

National Conference
on
**Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape
Strengthening the Aravalli Green Wall**

Date: 14 January 2026

Time: 10:00 – 17:15 hrs

Venue: Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Programme

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9:30 hrs	Registration
Inaugural Session	
10:00 – 10:03 hrs	Welcome remarks by Mr Devendra Kumar Nim , Director (Programmes), Sankala Foundation
10:03 - 10:10 hrs	Presentation by Mr V B Kumar , IFS (Retd.), Distinguished Fellow, Sankala Foundation
10:10 - 10:15 hrs	Address by H E Mr Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen , Ambassador of Denmark to India
10:15 - 10:20 hrs	Address by Mr Sushil Kumar Awasthi , Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
10:20 - 10:27 hrs	Address by Mr Tanmay Kumar , Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
10:27 -10:37 hrs	Special address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Rao Narbir Singh , Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests & Wildlife, Government of Haryana
10:37 - 10:40 hrs	Release of the Report ' Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape ' by the Chief Guest Mr Bhupender Yadav , Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
10:40 - 10:55 hrs	Inaugural address by the Chief Guest, Mr Bhupender Yadav , Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
10:55 – 11:00 hrs	Vote of Thanks by Dr Malvika Kaul , Director (Research & Communication), Sankala Foundation

Session I: Ecological Significance of Aravalli Landscape

11:00 – 12:15 hrs	<p>Chair: Dr D N Pandey, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Rajasthan</p> <p>Distinguished Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Subhash Ashutosh, Co-chairman & Director, Centre of Excellence (NRM & Sustainable Livelihoods), Govt. of Meghalaya & Former DG, FSI Mr Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), MoEF&CC, GoI Mr Sanjay Upadhyay, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India Mr Subhash Yadav, Conservator of Forest, Gurgaon, Haryana <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
	12:15 – 12:30 hrs
	Tea Break

Session II: Community Mobilisation and Micro-planning for Eco-restoration

12:30 – 13:45 hrs	<p>Chair: Mr C P Goyal, Member, Centrally Empowered Committee</p> <p>Distinguished Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr C N Pandey, Professor of Practice, IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat • Mr Anurag Bhardwaj, PCCF, Rajasthan State Forest Department • Mr Vineet Kumar Garg, PCCF and Head of Forest Force, Haryana State Forest Department • Mr Vijay Dhasmana, Eco-restoration Practitioner, The Rewilders <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
13:45 – 14:30 hrs	Lunch

Session III: Towards Water Security in Aravalli Landscape

14:30 – 15:45 hrs	<p>Chair: Ms Archana Varma, Additional Secretary & Mission Director, National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India</p> <p>Distinguished Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Umakant, Senior Advisor, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries; Distinguished Fellow, Sankala Foundation • Mr Pramod Kumar Tripathi, Member (Policy & Coordination), Central Ground Water Board, Ministry of Jal Shakti • Mr Sanjay Singh, Founder & Secretary of Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan; Founder & Coordinator - Bundelkhand Apda Nivaran Manch <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
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Session IV: Strengthening Aravalli Green Wall

15:45 – 17:00 hrs	<p>Chair: Mr Sushil Kumar Awasthi, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India</p> <p>Distinguished Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jaipal Singh, PCCF (WL) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Gujarat State Forest Department • Dr Vivek Saxena, PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana Forest Department • Dr Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, Director, Wildlife Institute of India • Mr K C A Arun Prasad, APCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan State Forest Department <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
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Valedictory Session: The Future Road Map

17:00 – 17:15 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summing up by Mr V B Kumar, Distinguished Fellow, Sankala Foundation • Special Address by Mr Sushil Kumar Awasthi, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India • Valedictory Address by Mr Bharat Lal, Secretary General & CEO, NHRC India • Vote of Thanks by Ms Utkarsha Rathi, Research Associate, Sankala Foundation
17:15 onwards	Evening Tea



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