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# ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**EMBEDDING ESG FOR SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT  
BUSINESS AND SUPPLY CHAINS**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit 2025 Series, convened by UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI), served as a national platform to accelerate India's transition toward responsible, transparent, and sustainable business ecosystems. Bringing together over 600 delegates from government, industry, academia, and civil society, the dual editions—ESG Excellence Summit (7 August) and Sustainability Leadership Summit (20 August)—collectively advanced the theme “Embedding ESG for Sustainable and Resilient Business and Supply Chains.”



The series translated Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles from compliance frameworks into actionable strategies that strengthen business resilience, stakeholder trust, and societal well-being. Anchored in the UN Global Compact's Forward Faster initiative, the Summits addressed cross-cutting priorities—climate action, ethical governance, equitable growth, and responsible supply chains—while positioning ESG as a strategic imperative rather than a peripheral obligation.

Key outcomes included the launch of the UN GCNI-IMT Ghaziabad ESG Study, establishment of an ESG Learning Circle, release of a Best Practices Compendium, and actionable recommendations for responsible sourcing, disclosure alignment, and capacity building. Collectively, these efforts reaffirmed UN GCNI's pivotal role in convening India's sustainability ecosystem and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2025 Series demonstrated that vigilance, integrity, and collaboration are the cornerstones of resilient and inclusive growth—placing India at the forefront of global ESG transformation.

Through high-level plenaries, C-suite dialogues, ignite talks, and masterclasses, participants explored innovation-driven ESG integration leveraging AI, data analytics, and digital transparency tools. Discussions underscored the convergence of business ethics, technology, and leadership accountability as essential to achieving sustainable competitiveness.



## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The global sustainability landscape is undergoing a paradigm shift as ESG principles evolve from aspirational commitments into measurable imperatives defining corporate legitimacy. Against this backdrop, UN GCNI curated the ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit 2025 Series to provide a strategic forum where policy, business, and academia could co-create actionable pathways for responsible transformation.

The Summits embodied India's growing leadership in aligning national development priorities—Net Zero 2070, Viksit Bharat 2047, and the SDGs—with emerging international regulatory frameworks such as the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).



Ratnesh Jha, Executive Director, UNGCNI Delivering Inaugural Address



Dr. Somnath Singh, Deputy Director, UNGCNI Delivering Theme Address

The series positioned ESG as a framework of shared sovereignty—a collaborative social contract uniting markets, governments, and communities. It reaffirmed that responsible governance, transparent disclosures, and ethical leadership are indispensable to achieving a just and resilient economy capable of withstanding global shocks while contributing to equitable growth and environmental preservation.

The deliberations recognized that ESG today is not merely a compliance or disclosure mechanism but a strategic lever for innovation, competitiveness, and investment credibility. As supply chains become increasingly globalized and digitally interconnected, companies must demonstrate ethical governance, social equity, and environmental accountability to sustain stakeholder trust.

UN GCNI, through this series, sought to operationalize the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles and its Forward Faster priorities—climate action, gender equality, water resilience, living wage, and finance—within India's industrial and service ecosystems. By fostering dialogue across sectors, the summits reinforced the idea that true sustainability demands cross-sectoral stewardship were business excellence and societal progress advance in tandem.



Ashwini Saxena, CEO, GMRV Foundation



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## OBJECTIVES AND THEME

Under the unified theme “Embedding ESG for Sustainable and Resilient Business and Supply Chains,” both editions of the series were conceived as action-oriented platforms aimed at bridging the persistent gap between ESG commitments and real-world impact. Moving beyond rhetoric, the initiative focused on enabling businesses to operationalize ESG principles across governance structures, core operations, and extended value chains

The objectives were deliberately crafted to respond to the practical and systemic challenges organizations face while transitioning from policy to performance and from intention to implementation. Recognizing the rapidly evolving regulatory and market landscape, the series emphasized clarity, preparedness, and strategic integration as the foundations of credible ESG adoption.



