

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	Chair: Dr D N Pandey , Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Rajasthan
	Distinguished Speakers:
	<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, Gol • 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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