



**ANIL AGARWAL DIALOGUE 2019**

# ANNUAL MEDIA CONCLAVE ON THE STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT

**DAY 1: February 11, 2019**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO AAETI, FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST**

**9.00-10.45 AM**

*Participants and guests are introduced to the Institute and its philosophy. Followed by an audio-visual lecture-demonstration showcasing the sustainable, 'green' features of the campus.*

**Our Speakers:**

*Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE*

*Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, CSE*

*Gita Kavarana, Director, AAETI*

*Rajneesh Sareen, Programme Director, Sustainable Habitats Programme, CSE*

*Avikal Somvanshi, Programme Manager, Sustainable Cities Programme, CSE*

**RELEASE OF THE ANNUAL STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT REPORT, 2019**

**11.00 AM-1.00 PM**

*1982. Some of us still remember the year of the first iconic State of India's Environment Report (SOE). In 2014, we reintroduced it, as an annual. Since then, every year, we have documented, analysed and presented the key issues, happenings, debates and discourses in the country, with a bearing on environment and development. We bring you the 2019 report. With speakers who will discuss matters of urgent concern and the way ahead.*

**Our Speakers:**

*Madan B Lokur, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India*

*Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE*

**Lunch: 1.00-2.00 PM**

**SESSION 1**

**CLIMATE CHANGE: A WORLD RUNNING OUT OF TIME**

**2.00-3.30 PM**

*The panic buttons have been pressed. IPCC says the changes in our climate are serious. The world is running out of time, even as our addiction to fossil fuels continues unabated. Is action keeping pace with the science? What are the impacts and who is most affected? What needs to be done? The session offers an overview of the world at brink, along with some new data from the India Meteorological Department on impact of changing climate on India's weather system – what does this mean for a country where the monsoon is the real finance minister?*

**Our Speakers:**

*Session Anchor: Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, CSE*

*Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE*

*K J Ramesh, Director General, Meteorology Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences,  
Government of India*

**Tea: 3.30-4.00 PM**

## SESSION 2

### AGRICULTURE: STATE OF DISTRESS

4.00-6.00 PM

*Indian farmers are caught in a pincer – on one hand, the food they grow is costing more to produce because of the higher expenses on inputs, resource depletion and greater risks due to variable and extreme weather. On the other, governments want cheaper food to keep down inflation and supply the public distribution system. There is little investment in infrastructure for providing marketing support or benefits to producers. And to add to this, is the reality of drought. What should be done? We explore different dimensions of the crisis.*

#### Our Speakers:

**Session Anchor:** *Amit Baruah, Resident Editor, The Hindu, New Delhi*  
*Richard Mahapatra, Managing Editor, Down To Earth*  
*Ajay Vir Jakhar, Chairperson, Bharat Krishak Samaj (on skype)*  
*Sanjay Singh, CEO, Paramarth Samaj Sewi Sansthan, Jalaun*  
*Vijay Jawandhia, Shetkari Sangathana Paik, Wardha*  
*Ashok Pankaj, Director, Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi*

7.00 PM

**Ninaad**

**Kabir bhajans by Kaluram Bamniya of Dewas**

*Kabir Das. Saint, seer, poet, propagator of the Bhakti cult. His bhajans and songs have stirred numerous generations. We bring you Kaluram Bamniya of Dewas in Madhya Pradesh, one of the foremost folk exponents of Kabir in the country.*

## **DAY 2: February 12, 2019**

**Breakfast: 7.00-9.00 AM**

## SESSION 3

### AIR POLLUTION & MOBILITY: CHOKING & GROUNDED

9.00 AM-12 NOON

*Air pollution is a public health emergency. While much on it is known and said when it comes to Delhi, it is a fact that large parts of the country are breathing toxic air now. In this session, we discuss actions and results to combat air pollution; sources of the pollution; and how scientists are helping forecast pollution. One way ahead in this battle of the smog is to make a transition to e-vehicles. Is it happening? What are the obstacles? Find out with industry and government on the dais in this session.*