Shri Sanjeev Kumar Verma – Vice President (Western Region), UN GCNI & Head, EHS, Grasim Industries Ltd.



Mr. Rishi Chawla, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Carlsberg Group delivering Special Address

### The main Objectives

- The series sought to Clarify and contextualize emerging ESG disclosure and compliance frameworks, including SEBI’s BRSR Core, EU CSDDD, and CBAM.
- Showcase ESG as a strategic enabler for innovation, risk management, and long-term value creation. Demonstrate the role of digital transformation, AI, and blockchain in enhancing traceability and accountability across value chains.
- Highlight sectoral ESG applications—particularly in healthcare, manufacturing, and infrastructure—that contribute to inclusive development. Promote leadership, knowledge sharing, and youth engagement to nurture next-generation ESG champions.

- Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships aligning business actions with the UN Global Compact Principles and SDGs 3, 8, 12, and 13
- At its core, the theme called for a paradigm shift—from compliance to culture—urging organizations to internalize ESG values as guiding philosophies that inform every decision, from boardrooms to shop floors. Make it but elaborative



Thakur S Pherwani, Vice President (Southern Region ) & CSO, TVS Motors



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# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Edition 1: ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit

Date: 7 August 2025

Key Sessions and Highlights



The inaugural edition of the ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit convened industry leaders, sustainability practitioners, policy experts, and development professionals to deliberate on the evolving landscape of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices in India. The summit served as a multi-stakeholder platform to explore emerging regulatory frameworks, technological innovations, and collaborative approaches necessary for advancing responsible business conduct and sustainable development.

### Inaugural Session

The first plenary session focused on the growing role of digital innovation in strengthening ESG compliance and transparency. Discussions highlighted how emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and advanced data analytics are transforming ESG reporting and monitoring systems. These technologies enable organizations to enhance traceability, improve the accuracy of sustainability disclosures, and build stronger investor confidence through reliable data systems. Participants also emphasized the importance of aligning digital tools with evolving global regulatory frameworks to ensure that compliance mechanisms remain adaptive, efficient, and credible.



Plenary 1 - Driving ESG Compliance through Digital Innovation and Evolving Regulations



The second plenary session explored the theme of sustainable water management within ESG frameworks. Experts underscored the critical role of water stewardship in building climate-resilient value chains and safeguarding long-term business sustainability. The dialogue highlighted the urgent need for companies to move beyond compliance-driven water management towards integrated water stewardship strategies that involve community engagement, watershed restoration, and responsible resource governance. Participants emphasized that addressing water risks requires collaborative action across industries, governments, and local stakeholders to ensure equitable and sustainable resource use.

Plenary 2 - Smart ESG: Sustainable Water Management - A Key to Resilient Business and Supply Chains



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**Fireside Chat - C-Suite in Action:  
Leading ESG Across Value Chains**

A dedicated fireside conversation with senior corporate leaders offered insights into how organizations are operationalizing ESG across complex value chains. The discussion highlighted the growing importance of board-level engagement in sustainability governance and the role of leadership in driving institutional commitment. Corporate leaders shared perspectives on strengthening supplier readiness, integrating sustainability metrics into procurement processes, and demonstrating the long-term return on investment of responsible business practices.

The third plenary session examined the intersection between sustainability and public health. The discussion underscored how environmental degradation, pollution, and climate-related risks increasingly influence public health outcomes. Experts highlighted that ESG strategies must integrate health equity considerations, particularly in areas affected by industrial activity, urban pollution, and climate vulnerability. Strengthening pollution control mechanisms, improving environmental monitoring, and prioritizing community health safeguards were identified as key components of responsible ESG implementation.



