoint on Mitigating Air pollution - Mr. Sayantan Sarkar, Environment Specialist, World Bank Solutions to address the issue of Stubble Burning - Sh. Gurjeet S. Brar, Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture Punjab/Sh. Rajnarayan Kaushik, Director, Department of Agriculture Haryana - Director of NRFMTTI, Hisar/Director Extension Education, PAU, Punjab Scientific Outlook of Mitigating Air pollution in India	Mitigating Air pollution: - Bridging policy - Science, Innovation - Community Action for Cleaner Air *New Project Launch on Clean Air & Health by Sanofi and CII Foundation

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	in strengthening ecological resilience and ensuring a sustainable future.) Moderator: Dr Prashant Chauhan, (Amity University)	Perspective on Importance of Biodiversity - Ms. Pannala Saahithi Reddy, IFS, Jhajjar, Haryana – Conserving Ramsar Site - Dr. Faiyaz A. Khudsar, Scientist Incharge Yamuna Diversity Park/Dr. M. Shah Hussain, Scientist In-charge Aravalli Biodiversity Park Insight from CII Foundation Project - Mr. Shashank, Sarpanch, Village Farukhnagar Corporate Perspective on Bio-Diversity Conservation - Mr. Ashish Nigam, Vice-President CSR, PFS - Eternal (Zomato) /HCL Foundation Biodiversity Conservation: Policy to Action - Mr. Vimlendu Jha, Environmentalist	
03:30 – 04:00 PM	Networking Tea (Showcasing innovative research, grassroots solutions, and emerging ideas to tackle air pollution challenges)	Poster Presentation on Air pollution Mitigation by Students of Amity University	Best Poster will be Awarded
04:00 – 04:45 PM	Waste to Wealth (Examining circular economy approaches and scalable waste management solutions that transform waste into sustainable economic opportunities.)	- Ms. Bharti Chaturvedi, Founder & Director, Chintan Environment Research and Action Group - Mr. Sushil Agrawal, Founder AVRO India Limited and AVRO Recycling Ltd - Ms. Wilma Rodrigues, Founder & CEO, Saahas Zero Waste - Mr. Utsav Dixit, Chief Sustainability & Growth Officer, ALPLA India; Co-chair, - CII-India Plastics Pact Advisory Committee - Mr. Sandeep Patel, Commissioner / Senior Officer, Urban Local Body - Ms. Paramita Datta Dey, Head (Resources & Waste), National Institute of Urban Affairs Insight from CII Foundation Project - Panchayat President & Haritha Karma Sena Members, Chellanam, Kerala - Village Sarpanch, Ghosh Garh, Farrokhnagar, Gurugram	Panel Discussion on How to improve waste management through CSR and Ensure Long Term Sustainability

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		Corporate Perspective on Waste to Wealth HCL Foundation	
04:45 – 05:15 PM	Youth for Nature Challenge (Parallel Students Competition)	One Reel, One Message, One Greener Future - Reel Competition (Award Given to the Best Reel) - Nukkad-Natak	- Raise awareness about the environmental and health impacts of stubble burning. - Promote sustainable Crop Residue Management practices and technologies. - Encourage youth to become ambassadors of environmental conservation. - Inspire farmers through creative, real-life success stories and innovative ideas. - Leverage social media to spread positive messages and reach a wider audience. - Support cleaner air, healthier communities, and sustainable farming.
05:15 – 05:30 PM	Vote Of Thanks	CII Foundation / Amity University	

Stakeholder Engagement

Government & Policy	Corporate & CSR	Knowledge & Academia
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