#### Our Speakers:

**Session Chair:** *Bhure Lal, Chairperson, Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority*  
*Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director-Research and Advocacy, CSE*  
*Gufran Beig, Director, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune*  
*Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board*  
*Gaurav Dubey, Programme Manager, Sustainable Mobility Programme, CSE*  
*Jasmine Shah, Vice Chairperson, Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission*  
*Manu Sharma, Director, Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV)*  
*Sanjay Krishnan, Founder, Lithium Urban Technologies, Bengaluru*

## SESSION 4

### SANITATION & OUR RIVERS: TALE OF THE TOILET – A HALF-STORY

12.00-1.30 PM

*India is turning 'swachh'. Thousands of toilets are coming up, amidst a general sense of having achieved the impossible – the country is going to become open defecation free. But is that really the case? Is India's toilet story a success? Are we seeing the complete picture? And in all this, where do our venerated rivers like the Ganga stand? Will they run cleaner? The session brings together researchers who have examined the issue as closely as is possible.*

#### Our Speakers:

**Session Anchors:** *Sudhir Mishra, Resident Editor, Nav Bharat Times, Lucknow & Raju Nayak, Editor, Lokmat, Goa*  
*Suresh Rohilla, Senior Programme Director, Water and Wastewater Management, CSE*  
*Sushmita Sengupta, Programme Manager, Rural Water and Waste Management, CSE*  
*Nazar Khalid, Research Fellow, Research Institute for Compassionate Economics (RICE), Gurugram*  
*Avani Kapur, Director, Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi*  
*Megha Sen, Programme Officer, CLTS Foundation, Kolkata*

Lunch: 1.30-2.30 PM

## SESSION 5

### INDIA'S TOXIC CHALLENGE: THE NEED FOR A NEW ORDER

2.30-4.30 PM

*India, as is the case with most developing economies, is being swamped by the unwanted by-products of 'progress' – toxic effluents and emissions and mountains of waste. There is a gargantuan machinery that is supposed to deal with these problems, but is it? Where is it that we are going wrong? Do we need new systems and mechanics of environmental governance in our country? Our panel of experts debates.*

#### Our Speakers:

**Session Anchor:** *Ajay Deshpande, Former Expert Member, National Green Tribunal*  
*Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, CSE*  
*Shilpa Chohan, Environmental Lawyer, Gurugram*  
*Swati Singh Sambyal, Programme Manager, Environmental Governance-Solid Waste Management Programme, CSE*  
*Bharati Chaturvedi, Director, Chintan, New Delhi*

Tea: 4.30-5.00 PM

## SESSION 6

### HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT: ANIMALS, HUMANS & THE QUESTION OF 'AND' & 'OR'

5.00-7.00 PM

*There is increasing tension between people and wildlife in and around our protected areas. Almost every day, we hear or read about wild animals -- monkeys, pigs, leopards, elephants – coming into conflict with humans as they wander into cropfields, villages or suburbs. India needs to find a resolution to this conflict. What is the way ahead? Some of India's topmost experts offer us their viewpoints.*

### Our Speakers:

**Session Anchor: Rajesh Gopal**, Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum  
**Yadavendra V Jhala**, Head, Animal Ecology and Conservation Biology Department,  
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun  
**Lalit Pande**, Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Almora  
**Ravi Chellam**, CEO, Metastring Foundation, Bengaluru

8.30 PM

### **KHANA REGISTAAN KA**

Anchored by **Vibha Varshneya**, Associate Editor, Down To Earth

The Conclave Dinner offers **food of and from the desert**, under the stars. A unique experience curated specially for the Conclave participants and guests by **Pushpesh Pant**, food historian, who will be with us on video

## **DAY 3: February 13, 2019**

Breakfast: 6.45-7.30 AM

### **FIELD TRIP TO SARISKA NATIONAL PARK**

7.30 AM-3.00 PM

**Expert Anchors: Yadavendra V Jhala & Rajesh Gopal**

**Field Trip Coordination: Ishan Kukreti, Down To Earth**

The Field Trip will offer an opportunity to interact with communities who live near the Park as well as the Park officials, and will provide additional insights to the Conclave participants on the entire issue of conservation paradigms in India and human-wildlife conflicts.

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