**Plenary 3 - Sustainability & Public Health:  
Strengthening Corporate Accountability**



**Plenary 4 - Embedding ESG in Business DNA:  
The Road to Sustainable Excellence**

The fourth plenary session focused on embedding ESG principles into the core operational and cultural fabric of organizations. Discussions emphasized that credible ESG performance cannot be achieved through compliance alone; rather, it must be rooted in ethical leadership, transparency, and organizational accountability. Participants stressed that businesses must move toward integrating sustainability considerations into strategic decision-making, risk management frameworks, and corporate governance structures. Establishing robust verification mechanisms and promoting transparency were identified as essential for building stakeholder trust and ensuring meaningful ESG impact.



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The summit concluded with a valedictory session that reflected on the key insights emerging from the day's deliberations. The closing dialogue emphasized that the success of ESG initiatives depends not merely on the volume of disclosures but on the depth of institutional commitment. Leaders highlighted that ethical governance, stakeholder inclusivity, and purpose-driven innovation are fundamental pillars of sustainable competitiveness.

Participants also stressed the need to expand ESG adoption beyond large corporations by strengthening institutional capacity, promoting regional sustainability forums, and fostering cross-industry collaborations. Such initiatives were recognized as essential for scaling responsible business practices across diverse sectors and geographies.

The discussions throughout ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit - Chapter I demonstrated that ESG is increasingly shaping the strategic direction of businesses, institutions, and development ecosystems. Participants highlighted how ESG frameworks are enabling organizations to align business objectives with long-term environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and transparent governance practices. The summit created a critical space for dialogue where industry leaders, sustainability practitioners, and policy experts could collectively examine emerging risks, opportunities, and innovations in responsible business conduct.

The summit also served as an important platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative learning. By bringing together diverse stakeholders from industry, finance, public policy, academia, and the development sector, the event fostered meaningful discussions on practical solutions for integrating ESG into business strategy and operational frameworks. Participants emphasized that such platforms are essential for bridging the gap between policy ambition and implementation on the ground.

A key outcome of the summit was the recognition that ESG-driven transformation requires stronger partnerships across sectors. Participants highlighted the need for collaborative ecosystems where businesses, government institutions, civil society organizations, and research institutions work together to develop scalable sustainability solutions. Strengthening such partnerships will play a vital role in accelerating responsible investment, climate resilience, social equity, and sustainable economic growth.

The summit further highlighted the growing importance of innovation, data-driven decision-making, and transparent reporting in advancing credible ESG performance. Discussions emphasized that digital tools, improved metrics, and standardized disclosure frameworks will be critical in enhancing accountability and building trust among investors, regulators, and communities.

Overall, Chapter I of the ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit laid a strong foundation for future dialogues and collaborative action. The summit not only generated valuable insights but also reinforced a shared commitment among stakeholders to advance sustainability-led growth. By fostering strategic conversations, encouraging partnerships, and promoting responsible leadership, the summit contributed to strengthening the broader ESG ecosystem and advancing the collective journey toward a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future.



Valedictory Session : Way towards sustainable future



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# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Edition 2: ESG & Sustainability

### Leadership Summit

Date: 20 August 2025

### Key Sessions and Highlights



Inaugural Session

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The first plenary session explored how ESG is emerging as a strategic driver for business resilience, risk mitigation, and innovation. Participants discussed how companies are increasingly integrating ESG considerations into corporate decision-making, investment strategies, and operational planning. The session emphasized that organizations that proactively adopt ESG principles are better positioned to manage climate risks, regulatory changes, and evolving stakeholder expectations. Experts also highlighted the growing role of ESG in strengthening investor confidence and improving corporate reputation. By integrating sustainability metrics into corporate performance frameworks, companies can enhance long-term value creation while addressing environmental and social challenges.



Plenary 1 - ESG as a Strategic Business Lever for Resilience



Plenary 2 - Digital ESG Transformation

The second plenary session focused on the transformative potential of digital technologies in advancing ESG transparency and accountability. Discussions highlighted how emerging digital tools such as data analytics platforms, AI-driven monitoring systems, and digital disclosure frameworks are improving the reliability and efficiency of sustainability reporting. Participants emphasized that digitalization enables organizations to track environmental and social performance in real time, thereby strengthening compliance with global reporting standards and regulatory requirements. The session also underscored the importance of developing standardized digital ESG platforms that support accurate data collection, traceability across supply chains, and enhanced stakeholder communication.



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## Edition 2: ESG & Sustainability

### Leadership Summit

Date: 20 August 2025

### Key Sessions and Highlights



Ideas in Motion: Ignite Talks on ESG & Innovation - ESG and Sustainability Best Practices Sharing

The third plenary session examined the intersection between ESG frameworks and public health systems. Discussions highlighted the growing recognition that environmental conditions, industrial practices, and governance structures significantly influence health outcomes and healthcare resilience.

Participants emphasized that integrating ESG principles into healthcare systems can strengthen public health preparedness, improve access to equitable healthcare services, and reduce environmental health risks. The dialogue also highlighted the importance of responsible healthcare infrastructure, sustainable medical supply chains, and data-driven health governance in building resilient health systems.



Plenary 3 - ESG in Healthcare: Building Resilient, Equitable, and Sustainable Health Systems



A dedicated masterclass focused on building the next generation of ESG leaders and strengthening institutional capacity in sustainability leadership. The session highlighted the growing need for skilled professionals who can navigate the complex intersection of sustainability, governance, technology, and business strategy.

Participants emphasized that capacity building, leadership development, and youth engagement are essential for sustaining long-term ESG transformation. The session encouraged academic institutions, corporate organizations, and development institutions to collaborate in developing training programs, research initiatives, and mentorship platforms that equip emerging leaders with the knowledge and tools necessary to drive responsible business practices.

Masterclass - Next-Gen ESG Leaders



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## Valedictory Session and Study Launch

A major highlight of the concluding session was the launch of the IMT Ghaziabad - UN Global Compact Network India ESG Survey and Study, a collaborative research initiative aimed at strengthening the ESG ecosystem in India. The study represents an important step toward understanding the current state of ESG adoption across industries while identifying the institutional, structural, and skill-related challenges that organizations face in implementing sustainability frameworks.

The research initiative focuses on identifying key gaps in ESG awareness, governance mechanisms, and organizational capabilities. By gathering insights from corporate leaders, sustainability practitioners, and policy stakeholders, the survey seeks to map the existing maturity level of ESG integration within Indian businesses. The findings are expected to support evidence-based decision-making and provide actionable recommendations for organizations seeking to strengthen their sustainability strategies.

One of the core objectives of the study is to identify structural and skill gaps that hinder effective ESG implementation. As ESG reporting standards and regulatory expectations evolve globally, many organizations face challenges related to technical expertise, data management, and sustainability governance structures. The survey aims to capture these gaps and highlight priority areas where capacity-building and institutional strengthening are required.

Another important dimension of the study is its focus on capacity development and leadership training. The insights generated from the survey will contribute to designing targeted training programs, executive education modules, and professional development initiatives aimed at equipping business leaders and sustainability professionals with the necessary skills to drive ESG transformation within their organizations. The collaboration between UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) and IMT Ghaziabad also reflects the growing importance of partnerships between academia and industry in advancing sustainability knowledge. While UN GCNI brings extensive experience in promoting responsible business practices aligned with the United Nations Global Compact principles, IMT Ghaziabad contributes academic expertise, research capabilities, and leadership development frameworks. Together, the partnership aims to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and practical implementation of ESG strategies.

The study is also expected to contribute to shaping future-ready management education and business school curricula. As sustainability becomes a defining pillar of corporate governance and strategic leadership, academic institutions play a crucial role in preparing the next generation of responsible business leaders. The research findings will inform curriculum design, helping integrate ESG concepts into management education, executive programs, and sustainability-focused training initiatives.

Participants at the summit welcomed the launch of the study as an important step toward strengthening India's ESG knowledge infrastructure. The initiative was recognized as a valuable resource for businesses, policymakers, researchers, and academic institutions seeking to better understand ESG trends, implementation challenges, and emerging opportunities. By documenting best practices and identifying critical gaps, the study aims to support organizations in developing practical ESG action plans for businesses and supply chains. It also reinforces the broader objective of advancing responsible corporate behavior, transparent governance systems, and sustainable value creation across India's economic landscape.

The launch of the IMT Ghaziabad - UN GCNI ESG Survey thus marked a significant milestone of the summit, signaling a shift from dialogue to data-driven action and collaborative learning in the journey toward responsible and sustainable business leadership. If you want, I can also help you add 2-3 strong lines explaining why this study is important for India's ESG ecosystem and the SDGs, which will make the report sound even more UN-style and policy-level.



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## IMT Ghaziabad - UN GCNI ESG Survey

### Survey Focus:

- Identifying structural and skill gaps in ESG adoption
- Shaping targeted training and capacity-building efforts
- Informing future-ready business school curricula to nurture sustainability leaders



You can access the form [here](#)

## LEARNINGS AND WAY FORWARD

The both summits generated several critical insights that will shape the next phase of ESG mainstreaming in India. Foremost among these was the recognition that cross-sector collaboration is indispensable for achieving scalable and measurable impact. Effective ESG implementation must transcend organizational silos—extending from boardrooms to supply networks—while fostering coordinated action among corporates, regulators, financial institutions, and communities.

Equally significant was the consensus that digital innovation will define the next frontier of ESG transparency and risk governance. Technologies such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, and blockchain are poised to enhance traceability, improve disclosure quality, and strengthen accountability across increasingly complex value chains. Their strategic adoption will be central to managing emerging risks and meeting evolving regulatory and market expectations.

The discussions also underscored the importance of integrating public health, safety, and workforce well-being into ESG frameworks, reaffirming that social responsibility is not ancillary but integral to sustainable environmental and economic performance.

Leadership commitment and continuous learning emerged as critical enablers of long-term transformation. Initiatives such as the ESG Learning Circle, academic partnerships with IMT Ghaziabad, and youth-focused masterclasses reflect UN GCNI's commitment to strengthening national capacity and cultivating a new generation of sustainability leaders equipped for responsible decision-making.

Looking ahead, UN GCNI seeks to institutionalize these dialogues through regional ESG forums, targeted knowledge products, and annual benchmarking and performance reports. Key priorities for the future include enhancing supply-chain traceability, advancing responsible procurement practices, and accelerating climate-resilient innovation across sectors.

By embedding ethical principles within technology, governance, and business strategy, India is well positioned to lead a new development narrative—one anchored in transparency, inclusivity, and long-term resilience, and aligned with global sustainability imperatives.



Launch of the ESG Best Practices Compendium: From Commitments to Measurable Impact

# SPEAKERS AT A GLANCE

## Edition 1 – ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit

### Inaugural Session

- Shri Ratnesh – Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network India
- Shri Rishi Chawla – Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Carlsberg India Pvt. Ltd.
- Dr. Somnath Singh – Deputy Director, UN Global Compact Network India
- Shri Indrajit Chaudhuri – CEO & Country Director, PCI India
- Shri Amarendra Khatua (IFS) – Former Secretary (Special Assignment), MEA; Former DG, ICCR; Former Indian Ambassador to Argentina
- Shri Atul Garg – Chairperson/Presiding Officer, Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal & EPF Appellate Tribunal
- Shri C.V. Raghu – President & Founding Member, General Counsel’s Association of India (GCAI)
- Dr. K. Madan Gopal – Advisor, NHSRC, MoHFW, Govt. of India
- Shri Santosh Shukla – Chief General Manager, SEBI
- Ms. Anuradha Goel – Chairperson, Family Welfare Foundation, PHDCCI
- Dr. Pravakar Mohanty – Scientist-E/Director, Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
- Dr. Jatinder Singh – Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI

### Session Highlights

#### Plenary 1 – Driving ESG Compliance through Digital Innovation and Evolving Regulations

Moderator: Dr. Rajiv Chawla – Chairman, IamSMEofIndia

Speakers:

- Shri Anand Pathak – CEO & Founder, Fitsol
- Shri Amit Goswami – Managing Director, ESG Global Partners Pvt. Ltd.
- Ms. Aditi Balbir – Chief Executive Officer, EcoRatings
- Shri Naveen Kumar Shelar – Legal Practitioner and ESG & Governance Expert
- Shri Piyush Manocha – Deputy Director (Law), Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC)

#### Plenary 2 – Smart ESG: Sustainable Water Management – A Key to Resilient Business and Supply Chains

Moderator: Shri Rishi Chawla – Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Carlsberg India Pvt. Ltd.

Speakers:

- Shri Salahuddin Saiphy – Principal Lead, Water Management, SM Sehgal Foundation (IRRAD)
- Ms. Sailee Rane – Strategy Lead, Ecosystem Messaging, Rainmatter Foundation
- Shri Depinder Kapur – Head, Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube), National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- Shri Khurram Nayab – General Manager – CSR & Head Governance, Vedanta / Cairn Oil & Gas



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## Edition 1 – ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit

### Fireside Chat – C-Suite in Action: Leading ESG Across Value Chains

Moderator: Shri Rupam Baruah – Business Head, Sustainability (South Asia), Bureau Veritas

Speakers:

- Shri Nishant Anand – Head, Business Operations, IAAS-India
- Ms. Raavi Birbal – Advocate & Expert on ESG Compliance
- Ms. Poonam Jindgar – Vice President & Global Head – ESG & Sustainability, BirlaSoft
- Shri Rajiv Sikka – Director, Antler Akash EV Limited
- Ms. Arti Ahluwalia – United Nations Representative & Coordinator, Publications, UN Commons Cluster NGO Major Group

### Plenary 3 – Sustainability & Public Health: Strengthening Corporate Accountability

Moderator: Dr. Ruchi Sogarwal – India Head, Policy, Government Affairs & Access, DANAHER

Speakers:

- Dr. K. Madan Gopal – Advisor, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC)
- Shri Bhargav Krishna – Convenor, Sustainable Futures Collaborative (SFC)
- Dr. Uma Nambiar – Chief Executive Officer, IISC Medical School Foundation
- Dr. Karan Thakur – Vice President & Group Lead – Sustainability & ESG, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals
- Dr. Anuj Dandotia – Associate Director & Project Lead, Health and Nutrition, PCI India

### Plenary 4 – Embedding ESG in Business DNA: The Road to Sustainable Excellence

Moderator: Shri Paritosh Chauhan – Partner, ESG & Sustainability Affairs Expert, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys

Speakers:

- Ms. Shammi Singh – Head of Social, India & South Asia, BSI Group Assurance Ltd.
- Shri Sujit S. Nair – Chairman, Europe India Centre for Business & Industry (EICBI)
- Dr. Shruti Sharma Rana – Associate Professor & Programme Coordinator, Dept. of Policy & Management Studies, TERI School of Advanced Studies
- Shri Sharad Nagpal – Advocate, High Court of Delhi

### Valedictory Session

Moderator: Ms. Gagandeep Bhullar – Founder & CEO, SuperHumanRace; Member, UN GCNI

Speakers:

- Dr. Pallavi Negi – Faculty Associate, IILM University
- Shri Sanjeev Verma – Head, Environment, Health & Safety and Vice President (Western Region), UN GCNI
- Shri Anupam Anand – Former Director, Sedex
- Shri Ajit Kumar – Founder & Managing Director, Khushigram Foundation



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# SPEAKERS AT A GLANCE

## Edition 2- ESG & Sustainability Leadership Summit

### Inaugural Session

- Shri Sanjeev Kumar Verma - Vice President (Western Region), UN GCNI & Head, EHS, Grasim Industries Ltd.
- Shri Thakur Pherwani - Chief Sustainability Officer, TVS Motors
- Dr. Somnath Singh - Deputy Director, UN GCNI
- Prof. Anjal Prakash - Research Director, Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- Shri Ashwini Saxena - CEO, GMR Varalakshmi Foundation
- Shri Ashok Pavadia - Founder Director, Council for Research on Policy & Governance; Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India
- Dr. Jubilee Purkayastha - Scientist-F & Joint Director, DRDO
- Shri Ashwini Kumar - Economic Adviser, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India
- Hon'ble Minister Sardar Manjinder Singh Sirsa - Minister, Food & Supplies and Environment, Forest & Wildlife, GNCT of Delhi
- Dr. Jatinder Singh - Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI

### Session Highlights

#### Plenary 1 - ESG as a Strategic Business Lever for Resilience

Moderator: Ms. Sanchita Gairola Mishra - Co-Founder & Director (Strategy & Operations), Vision360

Speakers:

- Md. Farhan Khan - Assistant Manager, Sustainability, PwC India
- Mr. Mukesh Kumar Tiwari - Chief General Manager (Sustainable Development), GAIL (India) Ltd.
- Mr. Ramnath Vaidyanathan - Head, Environmental Sustainability, Godrej Industries Group
- Mr. Sourav Saha - Teaching Fellow, Ashoka University; Visiting Research Fellow, University of Göttingen; Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

#### Plenary 2 - Digital ESG Transformation

Moderator: Mr. Jaganath Sanyal - Professor, Kedge Business School, France

Speakers:

- Ms. Moumita Saha - Senior Manager, Sustainability & ESG Expert
- Mr. Akshay Tandon - Co-founder & CTO, Fitsol
- Mr. Avinash Srivastava - Director, Green Edge Ventures

#### Ideas in Motion: Ignite Talks on ESG & Innovation - ESG and Sustainability Best Practices Sharing

Moderator

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI

Speakers

Best Practices Presentation

Mr Thakur Pherwani, Chief Sustainability Officer, TVS Motors

Mr. Shishir Kumar Singh, Director, Climate Change and Strategy, PCI India

Mr Nishant Anand, Head - Business Operation, Bureau Veritas

Ms. Aparajita Mangotra, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI

Ms Shammi Singh, Head of Social, ISA BSI Group Assurance Limited



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#### Plenary 3 - ESG in Healthcare: Building Resilient, Equitable, and Sustainable Health Systems

Moderator: Dr. Sunil K. Khetrpal - Deputy Director General, Association of Healthcare Providers (India)

Speakers:

- Dr. Anuj Dandotia - Associate Director & Project Lead - Health & Nutrition, PCI India
- Ms. Umang Pathak - Lawyer & Founder, ESG Services
- Mr. Satyajit Gupta - Associate General Counsel & Global Head, CSR, EXL Services
- Mr. Sajal Sarkar - Senior Research Fellow, CSIR-IGIB; Senior Researcher, GROW Research Lab, Narayana Nethralaya

#### Masterclass - Next-Gen ESG Leaders

Moderator: Dr. Somnath Singh - Deputy Director, UN GCNI

Speakers:

- Mr. Dinesh Aggarwal - Principal Advisor, Consocia Advisory
- Mr. Bablu Prasad - Senior Operations Manager (CSR & TE Services), Bureau Veritas CPS (I) Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Mitas Bhattacharya - ESG Expert, Principal Management Consultant & Talent Coach, Augustalent

#### Valedictory Session & Study Launch

Knowledge Partner: IMT Ghaziabad

Speakers:

- Dr. Manas Paul - Professor & Chairperson, Economics & Sustainability, IMT Ghaziabad
- Mr. Arya Dev - Head, Legal, UN GCNI

**“Together, these leader’s voices shaped India’s evolving ESG narrative—bridging innovation, governance, and sustainability to redefine the future of responsible business.”**



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# PHOTO GALLERY



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